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# Clare face crunch Munster junior championship match against Cork

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by SEAMUS HAYES

CLARE'S inter-county camogie season for 2004 will conclude this Sunday if they fail to beat Cork in the opening round of the Munster Junior Championship.

The Clare girls will go into Sunday's game in Newmarket at 3 pm as underdogs, as Cork are unbeaten to date in the league and are through to the semi-final of that competition.

Clare concluded their league programme on Sunday last when they suffered a one point defeat against Dublin at the latter's grounds in Crumlin.

Clare have a much changed side this year from that which reached the All-Ireland final last season, when they

eventually lost out to Galway after a replay. Incidentally, they were in the league semi-final when they lost to Galway also.

Since the All-Ireland final, they have lost experienced players like Noelle Comyns, Moira McMahon and Patricia O'Grady to mention but some and, while they have played some good camogie in the league, the lack of experience is certainly a blow to them.

There are a number of injury problems for the management team of Michael Maher, Francie Mahon and Helen Murphy ahead of Sunday's game, which will take place at Fr. Murphy Memorial Park in Newmarket-on-Fergus at 3 pm.

Clare McMahon and Aoife Ryan missed last Sunday's game in Dublin due to injury

while Aileen Kilmartin (exams) and Ann Keane ('flu') were also unavailable for last week's game. The selectors are hopeful that all will be available for this week's game.

Deirdre Corcoran, Deirdre Murphy, Catherine O'Loughlin and Jane Scanlan were part of last year's team, and they are expected to fill important positions on Sunday.

"It's a strange situation that for the senior championship there is a round robin system, while the Munster and All-Ireland championships are separate competitions. However, the same does not apply for the junior grade so we must win on Sunday to keep our season alive," according to Maher.

Players and officials are hoping for a big turnout of

supporters for Sunday's game, when they will be looking to take the first step on the road back to Croke Park.



MARIAN JAGOE: Her early goal helped Cork make a winning start to their junior championship campaign.

## Munster Junior C/ship action begins

### GOOD VICTORIES

IT was another good weekend for the junior and senior county teams as they completed their national league programmes with victories over Kilkenny in Clara.

While the result of the junior game was irrelevant as a result of Cork losing to Offaly in their second league game the victory was an important one for team morale with championship looming on Sunday next. The determination in the side was very evident and this is something that will no doubt have pleased the selectors. Cork led at the interval by two points and entering the closing minutes Kilkenny had the margin down to one point thanks to a Teresa Muldowney goal, but Cork refused to panic and a late point ensured a two point winning margin.

For the seniors it was a case of already qualified for the semi-final before their clash with Kilkenny but the home side needed a win to book their place in the last four. In a one sided contest four goals from Emer Watson and six points from Rachel Moloney helped Cork make it four wins out of four as they complete their programme with ease. Throughout the campaign the selectors have continued to ring the changes and with several of the side absent last weekend playing with the ladies footballers in their league final it gave them another opportunity to cast an eye over their charges.

Given the poor display from Kilkenny the Cork backroom team will have learned little but certainly things are going well for Cork and they now look forward to a league semi-final meeting with Dublin on Sunday, May 9. Muskerry had to withstand a late Carrigdhoun rally before taking the Centenary Under 21 inter-divisional trophy. Good displays from Aoife Murray, Margaret McCarthy and Catriona Foley helped Muskerry record a good victory.

### ALL OR NOTHING

IT'S all or nothing for the juniors as they face provincial champions Clare on Sunday next in the Munster championship semi final.

Unlike the senior championship, which is played on an open draw basis, the junior championship is on a provincial basis and therefore Sunday is do or die. Last season the sides met in the Munster final with Clare recording a famous victory before going on to contest the All-Ireland final where they lost out to Galway after a replay. The experience gained throughout last year campaign will certainly stand to Clare who have fine players in Trish O'Grady, Catherine O'Loughlin.

Cork are going well only losing one game in the national league and with the hurt of last years final loss still very much in mind they are determined to over throw the champions. While the team has yet to be announced Miriam Deasy, Ellen Clifford, Val O'Keefe and Niamh Goulding should be the ones to spearhead the Cork challenge. Camogie is on a high in Clare at the moment with the county minor team contesting the Munster final on Saturday against Limerick lets hope the Cork juniors spoil their party.

# Cork girls lay down an early marker

Cork  
Clare

4-14  
3-11

By LINDA MELLERICK

Junior camogie championship

**CORK made their intent known from the throw-in as they blasted Clare aside in the first 20 minutes of this Munster Junior Camogie Championship game in Newmarket On Fergus.**

In perfect camogie conditions Cork played the game at a speed Clare could not match and found themselves leading by 2-6 to 0-1 after 19 minutes, the goals coming from Marian Jagoe and Miriam Deasy.

With their half-back line of Catriona Foley, Rena Buckley and Michelle Hegarty sweeping up everything that came their way, Cork launched assault and assault on the Clare defence and the excellent duo of Miriam Deasy and

Sheila Burns up front were only too willingly to capitalise on the plentiful supply.

Despite the fact that Cork took their foot off the pedal entering the final 10 minutes of the first half, allowing Clare to look more promising, they still entered the dressing room at half time leading 3-8 to 0-3.

Both teams swapped points on two occasions within 10 minutes of the resumption before a great solo effort by Miriam Deasy finished up in the back of the net and Cork had stretched their lead to 17 points.

Suddenly Clare responded.

A goal by Ann Keane in the 17th minute and three substitutions between the 16th and 23rd seemed to give them a new sense of urgency.

The home crowd roared on their

team, who, entering the final three minutes of normal time were only four points adrift.

It was all Clare as Cork needed a leader to settle them down and they found it in Sheila Burns who pointed from the wing to ensure that Cork deservedly advanced to the next round of their championship campaign.

**Scorers Cork:** S Burns 1-5, M Deasy 2-1, V O'Keefe 0-5 (3-1, 1-45), M Jagoe 1-0, A Geary 0-2, S O'Donovan 0-1.

**Clare:** A Keane 2-0, D Murphy 0-5 (0-48), D Corcoran 1-1, D Lynch 0-4 (frees), C O'Loughlin 0-1.

**CORK:** E Clifford; A Corcoran, E O'Riordan, A O'Regan; C Foley, R Buckley, M Hegarty; V O'Keefe, V O'Sullivan; A Geary, S O'Donovan, S Burns; E O'Farrell, M Deasy, M Jagoe.

**CLARE:** R Lynch; J Scanlon, A Gilmartin, Catriona McMahon; S Lafferty, D Lynch, M O'Looney; C Halley, M Whelan; A Ryan, D Murphy, S O'Loughlin; C O'Loughlin, E Gallery, A Keane.

**Subs:** Clare McMahon for E Gallery, D Corcoran for M Whelan, T Moloney for A Gilmartin, F Lafferty for S O'Loughlin, A Sullivan for C Halley.

Dublin  
Clare

0-11  
1-07

Despite holding a three point advantage at half time, Clare went under by the minimum margin to Dublin in this league tie at the O'Tooles grounds in Crumlin on Sunday.

It was a very close contest throughout with the home side just edging through.

Deirdre Murphy was again Clare's leading point scorer with three, followed by Catherine O'Loughlin on two, with Deirdre Corcoran and Marie O'Halloran each scoring a point. The game's only goal came from Clare full forward Elaine Gallery from Shannon.

Clare: Aine Ni Chormaic (Wolfe Tones); Jane Scanlan (Clarecastle), Tracey Moloney (Truagh), Sinead Treacy (Whitegate); Siobhan Lafferty (Kilnamona), Deirdre Corcoran (Truagh), Marie O'Looney (Newmarket); Cathy Hally (Truagh), Marie Whelan (Clarecastle); Sharon O'Loughlin (Clarecastle), Deirdre Murphy (Davitts, Galway), Aileen O'Sullivan (Truagh); Catherine O'Loughlin (Kilnamona), Elaine Gallery (Shannon), Marie O'Halloran (Kilnamona). Subs: Catriona McMahon (Newmarket) for Marie O'Looney, Fiona Lafferty (Kilnamona) for Aileen O'Sullivan, Aine O'Brien (Scariff) for Sharon O'Loughlin, Lorraine McElroy (Wolfe Tones) for S. Treacy.



out against Ballincollig in Community Games camogie



The Douglas U14 Community Games camogie team celebrate their home win against Ballincollig.

Picture: Larry Cummins



Ballincollig's Holly Coomey (left) swings for the sliotar.

Picture: Larry Cummins



Douglas's Julia White makes a break for it with the ball.

Picture: Larry Cummins



Ballincollig's Elizabeth Harrington just beats Aileen O'Donovan from Douglas to the sliotar.

Picture: Larry Cummins



Douglas's Emma Jordan in action during the game.

Picture: Larry Cummins



Ballincollig goalkeeper Aisleen Sheehan controlling the ball.

Picture: Larry Cummins



Douglas U14 Community Games camogie players Sarah Sisk, Julia White, Moira O'Donovan and Una Dunphy celebrate their win against Ballincollig.

Picture: Larry Cummins

# Battle is on for Douglas girls to keep their crown

THE skill of the sliotar was on display last week when the girls took to the pitch in the latest rounds of Community Games.

By DEIRDRE O'REILLY  
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Douglas GAA complex was the venue for the camogie showdown which saw the reigning All Ireland title holders Douglas try to retain their crown.

The final saw the champions take on Ballincollig in what can only be described as a mammoth display of skill, which ended with Douglas holding onto their glory.

The Douglas under-14 girls now go onto the next step and represent Cork in the Munster Finals to be held in Limerick in July.

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# Senior camogie women retain Leinster crown

WEXFORD  
1-8

DUBLIN  
0-5

Karen Barnes



Coláiste Bride captain Una Leacy on the attack in last Saturday's All-Ireland Schools junior 'A' camogie final in Mountmellick, Co. Laois. The Wexford girls scored an 8-6 to 0-4 win. See pages 26 and 27. (Pic. Jim Campbell)

THE WEXFORD senior camogie women proved they are the true champions of Leinster in Monageer on Saturday afternoon last when overcoming Dublin to retain the provincial championship.

Wexford, under the management of Aidan Breen and Aidan Moran, were looking for revenge over Dublin, who had beaten them in a National League encounter just three weeks earlier.

With the Shannonsiders having disposed of Kilkenny in last year's final, which was only played in February of this year, before beating them again in this year's semi-final, morale was high in the Wexford camp heading into their latest final engagement.

With sun shining brightly, and a light breeze blowing, conditions were excellent for camogie, and both teams got stuck in from the throw-in.

Wexford piled on the pressure in the first five minutes, but unfortunately three attempts to open the scoring all went wide, and in the sixth minute Dublin's Ciara Lucey opened the scoring with a pointed free.

Caroline Murphy of Ferns was in the thick of the action again with a fine catch from a puck-out by Emer Butler, and after running at the Dublin defence, Caroline was fouled just 30 metres from goal. This gave Kate Kelly a great chance to get Wexford on the scoreboard, and she duly obliged (0-1 each).

In the 11th minute



Coláiste Bride's Lorraine O'Connor (centre) and Siobhán Cullen battle it out with Athenry's Noreen Coen in last Saturday's All-Ireland Schools junior 'A' camogie final in Mountmellick, Co. Laois. The Wexford girls scored an 8-6 to 0-4 win. See pages 26 and 27.

referee Matt Curran had to caution Dublin corner-back Sylvia Hanks as she was constantly digging at Josie Dwyer. From the resultant free Kate Kelly put Wexford's second point on the board.

Josie Dwyer had a fantastic shot saved by Dublin 'keeper, Emer Butler two minutes later, while Ciara Lucey scored her second point to again level matters (0-2 each).

Louise Codd replied by slotting over an excellent point from play, and Wexford continued to battle hard - but that was to be their last score of the half.

Dublin, meanwhile, upped the pressure for the last five minutes, and they could have had a goal but for a super save by Wexford 'keeper Margaret Darcy, who conceded a '45 which Ciara Lucey duly put over, to leave the sides tied on 0-3 each at half-time.

Within seconds of the restart, Dublin captain Emer Brannigan fouled her opposite number Kate Kelly, who slotted over the resultant free.

Some great play in the next few minutes by Catherine O'Loughlin and Caroline Murphy kept Wexford on top, and

proved to the Dubs that Wexford meant business. Dublin attacked the Wexford defence in the next two minutes, with 'keeper Darcy making two more good saves from Emer McFadden and Karen Blood.

In the 39th minute, Kate Kelly added a fourth personal point, and after Margaret Darcy gathered a Dublin shot to clear the sliotar upfield to Caroline Murphy, who found Lennie Holohan, the Rathnure woman rattled the net with a tremendous shot after probably the best move of the game (1-4 to 0-3).

After a foul on Louise O'Hara the Dubs got their first score of the half, with Ciara Lucey converting the free.

Aine Codd then set up Lennie Holohan, who added her second score, a point.

The Wexford girls were looking the better team by far, and Kate Kelly added another point two minutes later, bringing Wexford closer to retaining the Leinster title.

It was the 49th minute before Dublin scored again, this time Julie Draper stepping up to send over a '45 metre free. Dublin then replaced

their full-forward Karen Blood, with Catriona Power, in an effort to pressurise the Wexford defence with fresh legs in an effort to try to grab those all important scores to get back into the match.

Dublin full-back Eve Talbot sent a free into the Wexford danger zone, where Caroline Murphy, who was in excellent form, caught the sliotar and burst through the Dublin defence in search of more scores for Wexford.

However, it was to be five minutes before Wexford scored again, with Aine Codd, deservedly getting her name on the scoresheet with a fine point from a placed ball.

This was to be the last score of the game, and with the final score being 1-8 to 0-5, Wexford had done it, they'd retained the Leinster title.

This may not have been one of Wexford's best performances, but at the end of the day, winning a Leinster final is all that matters.

So far, 2004 has been a great year for Wexford camogie, the seniors winning back-to-back Leinster finals, and gaining a place in the National League semi-finals, along with the junior team, who are unbeaten this year so far.

And with Coláiste Bride of Enniscorthy winning both the senior and junior 'A' championship All-Irelands, there is no reason why Wexford shouldn't be strong contenders for the All-Ireland series.

**Wexford** - Margaret Darcy (St. Martin's), Aisling Moran (Oulart-The Ballagh), Catherine O'Loughlin (Monageer-Booleavogue), Karen Atkinson (Oulart-The Ballagh), Deirdre Codd (Duffry Rovers), Aine Codd (St. Martin's), Rosemary Breen (Monageer-Booleavogue), Caroline Murphy (Ferns St. Aidan's), Kate Kelly (St. Ibar's), Orla Hernan (Monageer-Booleavogue), Louise Codd (Duffry Rovers), Evelyn Quigley (Rathnure), Josie Dwyer (Ferns St. Aidan's), Michelle Hearne (St. Ibar's), Brigid Curran (St. Ibar's).

**Subs**: Emma Barnes (Faythe Harriers), Jenny Codd (Duffry Rovers), Colleen Atkinson (Oulart-The Ballagh), Martina Murray (Ferns St. Aidan's), Bernice Holohan (Rathnure), Elaine Holohan (Rathnure), Michelle O'Leary (Rathnure), Eileen Handrick (Buncloody), Ciara Scallan (Oulart-The Ballagh), Mag Kelly (St. Ibar's), Aoife O'Connor (Duffry Rovers), Mary Leacy (Oulart-The Ballagh).

**Dublin** - Emer Butler, Sylvia Hanks, Eve Talbot, Gemma Flynn, Jean Murphy, Aoife Cullen, Ciara Lucey, Aine Fanning, Emer Brannigan, Valarie Reaney, Loutse O'Hara, Julie Draper, Emer McFadden, Karen Blood, Gillian McCluskey.

**Subs**: Siobhán Tracy, Marie O'Sullivan, Clara Duffy, Emer Murphy, Paula Malcolmson, Irene Kirwan, Catriona Power, Emer Lucey, Sinead Kinnane.

# Clare U-16s show grit to claim first Munster title

Clare 4-7 Limerick 3-7

Seamus Hayes reports

MUNSTER UNDER 16 CHAMPIONSHIP

CLARE travelled to Charleville on Saturday last to take on Limerick in the U16A Munster final. Clare were seeking to put their name on the Moran Cup for the first time while Limerick were determined to bridge a 27 year gap to their last success.

Limerick started strong and had the upper hand for the first 15 minutes but failed to capitalise with scores. Clare forwards took advantage of their chances and a point in the twelfth minute from Marie Raftery and a second in the 15th from Fiona Lafferty got them going. The decisive attitude of the Clare players was exemplified in the 17th minute by a beautifully taken goal from Danielle Sheedy.

Limerick got on the scoreboard in the 19th minute with a point from play. Clare hit back with two points in quick succession, but these were quickly cancelled out by like scores from the Shannonsiders. Clare finished the first half in flying form when Fiona Lafferty found the Limerick net from a free and this left the Banner girls seven points clear, 2-4 to 0-3.

Clare took up where the left off when the second half resumed and, within four minutes, had added two goals from Eireann Hennessey and

Marie Raftery and a point from Fiona Lafferty to their tally.

After this Clare seemed to relax a little and this allowed Limerick to come storming back into the game. The Shannonsiders came back in style with some great play in the middle of the field from Niamh Mulcahy and captain Marion O'Connell and they notched up a goal and four points. This gave great heart to the Limerick girls and they stepped up a gear and they rattled the back of Susan Vaughan's net twice in four minutes. The Clare girls realising a Munster championship title and a place in an All-Ireland semi-final was slipping through their fingers defended like tigers.

With the game well into injury time, Clare were up by two points but Limerick were looking strong. Memories of last year's one point defeat to Waterford must have surfaced. However, Limerick conceded a free 45 metres out and Fiona Lafferty stepped up and drove over the last point of the game to ensure victory for Clare and put their name on the Moran Cup for the first time ever.

While all girls played well, a strong defensive display from Amy McInerney (captain), Ellen Solan and Ciara O'Leary kept Clare in the game when they were under severe pressure. A great

centre-field performance by Marian O'Brien and Louise Hayes gave great supply to the forwards where Fiona Lafferty, Danielle Sheedy and Marie Raftery were prominent throughout.

Limerick showed great grit and determination to come back and almost snatch victory from Clare. They had great performances from midfielders Niamh Mulcahy and Clodhna Lane. Marion O'Connell (captain) and Edwina Mullane were also very impressive.

Maire Ní Chearnaigh, chairperson of Comhairle na Mumhan, said in presenting the Moran Cup to Clare captain Amy McInerney, that it was great to see Clare and Limerick make the breakthrough in this the centenary year of the association. It is hoped that this breakthrough will be a springboard for senior success in the future.

**Clare**: Susan Vaughan (Ogonnelloe), Iris Kaiser, Amy McInerney (Capt.), Asling Garry (all Newmarket), Ciara O'Leary (Whitegate), Ellen Solan (Tulla), Jennifer Moloney (Broadford), Louise Hayes (Bodyke), Marian O'Brien (Ogonnelloe), Ashling Tracey (Whitegate, 0-1), Eireann Hennessey (St. Josephs, 1-0), Lisa Fahy (Newmarket), Maire Raftery (Corofin, 1-1), Fiona Lafferty (Kilnamona, 1-5), Danielle Sheedy (Broadford, 1-1). **Subs**: Ann Marie Fitzgerald (Bodyke) for Eireann Hennessey, Muireann Kelleher (Corofin) for Jennifer Moloney, Stephanie Regan (Shannon) for Ashling Tracey.



Clare skipper Amy McInerney and Newmarket clubmate Ashling Garry celebrate their victory.



## COLLEAGUES HONOUR CAMOGIE STAR



Former Oylegate-Glenbrien camogie star Mary Sinnott-Dinan (third right, front row) was honoured by her former club colleagues of the 1960s and team trainer Seamus Keavans at a function in Oylegate last weekend. The presentation was in recognition of her selection on the camogie 'Team of the Century' which was announced at the end of February.

## Sporting Legend Honoured



Oylegate Camogie club organised a unique function at the weekend when the local hall hosted a reunion of their forerunners, the Oylegate/Glenbrien team which won a Co. Camogie senior and junior 'double' in far-off 1963. The girls of the '60s were there to pay tribute to one of their team-mates, Mary Dinan (nee Sinnott) on the occasion of her being chosen as one of the fifteen players on the Camogie Association's 'Team of the Century', an all-star selection marking the Association's centenary year. Mary is pictured second from left with her former captain Ann Farrell (nee Heffernan), along with Seamus Keavans, then a locally-based Garda who was the team's trainer, and present club official Ray Quigley, also a former Garda.

# Muskerry take under-21 Centenary title

Muskerry 36  
Carrigdhoun 27

Camogie

by Mary Newman

MUSKERRY had to withstand a late second half Carrigdhoun rally before having the honour of being crowned centenary under 21 divisional champions. One would have been forgiven for thinking this was a championship game such as the intensity of the action, as both sides strove to take such a prestigious title which was organised to celebrate camogie's centenary year.

Sile Burns gave Muskerry an early lead with a fifth minute point and, enjoying the lion's share of possession, the Muskerry attack continued to trouble the Carrigdhoun defence. Inside the opening quarter Muskerry had extended their advantage thanks to goals from Inniscarra duo Liz Hayes and Margaret McCarthy and a scrambled effort involving several attackers which the Carrigdhoun defence should have cleared.

Catriona Kelly kept Carrigdhoun in touch with two points but Muskerry maintained their advantage thanks in the main to superb goalkeeping from Aoife Murray and

good defensive play from Catriona Foley and Rena Buckley.

With Marion Jaego exchanging points with Mary Buckley Jennifer Vaughan and Margaret McCarthy, Muskerry held a three goal interval advantage 3-4 to 0-4.

Catriona Kelly and Mary Buckley swapped points inside three minutes of the restart but from here on it was all Carrigdhoun as they set about cutting the deficit. Catriona Kelly pointed a free after nine minutes and it signaled a revival as Emer Dillon and Mairead Holland began to get a grip at mid field.

Inside eight minutes the Muskerry lead was down to two points thanks to goals from a Catriona Kelly penalty and a superb Emer Dillon effort. With the tide up for grabs both defences were under severe pressure and without doubt it was Muskerry's Aoife Murray who was the busier as she continued to thwart the Carrigdhoun attack. Catriona Kelly pointed a free to put just one between the side and it looked as if

we were going to a replay, but Muskerry had other ideas. Sile Burns steadied the nerves with a point with three minutes on the watch and now with the finishing line in sight Muskerry held their nerve. Carrigdhoun did have a chance to grab a winner but again Aoife Murray was more than able for the challenge and cleared efficiently as the final whistle was sounded by match referee Cathal Egan.

County Board president Sile Golden presented Muskerry's Jennifer Vaughan with the Centenary trophy after an exciting contest.

**Muskerry:** A Murray Cloughduv, O. O Callaghan Cloughduv, J Twomey Aghbullogue, C. Murphy Aghbullogue, A. Desmond Eire Og, J O Callaghan Cloughduv, C Foley Rockban, M O Regan Inniscarra, R Buckley Inniscarra, M mc Carthy Inniscarra, S Burns Rockban, L Dorgan Grenagh, J Vaughan Grenagh O, M Buckley Aghbullogue

**Carrigdhoun:** G Harrington Valley Rovers, D Crowley Ballygarvan, M Donovan Coursey Rovers, Z Forrest Ballygarvan, S A O Halloran Ballygarvan, J Browne Ballygarvan, S Downing Coursey's Rovers, M Holland Ballinacraig, E Dillon Ballygarvan, S Quinn Coursey Rovers, C Kelly Ballygarvan, M Jaego Tracton O, N Collins Coursey Rovers, S O Donovan Ballygarvan, K Keohane Coursey Rovers, Ref Cathal Egan Glen Rovers.

## CAMOGIE

National League Div 1 play-off: Tipperary 0-16 (E Mc Donnell, E Hayden 0-3 each, D Hughes, L Young, J Ryan, J Horan 0-2 each, C Gaynor, N Kennedy 0-1 each) Kilkenny 1-4 (J Frisby 1-0, A Neary, A L Lyng 0-2 each)

Munster Minor A Championship final: Clare 4-7 (P Lafferty 1-5, D Sheedy 2-1, M Raftery 1-1) Limerick 3-7 (N Mulcahy 1-4, M O'Connell, A Mc Auliffe 1-0 each, E Mullane 0-2, F Dore 0-1)  
Munster junior championship quarter-final: Cork 4-14 (M Deasy 2-2, S Burns 1-5, M Jago 1-0, V O'Keefe 0-4, A Geary 0-2, S O'Donovan 0-1) Clare 3-11 (A Keane 2-1, D Corcoran 1-0, D Murphy 0-6, D Lynch 0-4)

Cork camogie U16 A League: Ballygarvan 6-3 St Catherine's 0-9. U16 B League: Ballinascorthy 2-4 Coursey Rovers 2-3; Valley Rovers 3-7 Ballinascorthy 0-3; Clonsilla 6-4 Ballinascorthy 0-4; Bishopstown 1-6 Glen Rovers 1-2; Ballincollig 3-13 Ballinascorthy 0-1. U16C: Grenagh 6-4 Ballinora 0-0; Fr O'Neill's 5-4 Watergrasshill 1-2; Bride Rovers 1-4 Castlelyons 0-0; Dungourney 10-12 Watergrasshill 1-2; Watergrasshill 9-11 Bride Rovers 0-0; Sliabh Rua 4-0 Ballincollig 0-0; Fr O'Neill's 9-8 Bride Rovers 0-0. U14K: Ballinacraig 4-4 Inniscarra 0-4. U14B: Douglas Two 4-1 Bishopstown 1-2; Carrigaline 4-1 Valley Rovers 1-5; Aghabullogue 3-1 Glen Rovers 1-3. U14C: Clonsilla 4-3 Ballinascorthy 1-0; Mallow 5-1 Millstreet 0-0; Ballyhen 5-2 Newtownshandrum 1-0; Millstreet 3-0 Castlemagner 0-0; Ballinora 3-3 Sliabh Rua 1-1. Senior League: Kilbrittain 2-4 Glen Rovers 1-3; Inniscarra 3-14 Eire Og 1-6. Muskerry U11 League: Inniscarra 0-0 Rockban 0-0; Blarney 7-5 Aghabullogue 0-0. U13 League: Eire Og 3-3 Aghabullogue 1-2; Ballincollig 4-0 Blarney 0-0.

## CamogieChat

With Mary Newman

## Cork Juniors Dethrone the Champions

CORK gained some measure of revenge over Clare as they dethroned the provincial champions in the opening round of this year's championship on Sunday last. A superb opening half performance ensured Cork led at the interval 3-8 to 0-3 after goals from Marion Jaego, Miriam Deasy and Sile Burns had set the foundations. Deirdre Murphy and Denise Lynch kept Clare in touch but there looked to be no way back for a side that looked totally outclassed.

From the start of the second half Cork again applied the pressure and by the three quarter stage led 4-11 to 1-7, suddenly Clare sprung into action introducing three substitutes and four points inside as many minutes brought the contest to life. Still Cork looked safe but two quick goals from Deirdre Corcoran and Ann Keane had the lead down to four points heading into injury time. To their credit Cork failed to panic and points from Sile Burns and Sarah O'Donovan were enough to ensure victory, but it must be said had Clare played with the same determination through the contest it would have been a different game. Cork now face Tipperary in the Munster semi final which is down for decision on May 15 but there is a request from Tipperary to bring that game forward to this weekend due to exams. There was some measure of consolation for the Banner County as their minor team defeated Limerick to take the counties first provincial crown at this level.

Tipperary proved much too strong for Kilkenny when the sides met in the play off for a national league semi final spot. Their ability to pick off points was very evident as they strolled to a sixteen points to one four victory over their opponents and no doubt come championship they will again be the ones that will take beating. Next weekend has the semi finals down for decision with Cork travelling to take on Wexford while Tipperary meet Dublin. The cork/Wexford game was originally fixed for Sunday but has been changed by central council to Saturday, this is great for people who can

make Saturday afternoon games but for a lot of people Saturday is a working day so therefore many genuine supporters will again miss out never the less the Cork back room team will be anxious to maintain their winning way and book a place in the final.

Clubs are continuing their league programme and certainly the form of U.C.C. is being watched with interest. Already they have recorded victories over Newtownshandrum, Glen Rovers and Cloughduv and if they can maintain the same level of commitment will be ones to watch come championship.

On Thursday last a very pleasant function took place at the North Presentation Secondary School where principle John O Riordan and his pupils and staff made a presentation to past pupil Sandie Fitzgibbon in recognition of her achievements on the playing fields and in honour of her selection on the camogie team of the century. Sandy's team mates from the victorious North Presentation All Ireland winning team of 1980 were also in attendance as were the officers of her club Glen Rovers and the Blarney Basketball club.

It was great to meet up with them all again also present were loyal North Presentation supporters Mrs Goggins and Sister Stan. Sandie addressing the pupils spoke at length of her years in the school and gave a lovely look back at the wonderful memories she has from her involvement with sport.

On Bank holiday Monday Glen Rovers held their centenary tournament with five teams participating, action began at 11.30a.m with games continuing through the day. By 3.30 county champions Fr O Neills and Glen Rovers had battled their way to the final. In a thrilling contest a class goal by Fiona O Driscoll edged the Ballymacoda side ahead and it was enough to see them hold on to record a four point victory on a day when the real winner was the game of camogie.

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# Cork call a halt to junior side's year

**Cork 4-14  
Clare 3-11**  
Seamus Hayes reports

WITH quite a number of changes from last year's team, Clare went into this opening tie against Cork at Newmarket on Sunday in the knowledge that they were up against a strong and experienced side.

To add to Clare's worries, they had to make a change before the game when centre back Deirdre Corcoran cried off due to illness.

The home side could hardly have asked for a worse start and within a matter of minutes they found themselves in arrears. Indeed, at one stage of the game, the visitors were heading for a runaway win but, to their credit, Clare fought back superbly in the second half. However, time wasn't on their side and Cork ran out worthy winners to end Clare's involvement for the season.

It was 3-8 to 0-3 at half-

time in favour of the visitors and things were looking bad for Clare. However, a number of changes helped get the side moving and second half goals from Ann Keane (2) and substitute Deirdre Corcoran saw Clare dominate this period.

Denise Lynch scored some excellent points from long range but it was too late and the gap was too great for Clare to make up.

**Clare:** Rachel Lynch (Cloonney), Jean Scanlan (Clarecastle), Aileen Kilmartin (Newmarket), Catriona McMahon (Newmarket), Siobhan Lafferty (Kilnamona), Denise Lynch (Kilmaley 0-7), Marie O'Looney (Newmarket), Cathy Halley (Truagh) Marie Whelan (Clarecastle); Aoife Ryan (Newmarket) Deirdre Murphy (Davitts, Galway 0-3), Sharon O'Loughlin (Clarecastle), Catherine O'Loughlin (Kilnamona 0-1), Elaine Gallery (Shannon), Ann Keane (Kilnamona, 2-0). **Subs:** Claire McMahon (Kilmaley) for E. Gallery, Deirdre Corcoran (Truagh) 1-0 for M. Whelan, Tracey Moloney (Truagh) for A. Kilmartin.



ABOVE: Aoife Ryan, Newmarket-on-Fergus, clears the ball under pressure from her Cork marker.

LEFT: Ann Keane of Kilnamona hits the net but it wasn't enough to overcome Cork.

Photographs by Yvonne Vaughan.

## Aghabullogue Camogie Club celebrate



Aghabullogue Camogie Club's Under 16 County League Champions 2003, who were Guests of Honour at a victory function to mark their success.

**A**GHABULLOGUE Camogie Club's U-16 team, County League winners last year, were guests of honour at a recent function at the Village Inn, Coachford.

For a club that has been very strong at underage level

down the years, it is surprising to note that these were the first ever medals won at club level, so for the players and selectors Patsy Daly, Tricia Flynn and Tracy McCullagh, September 27 last proved to be a marvellous when they won the title, defeating neighbours Eire Og in

a great game on a scoreline of 3-5 to 3-1.

Special guest on the night was Cork hurling and football star Sean Og O hAilpin, who presented the girls with their medals and passed on useful advice for the future.

Sponsors of the playing gear for the club, Radon Ireland

Ltd., Cooneys Campus and O'Donovan Engineering were represented at the function.

Club chairperson Evelyn Tarrant, thanked all for their support for the club.

Last year the club reached the Senior B final, but were narrowly beaten by Kilbrit-

tain, so the players are determined to go one better this year. The club also reached the semi-finals in the Junior B 15 a-side, U-16, U-12 and competed well in all grades.

Music at the function was provided by Olan Healy, Michael O'Mahony and Kevin Kennedy.

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**B**ecause it's Centenary Year, there seems to be, a lot more interest among players and supporters alike as to who will collect the silverware at all levels.

For those unfamiliar with the camogie scene, all Ulster counties are graded Junior – with the exception of Antrim and Derry – Antrim because they are All-Ireland Intermediate title-holders and Derry because they still have a number of the 2000 All-Ireland Junior winning team playing.

Antrim have a couple of Junior graded players in the Senior panel – but have embarked on a long-term policy of selecting a group of younger players (average age 18), keeping them together and aiming for a Junior title in a few years time.

Derry on the other hand have combined their Junior/Senior panel. With only four or five players ineligible for Junior, they are fast-tracking their youngsters into top-level camogie, hoping that the experience gained will result in Junior success.

Last year's Ulster Senior championship threw up a surprise in Armagh's defeat of eventual All-Ireland Intermediate champions Antrim at the semi-final stage. Unfortunately, because of club championship fixtures and indeed other inter-county fixtures, the other semi-final between Down and Derry was delayed until the autumn.

When Derry eventually qualified, a suitable date to play Armagh couldn't be found and the title was awarded to the Oak Leaf. Don't expect a similar situation this year.

Tyrone have joined the hunt again for the O'Duffy Cup that was first contested 70 years ago in 1934. However the O'Neill

county is not expected to upset the form-book.

Derry plays Antrim on July 25th in the preliminary round. This could well produce the overall winner.

Antrim have made a poor start with the National League. They have some quality players – in the midfield pairing of Jane Adams and Edel Mason for example – but a lot of inexperience at the back. Derry look to be back on track under Kevin McNaughton, have plenty of good quality players but need to find a settled, winning team. The game could go either way – but whichever of the two wins, they will account for Tyrone in the semis on August 8th.

That's the date of the Armagh v. Down game – and a lot will depend on how the Junior championship quarter-final on 16th May between the pair has gone.

## Camogie Championship Preview



By Séamas Mac Giolla Fhinnéin

Armagh holds the provincial Junior title and didn't make a great start to the season with the National League. Down have brought in a lot of new players this year – and a number of them look capable of doing a good job.

On National League form and with home venue, Down are slight favourites for a very tight game. If they win, then they should beat Armagh again in August.

Elsewhere in the Junior quarter-finals, Derry will easily beat London. Antrim should record a victory against Donegal, while Tyrone v. Cavan could go either way.

every outing in the championship and were worthy provincial champions. They could do so again – but Rossa can bounce back from last year's county final defeat and take the title.

In Derry, it will be interesting to see how much the Ulster League helps Lavey progress – but Swatragh still have to be favourites.

There should be intense rivalry in Armagh, with Crossmaglen surprising Keady last year and then going all the way to lift the All-Ireland Junior title. Surprisingly Cross have opted out of participation in the Ulster Premier League, while Keady are unbeaten to date in it.

Armagh down the years has managed to throw up a surprise result here or there and Ballymacnab could maybe beat one of the two main contenders. No-one will beat both however.

So then it's Keady or Crossmaglen against Liatroim Fontenoys in the Ulster club semi-final on August 29th to decide who represents Ulster in the All-Ireland Junior club event in the late autumn.

No disrespect to the other clubs in Down – Liatroim should win their 14th successive title with ease. And no disrespect to the rest of Ulster the champions of Down or Armagh are much too good for them as well.

Expect the winners of Armagh/Down to meet Derry in the final on June 20th though.

Under age titles have been going to Derry in recent times and – after the Colleges' championships threw up the usual Magherafelt/Maghera successes, there is no reason to believe that the under 18, minor and under 14 inter-county championships will go elsewhere.

The interesting aspect of the Minors championship though is the re-entry of all the losers into the Minor B championship – even the beaten provincial finalists.

At club level, there is little doubt that the Ulster Premier League has definitely given a number of clubs good competitive action early in the season.

Some have approached it with all guns blazing, others are not elevating the league much above competitive challenge game status, while Senior club champions Dunloy failed to fulfil their early fixtures in it.

Dunloy were no more than average in the early part of last year, but improved with





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# All Ireland Colleges All Star Team

**A**n All-Ireland Colleges All-Star team was selected on the basis of the special Inter-provincial competition in Dublin recently and three Derry players have been chosen.

Katie McAuley (St. Mary's Magherafelt) and St. Patrick's Maghera pair Breige Convery and Claire McCloy impressed the selectors in the competition, which finished with an outright win for Munster, who defeated Ulster 3-12 to 2-2 in the semi-final and then powered home in the final by 6-7 to 1-8 against Leinster.

Although Munster featured players from 5 of the 6 coun-

ties, it was the St. Mary's Charleville girls who impressed most, making up for the disappointment of losing last Saturday's Senior Colleges final to Coláiste Bhríde Enniscorthy.

Ulster made up for the semi-final defeat by collecting the Shield competition with a 3-6 to 1-7 win over Connacht.

Keady's Claire Kinsella top-scored with 1-4 and there was a goal each for Dungannon's Niamh Gavin and Kate Lavery of Magherafelt. The recipients of the special All-Ireland Colleges' All-stars were presented with special mementos at a ceremony on 14th April in Croke Park.

## THE ALL STAR TEAM



**Michelle Tynan (Connacht), Elaine O' Riordan (Munster), Phyllis Hayes (Connacht), Caroline Kelly (Connacht), Mary Leacy (Leinster), Breige Convery (Ulster), Anna Geary (Munster), Rena Buckley (Munster), Katie McAuley (Ulster), Claire McCloy (Ulster), Breige Corkery (Munster), Mary Ryan (Munster), Ursula Jacob (Leinster), Jacqui Frisby (Leinster), Sinéad McAuliffe (Munster)**



The Colaiste an Toirbirte camogie team from Bandon, winners of the Munster Colleges Senior A League and County Senior B titles by defeating Loreto Fermoy in the dual final played in Bandon Picture: Howard Crowdy

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## Nothing learned as Cork win with ease



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CORK overcame a poor Tipperary team in this Munster Junior semi-final in Douglas on Saturday.

Totally dominant in all sections, the outcome of the game was never in doubt from the moment referee Pauline McCarthy threw in the sliotar.

Anna Geary, at centre-field tore into the action from the word go and, ably assisted by Val O'Keefe, the ball rarely entered Cork's danger zone.

When it did, the excellent Amanda O'Regan and Niamh Goulding coped comfortably with what came their way.

Cork registered their first scores in the fifth, sixth and seventh minutes, the points coming from Marian Jagoe, Sarah Donovan and Emer O'Farrell respectively.

From then on there was only one team in it as Tipperary had no answer to Cork's speed and skill.

Indeed, all six Cork forwards had scored from play by the time the half time whistle blew with Cork leading 4-9 to 0-0.

Tipperary threatened more in the second half but Cork held firm. The attacking Catriona Foley was superb at right half back alongside Rena Buckley. Geraldine Kinnane at centre forward, Fiona Loughnane and Jackie O'Connor worked tirelessly for Tipperary but needed more support from their team-mates.

Indeed many of Tipperary's more established players like senior panelist Michelle Short failed to travel due to exam commitments.

Cork would never have lost this game but surely would have received a greater challenge had Tipp their full complement of players.

What was impressive from Cork's point of view was the hunger of the players particularly their forwards who never gave up the chase when disposed of possession. Sarah O'Donovan, Liz Bugler, Emer O'Farrell, who scored a hat-trick of goals, Marion Jagoe, Miriam Deasy and Sile Burns battled their way through and picked off their scores at ease. The game was lacklustre, however, and failed to excite the crowd due mainly to the poor challenge presented by Tipp who failed to register a single score. The poor standard of refereeing in Camogie has been much criticised. On this occasion however full compliments to Pauline McCarthy from Limerick. Her handling of the game was excellent. She kept the play flowing and never blew for tackling which was hard but fair. The Cork management team were extremely happy with their teams' performance. They could do little about the challenge presented to them but are more concerned about doing their own homework and focusing on the Munster final ahead of them. Indeed with each game Cork are becoming more familiar with each other and are improving as a team. Limerick recorded a seven-point victory over Waterford in the other semi-final held in the Gaelic Grounds yesterday.

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# Tipperary and Cork poised for another final date

by **Therese O'Callaghan**

QUITE soon we will be making a stab at predicting the All-Ireland senior camogie champions and if league performance is anything to go by, there is little to suggest it will not be between the top two teams of latter years, Cork and Tipperary.

Both counties are in the opposite side of the draw in this weekend's National League Division 1 semi-finals, and it would take a mammoth performance from either Wexford or Dublin to knock them off their stride.

Defending champions Cork will

travel to Wexford Park in confident mood tomorrow (5.30 throw-in), having won all of their section games with relative ease. Having experimented in most outings, manager John Considine will be now anxious to settle his side - a combination that should include Rachel Moloney, Jenny O'Leary, Paula O'Connor and Stephanie Dunlea.

Wexford are in the unique position of going for a league double, with their second string providing the curtain-raiser against Laois in the Division 2 semi-final.

This is a considerable achievement

and undoubtedly they will pull out all the stops to reach both finals. However, players like Mary and Una Leacy, Kate Kelly, Michelle O'Leary and Aine Codd will have to be at their pinnacle if they are to reach their first senior final since 1992.

On Sunday, All-Ireland champions Tipperary journey to Thomas Davis GAA grounds in Tallaght, where the Metropolitan ladies will face a testing challenge, even though the Premier County will field without Jovita Delaney, Una O'Dwyer and the exam-tied Suzanne Kelly. Dublin, on the other hand, are expected to be at full

strength and while they may not be successful this time, we are likely to see and hear a lot more from them over the next two or three years.

Players such as Aoife Cullen, Ciara Lucey and Eimear Brannigan can be matchwinners on any given day, and given the groundwork being done within the county, it should not be too long before they grab the headlines.

In the remaining Division 2 semi-final, Kildare and Offaly meet in Shinrone tomorrow (5.30), and this promises to be an intriguing clash with both teams having dominated their divisions to date.

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## Cork hoping to avoid Dubs in league final

THE first of the National League semi-finals takes place this evening when Cork and Wexford meet in Wexford at 5.30pm.

Dublin and Tipperary play the other semi-final in Tallaght on Sunday at 1pm.

Cork have as yet to be tested in this campaign which is a worrying aspect. For two of their games to date they released four of their dual players to football duty, rested others, and still ran out comfortable winners in all games.

Tipperary, while drawing with Kilkenny in the early stages and losing to Cork, still make the play-off stages. Realistically they put minimum effort into the league to date, heading off for a deserved break to Florida in between. Their performances to date don't reflect their status as All-Ireland champions.

It is extremely hard to judge just how well your preparations for the championship are going against such weak opposition. Last year the Cork players looked superb throughout the championship campaign.

All-Ireland final day told its own story when, up against Tipp, a team equally matched to Cork, many failed to stand up to the demands on the day.

By then the reality came too late. Beating teams by cricket scores day-in and day-out is bound to instill false beliefs.

You have nothing to compare yourself to, nothing that when you go training makes you say 'She gave me a really tough time, I need to improve on this, etc.'

Waltzing around the opposition with fancy stickwork creates the illusion that you are at the top of your game - when the opposite may in fact be the case when real pressure comes.

Tipperary have the same problem - lack of good match practice until they meet Cork.

At the moment, the Cork Senior and Junior panel train together which is great for ensuring large numbers at training during exam time and Club Championship fixtures. Also it provides the opportunity for a competitive game during the session. Cork are lucky to have this at least.

Wexford have been hugely successful underage these past five years or so.

Winning five All-Ireland Féile Na Gael Championships in a row, and Coláiste Bride winning back to back All-Ireland Senior Colleges titles suggests a revival of camogie in the county.

Whether they bear the fruits of their endeavours in the future only time will tell.

Linda Mellerick

It could well take 10 years or more, but they have set the ball rolling.

Of course how many of these players will still be playing in 10 years time, and indeed how many of them will become senior players, is another issue.

Many feel that out of a good minor team in any one year, the average number of players to make the senior grade and stay there is two or three.

Wexford are always a strong physical side.

Once again we will be inferior in this regard. Whatever it is about what we eat down here in Cork, we are constantly the slightest group of girls competing in the country.

What we lack in brawn we make up for in speed and skill, and Cork should have no trouble in accounting for Wexford and reaching the National League final.

Dublin will let Tipp know they are in a match on Sunday. Better known for their foul play more than anything else, the Dubs will let rip and while Tipp will win the battle on the scoreboard, many probably won't be able to walk for a day or two afterwards.

The game between the same pairing resulted in a Tipp sending off last year, a rare enough occurrence in camogie, and the bitterness will be evident.

Best for the game and both teams is if Cork and Tipperary reach the final.

With six or seven weeks down since their last encounter, both teams should be fitter and more eager, and a good battle would do both the world of good.

Both teams know each other inside out and upside down at this stage so the idea of not wanting to show your hand shouldn't come into it.

I've always believed that a good league run was extremely important.

Getting into the habit of winning is a good thing.

Tipperary beat Cork in the Munster Semi-Final last year (a separate competition), and certainly this reinstated their confidence having suffered a three-goal defeat to Cork in the previous year's All-Ireland final.

I have no doubt that that win spurred them on to further success the following September.

One game at a time however, and Cork will look no further than the task awaiting them in Wexford this evening.

## Wexford's League shock for Leesiders

Wexford 2-13  
Cork 1-13

by **Therese O'Callaghan**

WEXFORD are in the National Camogie League Division 1 final for the first time in 14 years after defeating a highly fancied Cork at Wexford Park on Saturday.

Trailing by 0-11 to 0-3 at half time, the Leinster side landed 2-10 after the break and held the Rebels scoreless for the final 15 minutes.

Cork, with wind assistance, were in command for the opening 30 minutes with Ciara Healy, Una O'Donoghue, Gemma O'Connor, Jennifer O'Leary, Elaine Burke and Catriona Foley all on the scoresheet.

Midfielders O'Connor and Burke were especially impressive.

But Wexford stormed from the blocks on the restart.

A 34th minute goal from Michelle Hearne, along with points from Michelle O'Leary and Kate Kelly, cut the gap to three.

Despite Cork's Jennifer O'Leary hitting a goal, the Wexford girls held their nerve with centre back Aine Codd and Mary Leacy impressing on the forty.

Points from Lennie Holohan, Hearne, Kelly and Leacy had them back in contention before Hearne netted her second three-pointer close on full time.

Scorers Wexford: M Hearne 2-1, K Kelly 0-5, M

O'Leary, L Holohan and O Hennon 0-2 each, M Leacy 0-1.

Cork: J O'Leary 1-2, C Healy 0-3, G O'Connor, U O'Donoghue and E Burke 0-2 each, E Watson and C Foley 0-1 each.

WEXFORD: M Darcy, A Moran, C O'Loughlin, K Atkinson, R Breen, A Codd, D Codd, C Murphy, K Kelly, M O'Leary, M Leacy, O Hennon, E Quigley, M Hearne, L Holohan.

CORK: A Murray, J O'Callaghan, M O'Connor, L O'Connell, C Foley, R Buckley, P O'Connor, G O'Connor, E Burke, M Deasy, S Burns, J O'Leary, E Watson, C Healy, U O'Donoghue.

Subs: S Hayes for U O'Donoghue.

Referee: E Browne (Tipperary).

Tipperary 1-10  
Dublin 2-4

DUBLIN came close to causing another upset in Thomas Davis GAA grounds yesterday in the other Division 1 semi-final.

But the greater experience of Tip-

## Tipperary beat brave Dublin

perary proved to be the deciding factor.

The Premier County will now attempt to win their first League title since the competition's inception in 1977.

However, it took an Eimear McDonnell goal in the 51st minute, followed by two unanswered points from Emily Hayden and the irrepressible Ciara Gaynor to eventually decide this issue.

The metropolitan ladies went in at the break leading 1-2 to 0-4. They maintained that momentum after the resumption and when Valerie Reaney touched home their second goal for a 2-3 to 0-6 lead, Tipp appeared to be in trouble.

But, then with Paula Bulfin control-

ling midfield, they upped the pace. Aided by the introduction of three of their more seasoned players they finally weathered the storm with centre back Gaynor hitting four magnificent points.

Scorers Tipperary: E McDonnell 1-2, C Gaynor 0-4, J Ryan, E Ryan, E Hayden and C Grogan 0-1 each.

Dublin: V Reaney and G McGluskey 1-1 each, E Brannigan and A Fanning 0-1 each.

TIPPERARY: J Nolan, J Kirwan, H Breen, M Corcoran, S Nealon, C Gaynor, T Brophy, L Burke, P Bulfin, E Ryan, E Hayden, G Kinnane, E McDonnell, J Ryan, G Horan, Subs: C Grogan for E Ryan, D Hughes for G Horan, A McDermott for L Burke.

DUBLIN: E Butler, S Hanks, A Cullen, S Kinnane, J Murphy, E Talbot, C Lucey, L O'Hara, A Fanning, J Draaper, E Brannigan, V Reaney, E McFadden, G McGluskey, C Duffly.

Subs: C Power for A Fanning, K Blood for E McFadden.

Referee: U Kearney (Armagh).

Meanwhile Laois or Kildare will take over the mantle of Division Two champions following their respective victories over Wexford and Offaly.

In the curtain raiser at Wexford Park, the hosts were denied a double final appearance when ousted by Laois, 3-7 to 1-8. Sensational goals from Therese Keenan (two) and Karen Cuddy within 10 minutes of the restart were decisive after both sides finished the half at six points apiece.

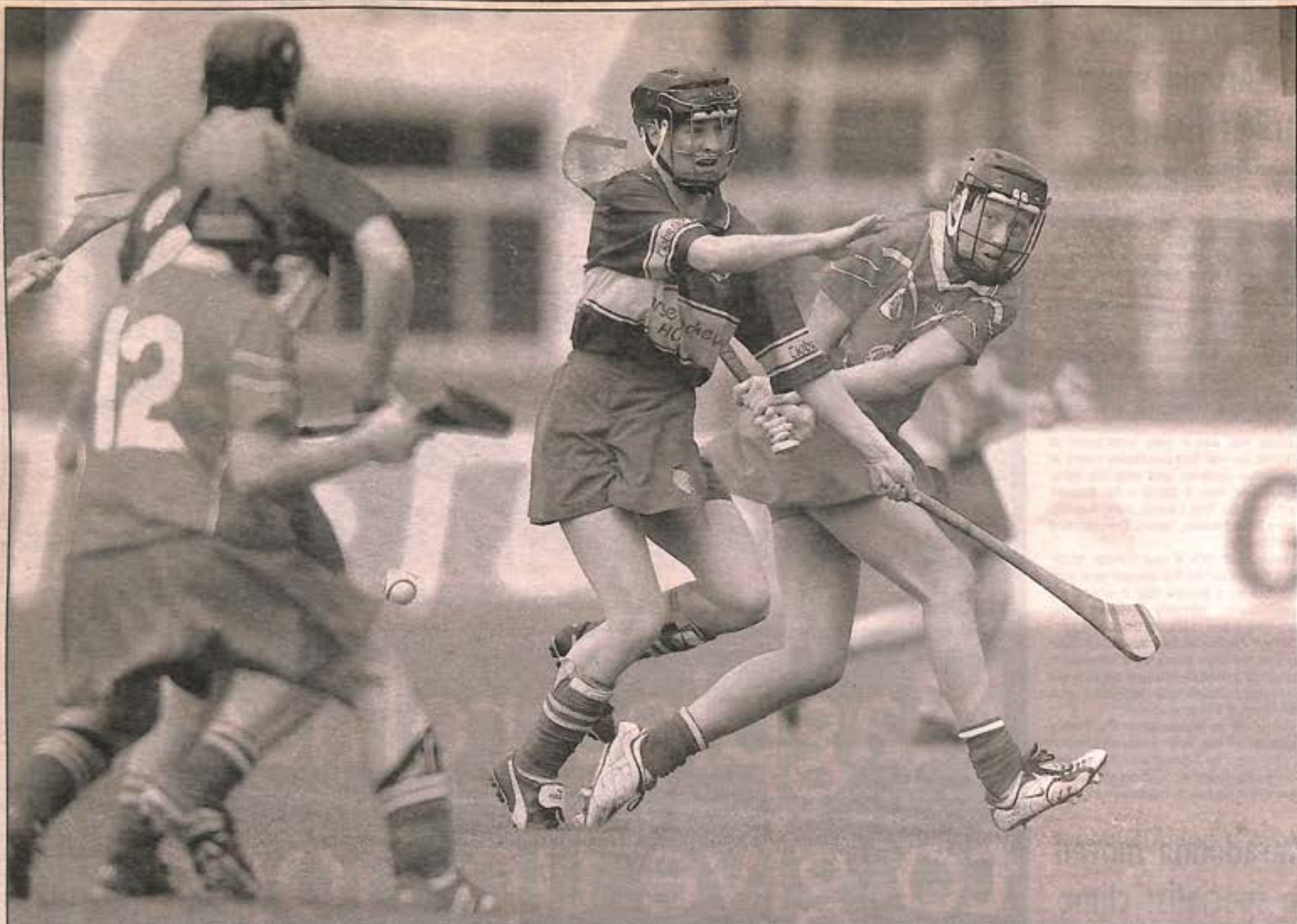
Kildare had a merited win over Offaly in Shinrone on Saturday, 2-6 to 0-9 after the Lilywhite's Bernie Kennedy goal in either half, while Michelle Davis was top scorer for Offaly with six points.

Both finals will be played in Nowlan Park, Wexford on May 22.



Anthony Forde of Charleville Credit Union presents fleece tops to St Mary's School Senior Camogie Team. Also included are the team's coaches and School Principal, Anne Doherty (right).





Cork's Gemma O'Connor, who dominated midfield against Wexford on Saturday, clears the ball during a recent Senior League tie against Tipperary at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Picture: Gavin Browne

# Wexford celebrate a famous win over Cork

**Wexford** 2-13  
**Cork** 1-13

"It ain't over till the fat lady sings" rang true for Wexford on Saturday evening last as for the first time in well over a decade they eliminated Cork from the knock-out stages of the National Senior League.

Sure, Wexford 'caught' Cork once or twice over the years in preliminary games but never had they defeated Cork in a semi-final or final where the winner takes all and the loser left to ponder. And how they celebrated! Despite the beautiful conditions a fairly stiff breeze blew and Cork played with the advantage in the first half.

During the first 30 minutes it was

hard to believe that Cork would lose this game as with Gemma O'Connor in particular totally controlling the centre of the field the Cork forwards received a plentiful supply and between them notched up 11 points, only one coming from a placed ball.

Such was their superiority in general play that a succession of wides meant that Cork should really have ended the half at least 13 points ahead. As it was they lead 0-11 to 0-3.

What a change of events the second half brought. Beginning to take a grip at the centre of the field Wexford slowly but surely changed the pattern of the game.

Looking as if they constantly had an extra player they began to run at



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the Cork defence and at times had them at sixes and sevens.

They began to pick away at Cork's lead and when Michelle Hearne netted, Wexford's self belief grew and they gave it all they had.

Jenny O'Leary goaled for Cork midway through the second half and it looked as if that might knock the wind out of Wexford's gallop but the opposite occurred.

Containing a number of the successful Colaiste Bride Colleges team, Wexford looked fitter than Cork entering the final 15 minutes.

They had the gap between the teams reduced to two points with three minutes to go. From then on there was only one team in it as five magnificent points on the trot ensured that Wexford reached their first final in many a year.

They danced for joy at the final whistle and who can blame them. They took a very big scalp on Saturday evening.

To be fair to Cork they travelled with a depleted squad as injuries and exam commitments meant that at least six first team players did not take to the field.

They were still strong enough to win the game but certainly Wexford were the hungrier side and badly wanted this win. The defeat could well be the makings of this Cork

team as they now focus entirely on the Championship that awaits them.

**Scorers for Wexford:** M Hearne 1-1, E Quigley 1-1, M O'Leary 0-4, Kate Kelly 0-3 (0-1), Lennie Holan 0-2, O Hannon and M Lacey 0-1 each.

**Cork:** J O'Leary 1-2, G O'Connor and U O'Donoghue 0-3 each, E Burke 0-2, C Healy 0-2 (0-1), E Watson 0-1.

**CORK:** A Murray; J O'Callaghan, M O'Connor, L O'Connell; C Foley, R Buckley, P O'Connor; G O'Connor, E Burke; U O'Donoghue, S Burns, J O'Leary; E Watson, C Healy, M Deasy.

**Subs:** S Hayes for U O'Donoghue.

**WEXFORD:** M Darcy; A Moran, C O'Loughlin, K Atkinson; R Breen, A Codd, D Codd; C Murphy, K Kelly; M O'Leary, M Lacey, O Hannon; E Quigley, M Hume, L Holohan.



Playing Colleagues from North Pres and Glen Rovers along with John Riordan and Sister Stan, North Pres, Mary & Nora Newman Glen Rovers Camogie Club pictured above with Sandy Fitzgibbon at the North Pres Award Night



Lucy Hawkes of Colaiste An Toirbhírt seen out-running Deldre Twomey of Loreto Fermoy during the Munster Colleges Combined Senior A League Final and Senior B County Final which was played in Bandon on April 30

Picture: Howard Crowley

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Go-ahead college has produced another crop of young stars

# Coachford students excel in their fields

by Catherine Ketch

**T**HIS has been a fine year on the sports field for Coachford College with an impressive line up of both male and female students excelling and being recognised in their chosen sports.

While others were enjoying a break from studies, Donal Twomey from Aghabullogue was busy representing Ireland at rugby in the Four Nations Tournament for two weeks in Belfast. He was selected for this year's U18 Irish Youths Team and hopes to go for the Ireland U19 trials in the autumn.

Donal played with Munster during 2003, having trained for the previous two years with the South Munster side. He began playing

rugby with Coachford College, where he is trained by Maurice O'Regan and is a member of Muskerry Rugby Club. His dad Pat also played for Muskerry and Rockwell College.

Edward Crowley, also from Coachford College, made it to trials for the Irish team this year.

Also from Coachford College, Ciara Murphy was selected to play for Munster in the Camogie Centenary Year. The school's senior camogie captain, Cork Minor All Ireland medal winner and Colleges All Ireland medal winner, Ciara has, according to her trainer Rob Lott, a tendency to score goals in vital matches.

He provides the examples of the semi-final and final of last year's All Ireland. This year she also scored two goals for Munster in the All



Above: Donal Twomey from Aghabullogue who was selected to play on the U18 Irish Rugby Youths team for the four nations this month and will go forward for trials for the U19 team in the autumn.

Ireland Inter-Provincial final against Leinster.

Four other girls — Marguerite Vaughan, Niamh Dilworth, Michelle Healy and Maire McCarthy — have made it on to the Cork Colleges U14 camogie team for the coming season. They play the 1st year Munster blitz on May 5 in Charleville and the All Ireland blitz on May 29 at Inniscarra.



Ciara Murphy who was selected to play for Munster in the Camogie Centenary Year and scored two goals in the All Ireland inter-provincial final against Leinster.



LEFT: Niamh Dilworth, Marguerite Vaughan, Michelle Healy and Maire McCarthy, members of Cork Colleges U14 camogie team to play in the All Ireland blitz on May 29 at Inniscarra.

## CamogieChat

With Mary Newman

### CORK LEFT TO WONDER

**T**HE big surprise of the weekend came on Saturday when the senior side failed to qualify for the national league final losing out to Wexford in a tough encounter in Wexford Park. Through the campaign the management team have continued to experiment in their search for a championship winning side but certainly Saturday's defeat will do little to help the confidence of all concerned.

Cork having played against the wind led at the break eleven points to three and dominating at mid field looked set to book their place in the final. On the turn over Wexford began to get a grip at mid field and when Michelle Hearne goalied it boosted their confidence. Cork's Jenny O Leary replied quickly but it failed to lift her side as Wexford continued their dominance. Cork led by two points going into the final minutes but five points without reply saw the home side qualify for the final after a storming finish.

For a number of years Wexford have threatened and sooner or later the great promise shown at under age level was bound to come to the fore. Oulart the Ballagh have taken five Feile Na Gael titles in a row and while remarkably they have failed to follow on and make the breakthrough at minor level Colaiste Brid have been a force to be reckoned with at colleges level again recently taking the All Ireland title. The counties junior side also reached the semi final stages of the league losing out to Laois on Saturday last so definitely they are a county to keep a close eye on.

On Sunday Tipperary had a goal to spare over Dublin as they booked their place in what will be an intriguing final on May 22.

Cork will no doubt recover and regroup to face their opening game in the championship on June 26 when they will play hosts to Derry. Just a reminder that three years ago when Cork lost out to Limerick in the League semi final they went on to later take the All Ireland title.

On Saturday evening the county junior side meet Tipperary in the Munster championship semi final in Douglas as 7p.m. and no doubt a tough assignment waits. Cork held the upper hand in the recent league clash but it's expected that Tipperary will be stronger for the championship clash. Cork defeated Clare in the opening game but a cause for concern will no doubt be the lapse in concentration that saw an eleven point lead whittled down to three within six minutes. A similar display will not suffice against a Tipperary side lining out in their opening championship game.

At last Monday's board meeting proposed senior county championship senior dates were discussed and they will be formally ratified at the next meeting of the board on May 17. Its proposals to start games on June 27 with the opening game the meeting of Bishopstown and divisional side Carrigrohoun. On June 29 it's hoped to hold a double header featuring Barryroe and Muskerry with Courcy Rovers and Carbery also listed on the bill for the same evening. On June 30 there will be two games but this time given the spread of clubs the games will be at different venues, newly promoted senior B champions Kilbrittan/Timoleague taking on Milford while last year defeated finalists Inniscarra meet Glen Rovers.

The second double header will take place on July 1st and here it the county champions Fr O Neills meeting divisional side Avondhu while two divisional side coming head to head in the meeting between Seandun and Imokilly. July 3 will without doubt be the game where much interest will focus when Cloughduv and St Finbarrs come face to face. It's hoped to finalise the date for the UCC meeting with the winner of the Bishopstown/ Carrigrohoun game but the suggested date looks to be July 3. Clubs are asked to liaise with one another if difficulties arise with the suggested dates before the county board meeting.

## Wexford back in the big time to contest final

by Therese O'Callaghan

**AFTER** years of heartache, Wexford have emerged from the wilderness to contest their first camogie league final in 12 years and are seeking their first win in 27 years.

They have gone 29 years without a championship title, but life is changing for the better. Today, this young squad join the big timers, confidently squaring up to the reigning All-Ireland champions Tipperary in the National League Division 1 final at Nowlan Park (3.45pm).

Another major plus for the Wexford girls is the form of centre back Aine Codd who has seen the darker days, but as one of the main architects in their comeback, she says the euphoria in the county is infectious.

"We got things together early on this year and it has paid off so far. Beating a highly-rated Cork team in the semi-final has given us extra self-belief. But, we know that element of surprise is now gone and Tipperary will be as eager as us to win."

The Blue and Gold's forward line of Eimear McDonnell, Deirdre Hughes and captain Joanne Ryan are particularly devastating. Codd says as a defensive unit they will have to be at their best: "In fact all six will need watching but we did well against the Cork attack which is one of the best in the country. We have been through too much to be complacent, but this final will also give us much-needed confidence for the championship."



Deirdre Hughes: in devastating form for Blue and Gold.

Manager Aidan Breen has guided their fortunes and has a good nucleus of players to work from despite being robbed of Lennie Holohan. Tipperary's Raymie Ryan has the majority of his all-conquering championship side in action and it is difficult to believe that this crop of talented players have not secured a league title in modern times — their last and only triumph was in 1976.

Meanwhile, Laois and Kildare are a unique pairing in the Division 2 final (2pm). Both counties came through their sections unscathed. Laois, with Therese Keenan and Sarah Cuddy in top form, beat a fancied Wexford side in the semi-final and are looking for their first title.

Kildare, trying for their fourth, will be led by ace forward Clodagh Flanagan, captain Ciara Tallon and Noelle Earley who is daughter of former county footballer Dermot Earley.

**TIPPERARY:** J. Delaney, J. Kirwan, U. O'Dwyer, M. Corcoran, S. Nealon, C. Gaynor, T. O'Halloran, A. McDermott, P. Buih, L. Young, E. Hayden, C. Grogan, E. McDonnell, D. Hughes, J. Ryan (capt).

**WEXFORD:** M. Darcy, A. Moran, C. O'Loughlin, K. Atkinson, R. M. Breen, A. Codd, D. Codd, C. Murphy, K. Kelly, M. O'Leary, M. Leacy (capt), O. Heron, E. Quigley, M. Hearne, L. Codd.

## CAMOGIE

National League Division 1 semi-finals

**Tipperary 1-10** (E. Mc Donnell 1-2, C. Gaynor 0-4, (two 45's, 1F), E. Hayden, E. Ryan, J. Ryan, C. Grogan 0-1 each) **Dublin 2-4** (G. McCluskey, V. Reaney 1-1, E. Brannigan, A. Fanning 0-1 each)

**Wexford 2-13** (M. Hearne 2-2, K. Kelly 0-5, O. Heron, L. Holohan, 0-2 each, M. O'Leary, M. Leacy 0-1 each) **Cork 1-13** (J. O'Leary 1-2, C. Healy 0-3, J. O'Connor, O. O'Donoghue, E. Burke 0-2 each, E. Watson, C. Foley 0-1 each)

**Division 2 semi-finals:** Kildare 2-6 Offaly 0-9; Laois 3-7 Wexford 1-8.

**Ulster Minor championship:** Down 4-11, Derry 3-5; Antrim 7-10, Tyrone 3-2. **Leinster B14 Championship:** Kilkenny 4-1 Wexford 0-7. **Colleges All-Ireland 7's final 'A' final:** St Mary's Charleville 10-2. **Colaiste Bride Enniscorthy 4-2, 'B' final:** Presentation, Kilkenny 7-4 St Mary's Nenagh 3-5.

**Cork Junior A league:** Douglas 3-6, Valley Rovers 1-4; Rockbourne 2-8 Valley Rovers 2-4; Killeagh 6-13 Sarsfields 0-1; Valley Rovers 1-12 Sarsfields 1-2; Douglas 7-5 Killeagh 2-1. **Senior League UCC 9-10 Cloughduv 0-6, Inniscarra 1-8 Carrigaline 1-4; U16 League:** St. Finbarr's 4-2 Glen Rovers 2-2, Blackrock 3-4 Glen Rovers 3-2; U14 League: Glen Rovers 3-2 Bishopstown 2-2; U12 League: Glen Rovers 5-6 Bishopstown 0.

## CAMOGIE

**Munster Junior championship semi-finals:** Cork 8-23 (E. O'Farrell 2-2, S. Burns 2-3, M. Deasy 1-5, S. O'Donovan, M. Jago 1-3 each, V. O'Keefe, L. Bugler 0-3 each, A. Geary 0-1) **Tipperary 0-0**

**Limerick 5-11** (D. O'Brien 4-1, C. Hickey 1-1, N. Mulcahy 0-6, S. Brosnan 0-2, P. Dore 0-1) **Waterford 3-10** (A. Lyng 1-5, R. Heylin 1-1, E. Evoy 1-0, K. M. Hearn, P. Clancy, J. Simpson, B. Daniels 0-1 each) **Fixtures:** May 22, National League finals, Nowlan Pl. Division 1: Tipperary v Wexford, 3.45pm Div 2: Laois v Kildare, 2pm.

**Ulster Junior championship:** Down 3-14 (M. Gilmore 2-0, B. Gallagher 1-0, M. Mc Aleenan 0-6, K. Gribbens 0-3, C. Mc Gourtly 0-2, A. Ferron 0-1) **Armagh 1-4** (P. McAvey 1-1, M. Black 0-3)

**Derry 2-14** (K. McAuley, M. Comer 1-2 each, E. O'Doherty 0-4, A. Diamond, G. McGoldrick 0-2 each, P. Bell, B. Convery 0-1 each) **London 0-5** (E. Llanane, P. Nugent 0-2 each, R. O'Neill 0-1); **Tyrone 4-10 Cavan 2-7**

● **CAMOGIE DEATH:** Nancy Murray, a former president of the Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael died suddenly on Saturday night.

The former great was on the first Antrim team to bring the O'Duffy Cup to the Glens in 1945 and won titles in the following two years.

A member of the Deirdre club in Belfast, she gave a lifetime of service to the game and held the position of uachtarán from 1973 to 1975.

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Wexford's Kate Kelly, left, Kildare captain Ciara Tallon, centre, and Laois captain Mary Moore at the launch of the National Camogie League Division 1 and 2 Finals which take place in Nowlan Park on Saturday.

Picture: David Maher

## Wexford have no answer to Hughes

**Tipperary 3-10 Wexford 2-9** The superb finishing of full forward Deirdre Hughes who finished with 2-2, helped Tipperary to a four-point victory over a battling Wexford in their National League Division 1 final at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny, yesterday.

The two sides shared goals in the opening five minutes, Hughes netting after 50 seconds from close range, but Michelle Hearne quickly replied for Wexford.

Eimear McDonnell and Hughes added further goals as Tipperary carved out a 3-2 to 1-4 interval lead.

Tipp's experience was evident through the second half, hard though Wexford battled.

**Tipperary:** J. Delaney, J. Kirwan, U. O'Dwyer, M. Corcoran, S. Nealon, C. Gaynor, T. O'Halloran, A. McDermott, P. Bulfin, L. Young, E. Hayden, C. Grogan, E. McDonnell, D. Hughes, J. Ryan. **Subs:** L. Burken for Bulfin; G. Kinnane for McDonnell.

**Wexford:** M. D'Arcy, A. Moran, C. O'Loughlin, K. Atkinson, R. M. Breen, A. Codd, D. Codd, C. Murphy, K. Kelly, M. O'Leary, M. Leacy, O. Hearn, E. Quigley, M. Hearne, L. Codd. **Subs:** J. Dwyer for Quigley; B. Curran for O'Leary; C. O'Connor for Hearne; A. O'Connor for L. Codd. **Referee:** S. McGrath (Cork).

**Kildare 2-11 Laois 2-6** Susie O'Carroll, with two goals in the opening 20 minutes, inspired Kildare to a fourth title as they withstood a determined Laois recovery to emerge with a five-point victory in an excellent National League Division 2 final at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny, yesterday.

O'Carroll struck for the game's opening goal after just one minute, when she hit an unstoppable shot to the net from close range. Laois came back into it when Therese Keenan's free from far out found its way to the net.

As Laois struggled to win outfield possession a splendid finish from O'Carroll and two fine long range points from Noelle Earley helped the Lilywhites to a 2-8 to 1-3 interval lead.

**Kildare:** D. Brown, B. Gorman, M. Treacy, N. Concannon, L. Conlon, N. Treacy, C. Tallon, A. Lyons, O. Barry, C. O'Reilly, N. Earley, C. Flanagan, R. Gorman, S. O'Carroll, B. Kennedy. **Laois:** A. Mahoney, E. Cuddy, L. Heffernan, E. Downey, S. Cuddy, M. Moore, S. Campion, T. Keenan, L. Mahoney, A. Donohue, K. Cuddy, S. Latham, E. Mahoney, A. Dooley, M. Dowling. **Subs:** C. Pihelan for Campion; E. Delaney for Heffernan; S. Moylan for Dooley. **Referee:** U. Kearney (Armagh).

## CAMOGIE

**National League Div 1 final:** Tipperary 3-10 Wexford 2-9. **Div 2 final:** Kildare 2-11 Laois 2-6. **Leinster Minor B final:** Meath 4-7 Carlow 1-3. **Leinster Junior Championship final:** Carlow 2-16 Meath 1-5. **Leinster Minor A Championship final:** Kilkenny 6-7 Dublin 2-8. **Cork:** Fethanna Gaels U14 Sec 1: Glen Rovers 5-5 Aghabullogue 1-1; Glen Rvs 1-1 Eire Og 1-0; Courcy Rvs 6-0 Aghabullogue 2-0; Eire Og 4-3 Aghabullogue 1-0; Glen Rvs 4-1 Courcy Rvs 2-4; Courcy Rvs 5-2 Eire Og 3-0. **Sec 2:** Douglas 8-5 St. Finbarrs 0-0; Douglas 6-10 Father O'Neills 0-0; Bishopstown 4-0 St. Finbarrs 1-1; Douglas 5-5 Bishopstown 0-0; Father O'Neills 1-1 St. Finbarrs 1-0; Bishopstown 5-2 Father O'Neills 1-1. **Sec 3:** Ballinhassig 1-5 Inniscarra 0-2; Inniscarra 3-2 Carrigaline 0-0; Ballinhassig 7-7 Carrigaline 0-0. **Sec 4:** Erins Own 4-5 Blackrock 2-2; Buttevant 4-2 Cobh 1-0; Erins Own 1-2 Buttevant 1-0; Blackrock 1-3 Cobh 1-3; Erins Own 1-4 Cobh 0-1; Buttevant 4-2 Blackrock 2-0. **Feile na nGael semi-finals tomorrow at Carrigaline:** Erins Own v Douglas, 7pm; Glen Rovers v Ballinhassig, 8pm. **U12 League:** Glen Rovers 7-3, St. Finbarrs 1-1.

## CAMOGIE

**NATIONAL LEAGUE FINALS**  
**Nowlan Park: Div 1: Tipperary 3-10** (D Hughes 2-2, C Grogan 0-7, E McDonnell 1-0, E Hayden 0-1) **Wexford 2-9** (K Kelly 0-8, M Hearne 2-0, A O'Connor 0-1). **Div 2: Kildare 2-11** (S O'Carroll 2-2, C Flanagan 0-5, N Earley 0-2, R Gorman 0-1, B Kennedy 0-1) **Laois 2-6** (T Keenan 1-3, E Delaney 1-1, S Moylan, L Mahoney 0-1 each). **LEINSTER M B CHMPSHPS**  
**Final:** Meath 4-7 Carlow 1-3.

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# Hughes hat-trick powers Tipperary to league triumph

**Tipperary 3-10 Wexford 2-9**

by Colm O'Connor

DEIRDRE HUGHES struck with a first-half hat-trick as Tipperary overcame Wexford in the National League Division 1 final at Nowlan Park on Saturday.

The brilliant Hughes took a great pass from captain Joanne Ryan to bury the opening goal.

But Wexford hit back immediately when Evelyn Quigley, daughter of the former hurler Dan, found full-forward Michelle Hearne, who hammered home.

But Hughes was back again within three minutes, finishing a Ciara Gaynor free to the net within three minutes.

And she completed her hat-trick with just 16 minutes gone after Eimear McDonnell had a great shot blocked by Wexford keeper Margaret D'Arcy.

Kate Kelly, who was having a fine game

at midfield, kept Wexford in the game with three more frees before the break to leave it 3-2 to 1-4 in Tipp's favour.

After the break Claire Grogan took over the Tipp scoring duties from Hughes, adding five points, three from frees.

Wexford battled on, however, and Tipp goalkeeper Jovita Delaney denied them a goal with a fine save with 12 minutes left.

Wexford did have the final say, though, with a consolation goal from Michelle Hearne three minutes into injury-time.

**Scorers:** Tipperary: D Hughes 3-2, C Grogan 0-7 (0-6 F, 0-1 '45), E Hayden 0-1. **Wexford:** M Hearne 2-0, K Kelly 0-8 (0-6 F, 0-1 '45), A O'Connor 0-1.

**TIPPERARY:** J. Delaney, J. Kirwan, U. O'Dwyer, M. Corcoran, S. Nealon, C. Gaynor, T. O'Halloran, A. McDermott, P. Bulfin, L. Young, E. Hayden, C. Grogan, E. McDonnell, D. Hughes, S. Ryan.

**Subs:** G. Kinnane for A. McDermott, 52, J. Nolan for P. Bulfin, 58, J. Horan for C. Grogan, injury-time. **WEXFORD:** M. D'Arcy, A. Moran, C. O'Loughlin, K. Atkinson, R. M. Breen, A. Codd, D. Codd, C. Murphy, K. Kelly, M. O'Leary, M. Leacy, O. Hearn, E. Quigley, M. Hearne, L. Codd.

**Subs:** A. O'Connor for L. Codd, 34, B. Curran for M. O'Leary, 51, J. Dwyer for E. Quigley, 55. **Referee:** J. McGrath, Cork.



OVER the past number of years, camogie, ladies football and indeed women's sport in general has become more popular, respected and admired. The All-Ireland Senior Camogie final has been televised live now since 1998 and if we had thought this 15 years ago people would have laughed at us. We as an association are better managed (although at times I wonder), the recognition and equality status of the sport has improved and the players, quite rightly so, are better treated — if not at times spoilt.

Many players become household names and are instantly recognisable. Despite what most players say it is a nice feeling when a stranger stops to shake your hand and compliment you on your achievements.

The modern day player is the lucky one. I was lucky in that live television and the 15-a-side game came in a few years before my retirement. I would have hated missing out on playing a 15-a-side All-Ireland Final.

It is the past players who really lost out. The greats of the game who would have revelled in the 15-a-side and their talents deserved to be seen on TV screens. Angela Downey always comes to mind. How many of you ever saw her play? She was read about and spoke about and is a household name but how many actually saw her exploits on the field?

The highlights of the All-Ireland finals were shown in Angela's day but we were lucky if they showed 12-15 minutes of the game and what can you judge from that. And she was only one of many. The camogie talent that emerged from Cork over the years was some of the best in the country.

Mary Moran, past President of the Association and past chairperson of the Cork Camogie Board, wrote many Camogie books.

Her collection of records, history and photographs are amazing and one could get lost for days in her horde of memorabilia. Her last book titled *Cork's Camogie Story* is a must read for any enthusiast.

In it she lists numerous past and present camogie greats and their greatest attributes.

Here is just a sample: Kitty Buckley — "Regarded as one of the greatest camogie players of all time, Kitty was in a class of her own and a real artist of the game."

"Kitty played on the right hand side of the field, either at right centre field or right half-forward where she displayed great anticipation of the game and always took the right option."

Joan Clancy — "A stylish left-handed player, she loved to attack from her defensive position."

"She was unfortunate in that her days in the Cork jersey did not coincide with successful times for Cork."

"Captain in 1961 and 1962 she was a regular for Cork and Munster from 1955-1963."

"Her daughter Sheenagh (Morley) has All-Ireland Minor, Junior and intermediate medals."

Clare Cronin — "Looked a great prospect at 14 and blossomed into a polished ball player with a free flowing style."

"She swept St Aloysius School to All-Ireland honours."

Clare was honoured with a Levi Youth Award and a B & I Award. She displayed her athletic prowess by winning the individually-assessed."

Gradam Taitte competition, Denise Cronin — "An extremely fast and tenacious defender who allowed her opponent no time or space."

"A very versatile

## Ladies involved in sport have never had it as good as now



Linda Mellerick

performer, Denise could play in practically every position on the field with a high degree of proficiency.

"She has first-rate camogie skills and a strong will to win."

"Denise captained Cork to win the 1995 All-Ireland. She retired from intercounty Camogie in 2003."

Vivienne Harris — "Currently a member of the Cork Senior camogie team."

"Vivienne stood out from her early school days. She has a great pair of hands that enables her to effortlessly deliver the ball right or left."

"Vivienne reads the game well and picks up a huge amount of broken ball."

"Her silky skills are a treat to watch."

She progressed from National Feile skills champion to Cork senior captain in a few short years."

Marion McCarthy — "Won four All-Ireland senior medals outfield before answering a call from the Cork selectors to adapt her natural ability and ball skills to the position of goalkeeper."

"She was an instant success and collected four more All-Ireland medals in her new role."

"Ball control and classic striking were effortless to Marion. Cool and fearless between the posts, she could strike the ball the length of the field."

To this day Marion holds the record for the most All-Ireland senior medals in Cork. Eight in total.

● On another note, the Cork Feile Na Gael competition is being held today as 20 clubs entered for the honour of representing Cork in the National Feile finals at the end of June in Westmeath. The teams will be divided into four sections (five in each) and the teams in each section will play each other.

The venues are Ovens, St Finbarr's, Ballynally and Blackrock.

One team from each section will go through to the semi-final next Tuesday evening with the final on Thursday.

Douglas are aiming for their third successive title and will be hard to stop. Hugely successful at underage with numerous titles one would expect much of the same high standard from the city club.

To commemorate the centenary year a Centenary Feile All-Star Panel will be selected. One representative from each club in the County will be chosen.

They will be selected on the strength of their performance during the blitz on Saturday.

Scouts will attend all venues to view the talent on display.

Also, an individual skills competition will be held next Friday May 28 at St Finbarr's at 7pm.

The entry is limited to €2 per club. Each participant will be put through a number of varying exercises to determine the most skilful Feile na Gael player in Cork.

**Denise Cronin - a fast defender who allowed her opponent no time or space.**

WELL done to the county junior side who unceremoniously swept aside the challenge posed by Tipperary to book their place in the Munster final. The score line shows the total dominance of a Cork side who excelled in all sections of the field. Cork had run up an interval lead of 4-9 to no score and from here to the final whistle it was simply a case of going through the motions with it finishing Cork 8-23 to no score. To their credit Tipperary were depleted due to exams and certainly I know this is the case with many of the senior and junior clubs at the moment who's numbers at training and matches are hugely depleted because of exams. Cork now looks forward to a final meeting with Limerick which will take place on July 7th.

### FEILE TAKES CENTRE STAGE

It's over to the youngsters this weekend as twenty clubs participate for the honor of representing Cork in the national Feile Na Gael which is being held in Westmeath. Feile Na Gael holds a special magic in Cork and no doubt all clubs participating on Saturdays will be hoping to carry the counties hopes come June. Feile Na Gael is something special and clubs and players look forward to going to their appointed for a busy action packed day.

The teams are divided into four sections and there will be ten games at each venue before one team from each coming forward to contest the semi final on Tuesday next with the final on Thursday evening.

Douglas the Cork champions will be favorites to retain their title and make it three in a row, at underage level they have dominated in recent years while in their own division Seandun they took both the A championship titles at under 11 and 13 last season. Having

also taken the county title at under 12 one can see why the tag of favourites is attached to the holders. However as we have seen so often in the past especially at underage level former results can be misleading.

Section A will be hosted by the Eire 'OG club, Aghabullogue, Glen Rovers, Na Piarasigh Courcy Rovers and the hosts Eire 'OG will battle it out with games starting at 10am. Eire 'OG who have taken under 12 county and divisional titles will be the ones to watch here. The remaining four have all shown good league form and this is a section which will be very close the finish.

Section B will see city clubs Douglas, St Finbarrs and Bishopstown joined by Fr O Neills and Ballincollig at St Finbarr's at 1p.m. This is without doubt a tough section where Douglas look on course to advance to the semi final, but no doubt the other four teams will have other ideas about that.

Section C has Inniscarra, Ballinhassig, Millstreet, Carrigaline and Killough in action in Ballynally at 11a.m. and Ballinhassig who reached the Cork finals last year will be hoping to go one better this time out but they will have to be on their guard in a section that is very strong.

Section D has Erin's Own, Blackrock, Cobh, Sliabh Rua and Buttevant battling it out in Blackrock with a 12.30 start and the ones to watch here should be Blackrock and Buttevant.

The semi final pairings have been drawn as follows the winners of section C play the winners of section A while the winners of B play the winners of D.

Saturday promises to be a wonderful day of camogie so if you are near one of the venues why not go along to support the youngsters.

TO commemorate Camogie's Centenary Year Cork County board decided to pick a Centenary All Star Feile Na n-Gael team which was chosen from the 15 teams who participated in Feile Na Gael on Saturday last.

The team will be introduced at half time at the Cork Feile Na Gael final which will be held at Ballinlough on Thursday evening at 7.30pm. One player from each of the club was named by a selection committee which attended the four venues and they will be presented with a specially commissioned Centenary medal on Thursday next.

The players chosen are sure to be names to watch out for in the years ahead. They are as follows Roisin De Faoite, Blackrock; Dawn O Ke-

## Cork All-Star team

effe, Buttevant; Cloe Smith, Cobh; Caoimhe O Callaghan, Erin's Own;

last Cork Feile champion Niamh Dilworth from the Inniscarra club; Carrigaline's Donna Smyth; Sinead O Callaghan, Ballinhassig; Niamh O Donovan Douglas; Lisa Towler, St Finbarrs, who will no doubt be hoping to follow in the footsteps of her famous aunt Liz Towler; Bishopstown's Kate Hickey; Fr O Neill's Joy Dunne; Lydia Cunningham, Glen Rovers; Elaine Ryan Carrigaline, Michelle Healy, Aghabullogue; and Ella Kelleher, Eire OG.

Followers are encouraged to attend at Ballinlough on Thursday night and make the Cork Feile final of 2004 a special one in a special year for Camogie.

## Feile semi-finals set for tonight

FIFTEEN teams battled it out at four venues on Saturday last with four advancing to the Cork Feile Na Gael semi-finals to be held this evening in Carrigaline.

Out in Ovens it was an early start for Glen Rovers, Courcy Rovers Eire OG, and Aghabullogue. Aghabullogue had to give way to the home side while Glen Rovers had just one point to spare over Eire OG.

The Glen had good win over Aghabullogue but they had to battle to the finish before recording a win over Courcy to go to the semi final. Courcy's had good wins over Aghabullogue and Eire OG.

Over in Ballynally it was also an

early start as President Sile Golden and juvenile chairperson Tracy Sheehan got proceedings under way. Ballinhassig had six points to spare over Inniscarra who bounced back to defeat Carrigaline, but it was Ballinhassig who booked their semi-final place with a good win over Carrigaline.

County Chairperson Marion McCarthy oversaw proceedings out in Together as three-in-a-row seeking Douglas had too much strength for the home side St Finbarr's, Bishopstown and Fr O'Neills to advance to the semi finals. In an exciting clash Fr O'Neills edged ahead of the Barrs with one point to spare while Bishopstown had wins over the

Barrs and Fr O'Neills

Down in Blackrock there was plenty of excitement as Erin's Own, who are graded C for league competitions, caused a surprise by making it to the semi-finals. They had a 4-5 to 2-2 win over Blackrock but were pushed to the limits before having two points to spare over Buttevant. Buttevant defeated Cobh and Blackrock while the Rockies drew with Cobh.

The scene is now set for tonight's semi-finals in Carrigaline with Douglas going in as favourites against Erin's Own in a game that has a 7pm start. At 8pm Ballinhassig will be favoured to advance at the expense of Glen Rovers.

Upper Glanmire	2-0
St Patrick's	1-0

THIS was a thrilling 13-a-side C3 (camogie) final with last year's finalists St Patrick's looking to atone for their defeat to Ballinora 12 months ago.

In the end it was Upper Glanmire who celebrated a unique double adding this camogie title to the football triumph achieved earlier in the season.

Rita Crowley emerged the hero scoring both her sides goals in either half. Nicole Gleeson showed her intent for St Pat's early on netting after three minutes, but there was nothing easy for the Gardiner's Hill side thereafter.

Scorers for Upper Glanmire: R Crowley 2-0. St Patrick's: N Gleeson 1-0.

UPPER GLANMIRE: K O'Connor; S Keena, M Costello; B O'Mahony; U O'Sullivan, K Hyland; A Whoolley, E Fitzgerald; M Duncliffe, E O'Connell, O O'Sullivan; R Crowley, A McElhinney. Subs: L Barry, R Gubbins, B Hurley, N Cronin, E Duncliffe, K O'Callaghan.

ST PATRICK'S: B O'Mahony; S Long, K Lynch; S O'Mullane, L Bradford, K O'Sullivan; L Crowley, M Ring, K Grimes, C Bell, N Gleeson; N Nevey, D O'Donoghue. Subs: A Daly, Y Power, S Rodgers, K Barry, L Desmond, R Ryan, N O'Driscoll, D O'Sullivan, A Coster.

Referee: D Keane (St Joseph's).

Innishannon Girls NS	4-0
Scoil Spioraid Naoimh Girls NS	0-0

INNISHANNON girls scored a merited victory over Spioraid Naoimh to deny the Bishopstown school the double.

Goals by Maedbh Lynch and Nora Murphy helped the victors to a two goal lead at the interval. Further goals by Lynch and Kate Murphy sealed a comfortable win for Innishannon.

Scorers - Innishannon: M. Lynch 2-0; N. Murphy, K. Murphy 1-0 each.

INNISHANNON: A. Rooney; M. Hayes, R. O'Regan, SB Lehan; L. Coughlan, L. Kelleher, J. Hawkes; E. O'Regan, K. Murphy; E. O'Mahony, N. Murphy; E. Crowley, M. O'Callaghan, A. Dennehy.

SPIORAID NAOIMH: S. O'Sullivan; A. Murphy, R. Noonan, C. Corcoran; S. Brosnan, E. O'Connor, A. McMahon; L. Flood, M. Scannell; N. Butler, L. Breen, D. Anderson; M. O'Donovan, L. O'Riordan, L. Ertz.

Referee: Mary Byrne (Carrigaline).

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**Scoil Iosagain Blarney** 4-0  
**Cobh Girls NS** 3-0

WHAT a feast of goals we had in this Roinn C5 girls camogie final. After a slow start both teams scored two goals apiece in a five-minute spell before

the break. Heather Mahony hit Cobh's brace while Aileen Sheehan and Sarah McCoy raised green flags for Blarney.

Blarney took a grip on the change over with Sheehan playing a starring role for them at midfield and a goal each by her and Gillian Dulohey put the mid Cork side into a comfortable

lead. Only some great defending by Elaine Anthony prevented Cobh from falling further behind as Mahony's third goal came too late for the East Cork girls.

Scorers - Blarney: A. Sheehan 2-0; S. McCoy, G. Dulohey 1-0; Cobh: H. Mahony 3-0.

**BLARNEY:** L. Walsh, E. Murray, S. Kelly, R. O'Connell, D. O'Sullivan, G. Dulohey, S. McCoy.

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## Clonpriest battle back to get the better of Star of the Sea

**Clonpriest** 4-3  
**Star of the Sea, Passage** 3-0

by Therese O'Callaghan

GOALS aplenty and heaps of excitement in the Allianz C6 (Camogie) 9-aside Sciath na Scol final at Páirc Uí Rinn yesterday. In doubt right up to the final whistle, it was Clonpriest who gradually wrestled the issue having trailed after a superb strike from Gemma Cooney.

However, the east Cork school drew level and pushed ahead courtesy of 1-1 from Eanna O'Neill. And they received a timely boost close on half time when 10-year old Shauna Harnedy netted the first of her two goals - her mother Cathy Landers, a former Cork star, a proud mentor on the sideline.

Christine Tett had Star of the Sea back in contention two minutes after the restart with a brilliant individual strike and had they a little more luck around the square might have taken the control. But, with keeper Lisa O'Sullivan in brilliant form they could not break through. Clonpriest, sensing the victory, helped themselves to 2-2 thanks in the main to Harnedy and Samantha Swayne.

Scorers Clonpriest: C. Harnedy 2-0, E. O'Neill 1-3.

S. Swayne 1-0.  
Star of the Sea: G. Cooney, C. Tett and N. O'Sullivan 1-0 each.

**CLONPRIEST:** L. O'Sullivan, A. Bulmon, M. Beecher, K. Grace, L. Clarke, E. O'Neill, S. Swayne, S. Harnedy, A. Popova.

Subs: R. Moloney, R. Popova, K. Popova, R. Cronin, L. Cunningham, B. Howley, C. Keniry, A. Walsh, T. Lucey, C. O'Keefe, E. Breslin, J. Daly.

**STAR OF THE SEA:** K. A. Lynn, G. Cooney, M. Doyle, L. McCarthy, C. O'Brien, N. O'Sullivan, S. O'Reilly, A. Aja, C. Tett.

Subs: E. Cronin, N. Cahill, J. Buttner, E. Denton, T. Marzuki, T. O'Neill, N. Coakley, S. McCarthy, R. Farr, R. White, R. O'Connor.

Referee: C. O'Callaghan (Summer Cove)

**Carraig na bhFear** 3-3  
**Goggins Hill** 0-7

ANOTHER enthralling final in the Allianz DC1 (Camogie) 15-aside. However, in achieving success Carraig na bhFear have collected a massive three-in-a-row Division 1 titles. And Marie Forde, Coleen Foley, Orla Burke and Ciara Coleman were vital components of all three victories.

On this occasion, Goggins Hill who had made the step up from Division 2, fought gallantly with sharpshooter Caitriona Collins in devastating form hitting all seven of her sides tally.

But, in Carraig na bhFear they came

up against formidable opposition with their two second-half goals eventually settling the outcome. Ahead by a point at the break, they were quickly into their stride after the interval with three delightful scores on the trot from exceptional player Marie Forde (1-1) and Michelle Healy.

Goggins Hill never threw in the towel, and could have been further in arrears but for stout defending from Eimear Cadogan in goals and a back line headed up by Sinead Quinlan at full back. But, it was Carraig na bhFear who finished in style.

Scorers Carraig na bhFear: M. Forde 1-3, M. Healy and C. Coleman 1-0 each.  
Goggins Hill: C. Collins 0-7.

**CARRAIG NA BHFEAR:** M. McSweeney, A. Connolly, O. Bourke, S. Carey, N. Murphy, C. Foley, A. Barrett, M. Forde, A. Harrington, A. Noonan, J. McCarthy, K. Howard, M. Higgins, C. Coleman, J. Deane.

Subs: D. Griffin, N. Coleman, S. Quinlan, E. O'Leary, K. Walsh, M. Healy.

**GOGGINS HILL:** E. Cadogan, J. Bracken, S. Quinlan, M. Kiely, E. Vesale, M. O'Meara, T. Collins, R. Keefe, A. Coleman, G. O'Callaghan, C. Collins, E. Thompson, S. O'Meara, J. O'Leary, S. J. Hurley.

Subs: T. Horgan, J. Lawless, S. O'Brien.

Referee: C. Lyons (St Anthony's)

**Scoil Barra, Ballincollig** 3-4  
**Millstreet Presentation** 0-0

HUGE celebrations greeted this Allianz C4 (Camogie) 11-aside as Scoil Barra Ballincollig bridged a 15-year gap since a Sciath na Scol camogie

trophy was won by the school. And when they will look back on this win, the name of Ciara O'Keefe will be of immense significance. The Eire Óg player was a joy to watch. Along with notching 2-4, she marshalled the entire pitch with great authority.

Another to shine was captain Aisleen Sheehan and second half goal scorer Meadhbh Chrualaoi. But, spare a thought for Millstreet who in only their second year of competing contested this final with great distinction. Representing a predominantly footballing area, they were unlucky not to register a score, but their defensive work was immense with Helen O'Keefe and Aine O'Callaghan doing their utmost to keep Ballincollig at bay.

Scorers Scoil Barra Ballincollig: C. O'Keefe 2-4, M. Chrualaoi 1-0.

**SCOIL BARRA BALLINCOLLIG:** S. Coomey, S. Kavanagh, J. Staunton, T. O'Leary, E. Nolan, A. Sheehan, C. O'Keefe, L. McCarthy, M. Ni Chrualaoi, S. O'Sullivan, K. Flavin.

Subs: R. O'Callaghan, L. Hogan, E. Forde, O. Jennings, A. Walshe, A. Henchin, C. Ryan, M. Kiely, J. Hayde, A. Brown.

**MILLSTREET:** K. Togher, H. O'Keefe, H. Murphy, A. O'Callaghan, M. Fitzgerald, A. Fraser, A. J. O'Reilly, M. Murphy, K. Sheehan, K. Kellner, D. Walsh.

Subs: D. McAuliffe, A. M. Flynn, L. Lyons, A. Barry, E. Costelloe, J. Murphy, L. O'Mahony, C. O'Connor, E. Cronin, E. Twomey, L. Dennehy, O. Kiely, L. Daly.

Referee: C. Lyons (St Anthony's).

## Colleges U14 panel ready for blitz

THE Cork Colleges under 14 Camogie panel is busy preparing for the forthcoming "James Hurley" memorial All Ireland blitz, scheduled for Saturday next at Ballyanley, with the round robin games commencing at 11am.

The panel has been training since February after an exhaustive set of trial games to select the best secondary schools players in the County. Ollie Troy from Carrigaline Community School coaches the squad and hopes to prevent Galway from achieving their fourth successive title. The Annual tournament, hosted by Cork Colleges, will involve over 300 players from Limerick, Waterford, Kilkenny, Clare, Armagh, Tipperary, Carlow, Wexford, Galway and Cork playing in a round robin format, with the final scheduled for 3pm. Cork, recently won the Clare blitz at Shannon. Mairéad Foley from Glanmire Community College captains the side and other influential players include Aisling Thompson (Charleville), Niamh O'Donovan (Christ King), Máire McCarthy (Coachford), Roseanne Byrne (Christ King), Katie Hickey (Mount Mercy) and Claire Ryan (Coláiste Choilm). The selectors are John Joe Breen (Nagle Rice), Mairéad Ni Mhaolileoin (Coláiste Daibhéid), Ger Donovan (Charleville) and Cathal Egan (Glen Rovers).

Cork Colleges Chairman, John Joe Breen, stated that Galway are favourites with Kilkenny also expected to mount a major challenge. The emphasis generally for the event is on participation and enjoyment where multiple substitution and inter county referees ensure that all players enjoy the well-organised tournament.

**Cork Colleges panel:** M. Hawkes, S. O'Callaghan, C. O'Neill, A. O'Riordan (Bandon), E. Murphy (Buttevant), L. Ryan (Carrigaline), D. Luby (Carrigrohane), C. Galvin, A. Thompson, M. Walsh (Charleville), R. Byrne, M. O'Donovan, N. O'Donovan, L. O'Shea (Christ King), N. Dilworth, M. Healy, M. McCarthy, M. Vaughan (Coachford), M. O'Callaghan, N. O'Keefe (Coláiste An Phiarais), C. Ryan (Coláiste Choilm), R. De Faoite (Coláiste Daibhéid), M. Foley (C) (Glanmire), K. Hickey (Mount Mercy), A. Kavanagh (St. Aloysius), F. O'Connell (St. Angela's).

## INSIDE CARRIGALINE

Howard Crowdy with the low-down on sport in Carrigaline

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Members of the Leaving Certificate class who won the Munster Colleges title pictured with their coaches Vincent Kelly, Ollie Troy and Pat Looney at the Carrigaline Community School Sports Award Night in the Carrigaline Court Hotel.

Picture: Howard Crowdy

## School honours its sporting stars

**CAMOGIE** - Winners Munster Colleges - Runners Up All Ireland Semi-Final Leanne Ryan, Michelle Dunne, Hilary Egan, Davina O'Mahony, Vicki O'Grady, Suzanne Lynch, Una O'Farrell, Meabh Barry, Emma Gallagher, Jessica Dunne, Laura Thompson, Karen O'Sullivan, Kathryn Hussey, Denise Crowley, Michelle Coakley, Aine Dempsey, Elaine Egan, Laura Kelleher, Roisin O'Herlihy, Jacqui O'Keefe, Sandra Moran, Terri O'Keefe, Lisa O'Driscoll. Camogie - First Years Cork Colleges Blitz winners Edel Webb, Karen O'Donovan, Gemma Doran, Jade Hutson, Deborah O'Sullivan, Eimear Crowley, Alyssa Hartnett, Jennifer Walsh, Suzie Jackson, Aoife Twomey, Marie McInerney, Leanne Ryan, Rachel Williamson, Jenny Foster, Megan Wall, Linda Collins, Sabrina O'Mahony, Dairé O'Leary, Aine Dempsey, Elaine Egan, Laura Kelleher, Roisin O'Herlihy, Jacqui O'Keefe, Sandra Moran, Terri O'Keefe, Lisa O'Driscoll.



## Douglas girls advance to final as O'Donovan shows her class

Douglas 5-9  
Erin's Own 0-3 By LINDA MELLERICK  
Camogie Féile

STRENGTH, skill and teamwork.

Douglas have it all at under-age level as they cast aside a very capable Erin's Own team in the semi-final of the Féile na nGael played in Carrigaline last evening.

The final scoreline of 5-9 to 0-3 suggests that Erin's Own are a poor team but far from it.

They possess some great talent. The difference is that Douglas have it in abundance.

After four minutes, Douglas had their first score of the game, a goal by Aisling Cotter. A soft second goal two minutes later and three points between the 15th and 17th minute meant that Erin's Own had a mountain to climb. They fought admirably with Marissa O'Callaghan and Caoimhe O'Callaghan magnificent throughout but they came up against a Douglas defence disciplined and coached beyond their years.

An excellent run by Niamh O'Donovan for Douglas ended in a goal and the game was as good as over as the city club led 3-4 to 0-1.

Unfortunately, for Erin's Own the good start to the second half they needed

didn't happen as within two minutes into it, Douglas once again had the ball in the net, an overhead strike by the impressive Julia White. Despite their winning margin Douglas continued to play as if they were a point behind, their work rate was superb.

Niamh O'Donovan was excellent in general play and from placed balls.

Their superiority was reflected by the fact that Erin's Own finished the game scoring only one point from play.

Douglas will now face Ballinhassig in the final tomorrow in Ballinlough at 7.30pm to decide who will represent Cork in the National finals in Westmeath in June.

**Scorers Douglas:** N O'Donovan 2-4 (0-2), 0-1 (45'), A Cotter 2-1, J White 1-3, M O'Mahony 0-1.

**Erin's Own:** N O'Keefe 0-2 (free), C O'Callaghan 0-1.

**DOUGLAS:** C Murphy, J Dempsey, U Dunphy, C Driscoll, D Connolly, J Jackson, M O'Donovan, J Kelleher, L O'Shea, J White, N O'Donovan, M O'Mahony, K Horgan, S Siak, A Cotter. **Subs:** E Jordan for K Horgan, C Barry and G Murphy for M O'Mahony and D Connolly (in), A Fittin for J Kelleher, E Glynn for J Kelleher.

**ERIN'S OWN:** K Sheehan, M Fenton, E Coughlan, C Murphy, N O'Keefe, M O'Callaghan, K O'Carroll, A Barry, R Barry, C Smiddy, M Clayton, C O'Callaghan, S Dooley, J Dennehy, S Opperman. **Subs:** A Cronin for K Sheehan, A Wall and A Barry for R Barry and M Clayton.



The Glen Rovers' subs bench watch the action during the Féile Camogie semi-finals.

Picture: Howard Crowley.



Sinead O'Halloran, Glen Rovers listening to the instructions of her coach at half time.

Ballinhassig 9-5  
Glen Rovers 0-2 By LINDA MELLERICK  
Camogie Féile

FROM the moment Ballinhassig and Glen Rovers ran on to the field last evening to contest the semi-final of the Féile na nGael competition you just knew that the Glen were going to be up against it.

Almost half the size of their opponents, the city side had no answer to the physical strength and hurling ability of the Ballinhassig girls.

Sinead O'Callaghan was a colossus at left half-back, dominating the entire half-back line and there was just no way through. Ballinhassig were two goals in

## Ballinhassig sweep aside brave Glen

By LINDA MELLERICK  
Camogie Féile

front inside eight minutes, the first coming from Catriona Collins who was to excel throughout.

Glen Rovers' centre-back Denise Luby and midfielder Lydia Cunningham worked their socks off but were relied upon too much and it was too big a task for their young shoulders against the might of Ballinhassig who led by four goals after 20 minutes.

The Glen did break through on a few occasions but came up against a well-marshalled Ballinhassig defence.

Alongside the aforementioned O'Callaghan, Jeryln Walsh swept everything that came her way and broke the hearts of a

spirited Glen team. Up front Aileen O'Leary, who scored a hat-trick of goals, made it all look easy.

Leading 4-0 to 0-1 at the start of the second half, Ballinhassig never let up and within 13 minutes had another 1-3 on the scoreboard.

For the remaining 12 minutes there was really only one team in it as the physical difference between the sides began to tell with the Glen team tiring considerably.

To be fair to the city side they are an extremely young outfit with many of the team still under 11 and 12.

With another two or three years at this level open to them they can only take the experience on board and learn from it. The game finished 9-5 to 0-2.

Full credit to Ballinhassig on a flawless display. It makes for a cracker of a final tomorrow evening in Ballinlough as the two most talented U14 teams in the county go head-to-head in a game not to be missed. Many thanks also to Carrigaline for the use of their facilities which were top class.

**Scorers Ballinhassig:** A O'Leary 3-0, C Collins 2-3 (0-2), A Barry Murphy 1-0, A Coakley 2-0, M Barrett 1-0, K McCarthy 0-1, A Riordan 0-1 (f).

**Glen Rovers:** D Luby 0-2 (f).

**BALLINHASSIG:** A Cadogan, M Fleming, A Riordan, C Reynolds, D Coakley, S O'Callaghan, J Walsh, K McCarthy, F Murphy, S McCarthy, M Barrett, K McCarthy, A Barry Murphy, C Collins, A O'Leary. **Subs:** A Coakley for A Barry Murphy (in), H Cullinane, L Jordan, E Veale and A Coleman for A O'Leary, K McCarthy, M Fleming and D Coakley.

**GLEN ROVERS:** L Sheehy, S Callanan, C O'Keefe, A Rea, A Keating, D Luby, C Walsh, Z Buckley, L Cunningham, J Murray, K O'Connell, Am Horgan, S Clifford, S O'Halloran, N J Bracken.



Marissa O'Callaghan of Erin's Own about to catch the sliothar as Douglas' Jill Kelleher closes in during the Féile semi-finals. Picture: Howard Crowley

## FEILE TITLE UP FOR GRABS

CamogieChat  
With Mary Newman

ON Saturday last Ballinhassig, Douglas Glen Rovers, and Erin's Own battles it out with fifteen other clubs before reaching the semi-finals of the Cork Féile na nGael. It was on Tuesday evening at the splendid Carrigaline venue where holders Douglas and Ballinhassig booked their places in tonight final in Ballinlough at 7.30p.m. with good victories over Erin's Own and Glen Rovers respectively. It's a repeat of last year decider and this time out Ballinhassig will be hoping to reverse the result and stop Douglas making it three in a row. Two years ago Ballinhassig were county under 12 champions and they will be hoping to take their first Féile title with the majority of that side in action.

At half time at this evenings Féile final the Cork Féile All Star panel will be introduced and presented with a specially commissioned medal. To honour of camogies centenary year it was decided to name one player from each of the clubs participating in Féile and the team is as follows Roisin De Faoith Blackrock, Dawn O'Keefe Buttrvant, Cloe Smith Cobb, Caoimhe O'Callaghan Erin's Own, Niamh Dilworth Inniscarra,

Donna Smyth Carrigaline,

Lisa Towler St Finbarrs, Sinead O'Callaghan Ballinhassig, Niamh O'Donovan Douglas, Joy Dunne FR O Neills, Kate Hickey Bishopstown, Lydia Cunningham Glen Rovers, Elaine Ryan Courcy Rovers, Michelle Healy Aghbullogue, Ella Kelleher Eire Og. All names I am sure we will be hearing again in the not to distant future.

If you have an hour to spare this evening go along to Ballinlough for an enjoyable nights entertainment.

### FEILE SKILLS

FEILE draws to its conclusion at St Finbarrs on Friday evening next when the Cork skills competition takes place. Two participants per club will be put through their paces to find a player to represent Cork in the national skills Féile final. Last year winner Niamh Dilworth from the Inniscarra club is still under age and will be expected to defend her title. The skills competition has a 7p.m start.



Star of the Sea player Sinéad O'Reilly shoves aside Clonpriest's Laura Clarke in the C6 final at Páirc Uí Rinn.



May 2004

# Ballyheada claim Sciath camogie title

Ballyheada 6-2  
Berrings 1-1

by Therese O'Callaghan

BALLYHEADA, spearheaded by the Ballinhassig U12 county champions, were in superb form at Páirc Uí Rinn yesterday, winning the Allianz Sciath na Scoil DC2 (Camogie) 13-aside title.

They showed great skill and ability — none more so than midfielder Shauna McCarthy and four-goal hero Hailey Cullinane.

However, but for the display of Berrings' custodian Rachel Earley, the winning margin would have been greater.

Most of the groundwork was completed in the first 30 minutes after Cullinane struck for the opening two goals. Lisa Jordan and substitute Valerie Desmond put them in the driving seat with green flags on the run-up to the break.

Scorers: Ballyheada: H Cullinane 4-0, L Jordan, V Desmond 1-0 each, M Barrett and S McCarthy 0-1 each. Berrings: J Casey 1-1.

**BALLYHEADA:** N J Cottrell; M Kelleher, M Barrett; K Keogh, M Riordan, A Coakley; S McCarthy, A O'Leary; L Jordan, H Cullinane, A Murphy; E O'Donovan, S Tuohy. Subs: A A Walsh, V Desmond, R McGuane.

**BERRINGS:** R Earley; A M Healy, M Collins; D O'Callaghan, S McCarthy, E O'Donovan; J Casey, E Kingston; L Burke, S Buckley, L Cosgrave; M Buckley, C McCarthy. Subs: L O'Mahony, G Flynn, M Desmond, N Murphy, M Hayes, M Cooney, C Lee, C Ahern, M Fitzgerald, S O'Callaghan.

Referee: J Kelly (Blarney NS).

Ballinspittle 2-4  
Berrings 1-3

A TIGHT exciting affair with an incredible finish saw Ballinspittle crowned Allianz DH2 (Hurling) 13-aside champions.

The decisive goal came early in the second-half from centre-forward Daire Lordan. Outside him Timothy Harrington was in top form, scoring three points. It was his superb goal with five minutes to go that sent the Ballinspittle crowd wild.

Berrings turned over leading by a point, 0-3 to 0-2 but erratic shooting while playing with the breeze cost them dearly.

Scorers: Ballinspittle - T Harrington 1-3, D Lordan 1-1. Berrings: C Buckley 1-1, K Rice, S Looney 0-1 each.

**BALLINSPIITTE:** R Daly; D O'Sullivan, J Collins; A McCarthy, R Connery, T Harrington; F Nolan, C Minihan; S O'Brien, D Lordan; T Burton, A McCarthy. Subs: C Daly, D Crowley, L O'Keefe, P O'Donoghue, D Ruxton.

**BERRINGS:** D Murphy; J O'Callaghan, C Pittorino; A O'Callaghan, F Olden, M Ryan; C Buckley, K Rice; S Looney, S O'Sullivan, C Mangan; G O'Brien, J Holland. Subs: K Buckley, C O'Carroll, A Carr, J Cahill, P Barrett, D O'Brien, B Doman, D Higgins, O McCarthy, W O'Callaghan, D O'Herlihy, D Kellier.

Referee: J Kelly (Blarney NS).

St Columba's 5-3  
Cloghroe 0-0

HOLDERS St Columbas were victorious in the Allianz C1 (Camogie) 15-aside final, the Douglas school on top from start to finish.

They got off to a great start with a goal from full-forward Emma Jordan in the opening 10 minutes. Jordan went on to complete her hat-trick in the second-half with Ciara Lynch and Ciara Clarke grabbing their two other major scores.

However, the backbone of the team came in the shape of captain and midfielder Moira O'Mahony who was in tremendous form, striking three wonderful points.

Scorers: St Columbas - E Jordan 3-0, C Lynch, C Clarke 1-0 each, M O'Mahony 0-3.

**ST COLUMBAS:** J Kavanagh; S Duggan, K O'Connell, P Mackey; S Bevan, K Horgan, N Leo; E McCarthy; M O'Mahony; K Mackey, K Humphries, C Clarke; C Lynch, E Jordan, L Jackson. Subs: G Long, L Horgan, A O'Donovan, C O'Driscoll, E O'Sullivan, R Burke, D Cotter, S Power, N Flanagan.

**CLOGHROE:** L McCarthy; S O'Donovan, A Twohig, C Halissey; L Mackey, D Dilworth, O Kelly; A O'Connor, C Ni Chonghaile; C Cremin, A O'Callaghan, C Sheehan; A Ni Riain, E Kelleher, H Corcoran. Subs: J Moroney, L O'Donoghue, A O'Hanlon, M Geaney, A Twohig, C Neville, J Neville, B Hinds, T Nelligan, O Worth, O Coleman, C Byrne.

Referee: D O'Driscoll (Carriga na bhFear NS).



Moira O'Mahony, captain of St Columba's girls' National School, celebrates with team-mates after their victory over Cloghroe in the Sciath na Scoil at Páirc Uí Rinn yesterday.  
Picture Maurice O'Mahor



CHAMPIONS: Innishannon girls Annik Dennehy, Kate Murphy, Emma Crowley and Nora Murphy display the cup and medals they received for winning the Allianz Sciath na Scol Chorcaí C2 Final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.  
Picture: Larry Cummins





Allianz - Sciath na Scol Chorcaí  
2004



Carrig na bhFear NS



Clonpriest NS



Glenties NS (Cailíní)



Scoil Barra Ballinacorney



Bunscoil Muire, Cobh

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Berrings Cailíní



Goggins Hill NS



Innishannon Cailíní



Star of the Sea, Passate





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Carrraig na hFhear NS



Clonpriest NS



Glaghroe NS (Callini)



Scoil Bára Ballinacorney



Bunscoil Muire, Cobh

MAY

2004



Barrings Callini



Goggins Hill NS



Innishannon Callini



Star of the Sea, Passage





Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh (Cailíní)



Scoil Iosagáin, Blarney



Ballyhead NS



Right: Upper Glanmire celebrate their victory over St Patrick's Girls National School in the C3 final.  
Picture: Cillian Kelly



St. Columbas GNS

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Upper Glanmire's Aisling Whooley solos her way past St Patrick's Kelly Grimes in the C3 final at Páirc Uí Rinn.

Picture: Cillian Kelly



Scoil Barra, Ballincollig, player Emer Nolan soloing her way towards Millstreet's goal with Anna Jean O'Reilly in pursuit in the Sciath na Scol C4 final at Páirc Uí Rinn.

Picture: Cillian Kelly



St Patrick's Lorna Crowley solos her way into Upper Glanmire's Seonaid Keena and Aisling Whooley in the C3 final at Páirc Uí Rinn.

Coachford NS  
Farran NS

1-2  
1-1

A CRUCIAL late goal from Sarah Dineen won the Allianz DC3 final for Coachford NS over close rivals Farran NS after a tense and exciting contest.

Elaine O'Flynn and Aoife Hennessy helped Farran terrorise the Coachford backline but they failed to turn possession scores.

Captain supreme Chloe O'Riordan pointed

from close range to give Coachford an early lead.

Pressure from defenders Michelle O'Sullivan and Martha Murphy made it hard for the Farran forwards to operate.

Aisling Harrington was reduced to shooting from distance as they were quickly surrounded by a number of Coachford's backs when danger arose.

Ellise Corkery goaled directly from a '65 to put Farran ahead. She extended her side's lead with a good point.

Coachford, to their credit, refuse to yield. They were driven on by top displays from

'keeper Stephanie Forde and full back Emer McSwiney.

With Katie McCarthy dominating in the half-back line and Maeve Hennessy winning everything in midfield it was going to take something special to get Coachford back into the match.

Emma O'Mahony battled hard alongside Rebecca O'Donovan and pulled their team back into the game.

Vice-captain Lynne O'Leary registered a point but Coachford needed a goal.

Having missed a chance minutes earlier, Sarah Dineen snatched the ball and sent it

past Sharon Gleeson with time nearly up.

Coachford held a valuable lead and would not relinquish it.

A stubborn performance from Michelle O'Sullivan ensured Farran wouldn't get back into the game despite their persistent pressure.

**Scorers: Coachford NS:** S Dineen 1-0, C O'Riordan 0-1, L O'Leary 0-1.

**Farran NS:** E Corkery 1-1.

**COACHFORD NS:** S Forde, C O'Riordan, E McSwiney, M O'Sullivan, M Murphy, E O'Mahony, L Downey, R O'Donovan, A Wilson, L Hayes, L Lynch, S Creed, E Kelleher, L Galvin, M Murphy, I Donnelly, N Doherty, E Casey, S Lynch, M Healy, J O'Riordan, M McCaffery, A Ring, R O'Sullivan.

**FARRAN NS:** S Gleeson, L Stack, A O'Keefe, C Horgan, E Corkery, K McCarthy, L Corkery, A Harrington, M Hennessy, E O'Flynn, A Hennessy, S Foley, N McCormack, M Lynch, M Elsey, E Buchet, B A Kearney, G McNamara, E Forde, S White, I Wright, N Toole, A McCormack.



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# Sporting bonds that keep us together.



Linda Mellerick

THERE'S something about the friends you make in sport.

I don't know if you'd actually call them friends in the true meaning of the word.

More like acquaintances that you have a lot in common with.

You might never pick up the phone or meet these people for a drink but when you do meet up at some gathering or other there is an immediate bond and good craic gets underway without any of the usual awkwardness you might experience in other situations.

Last week, Toomevara Camogie Club in Tipperary held a surprise 'This is your life' function for their star player Deirdre Hughes, who was named on the team of the century.

Michael Ó Muirheartaigh was MC for the night and what a night it was! About six of us headed up from Cork and from the moment we arrived to the early hours we chatted, danced and laughed with people we normally only smile and give a nod of the head to.

I suppose it's the mutual respect you have for each other that immediately springs to the surface.

These kinds of functions are great for getting to know rivals and their friends and families.

Most of us are altogether different people off the pitch than we are on it.

I certainly know I am.

Your competitive streak and will to win at times is such that you'd almost look on your opponents as your worst enemy and would quiet willingly knock them aside on the field.

Off of the pitch, you'd make way.

You create your own impression of an individual on the field and at times are shocked when you meet them off of it.

Completely different people! Over the years I have witnessed camogie players sacrifice and give so much that I didn't think anything would surprise me.

That was until I met Joan Tobin that night.

Joan would have been well known in camogie circles as being one of Tipp's best players at junior level.

Indeed, when I was growing up and came up against Tipp her name was always mentioned.

Only retired a few years, she missed out the real successful Tipperary years, and for people like Joan that's an awful shame.

She teaches in Belfast and drove down for Deirdre's night.

During the course of the evening we began to talk about camogie as it is now, our love for the game and what it gave to us.

It was only after talking to her for a while that I found out how dedicated she was.

She told me that when she was training with Tipperary two or three times a week she used to get the train from Belfast to Dublin and drive the rest of the way to Tipp for training.

She'd head back to Dublin afterwards, sleep on a friend's floor, rise at the dawn the following morning and get the train back to Belfast again.

I thought I'd heard it all! If a GAA player made this journey it would be

splashed over every paper.

This girl did this for a few years and no one ever heard a word about it.

I never asked Joan if this trip was funded for her. I presume it was. I hope it was! Camogie players don't get a single cent expenses for travelling to training.

Not in Cork anyway. Many players over the years travelled regularly from as far away as Barryroe, Newtownshandrum, etc.

Mary O'Connor lived in Limerick for a few years and never missed a training session.

Likewise players working and studying in Dublin, Waterford, etc made huge sacrifices to attend training and it was just assumed that they would do it.

I'm not having at 'go' at the Cork board for not paying these expenses because the money just isn't there.

What I'm referring to is the utter dedication that many camogie players have for their sport and the quiet way they go about it.

The same goes for injuries received. You get a knock, you break a leg, you pull a muscle-you get it sorted!

The last few years things have improved with many clubs now having insurance.

Up to then though you paid your own physiotherapy and hospital bills and any loss of earnings was your loss alone. Again this was just the done thing.

I have seen players play through the most unbelievable of pain barriers. Therese O'Callaghan always comes to mind as one of the most dedicated and determined individuals when it came to overcoming injuries and taking to the field.

I witnessed Therese receive physiotherapy on top of physiotherapy with tears in her eyes.

Strapping before a match seemed to take an hour. And never a word! If anything she tried to hide what she was doing.

Matters have improved! The approach is more professional and certainly the players receive more in the way of gear, etc.

Insurance has helped when it comes to needing treatment but the expense issue will always be there unless additional funding is sourced for this alone.

The fear and the question is 'where will it stop?' You pay the expenses of a Senior player, you quiet rightly pay it for Junior and Minor players.

You're talking a lot of money. Tipperary have the right idea in that they formed a 'Supporters Club' a couple of years ago.

The funding raised by this club alone ensures that their players are well treated and receive the very best and are not a single cent out of pocket. All expenses are covered.

Chaired by Michael Cleary these guys could show us a thing or two about fund-raising.

But at the end of the day its not about the money, its not about the pain, its not about the long journey to training.

It's about sport, it's about passion, it's about camaraderie and it's about the kind of nights we had last week in the Abbeycourt Hotel in Co. Tipperary.

## CAMOGIE

**Munster senior championship semi-final:** Tipperary 4-12, Limerick 0-16.

**Leinster junior championship:** Wexford 2-13, E. Quigley 2-1, G. Heffernan 0-6 (F), L. Codd 0-4, C. Murphy, D. Leacy 0-1 each.

**Dublin 1-10; C. Lucey 1-7, G. Mc Cluskey 0-2, S. Treacy 0-1.**

**Ulster junior championship semi-finals:** Derry 6-15 (G. Mc Goldrick 2-5, M. Comer 2-2, C. O'Keefe 1-2, K. Mc Auley 1-1, P. Bell, D. Burke 1-0 each, S. Cassidy 0-3, A. Lavery, B. Convery 0-1 each) Antrim 1-4 (B. Letters 1-1, S. J. Mc Guigan, R. Toomey, S. Mc Aleese 0-1 each) Down 5-26 (M. Mc Aleenah 2-8, M. Gilmore 1-7, C. Fegan 1-5, K. Gribben 1-2, C. Mc Gorty 0-3, J. Braniff 0-1) Tyrone 1-2 (D. Daly 1-0, B. Burke, J. O'Callaghan 0-1 each.)

**Cork file in Gaelic Final:** Douglas 3-4, Ballinhassig 4-4 J. A. League: Douglas 3-6, Valley Rovers 1-4; Rockbawn 2-8, Valley Rovers 2-4; Valley Rovers 1-12, Sarsfields 1-2; Douglas 7-5, Killeagh 2-1. Senior League: UCC 9-10, Cloughduv 0-6; Inniscarra 1-8, Carrigaline 1-4. Under-12 League: Glen Rovers 5-6, Bishopscourt 0-1; Glen Rovers 1-1, Eire Og 1-0.

## Aghabullogue NS

Goel Scoil Ghoirt Alainn

3-02

1-01

GIRL POWER was to the fore as classy Jenny O'Connell helped Aghabullogue to a deserved victory over Gael Scoil Ghoirt Alainn.

Gael Scoil struck first with a goal from close range by Ciaran Ó Cronin.

Aghabullogue began to find their feet and gradually began to gain the upper hand.

However they were met with strong resistance as Glen O' hEigartaigh and Conchubhar Ó Caoimh defended well.

A 65 from Michael Dennehy reduced the gap to two points.

The notable feature of the match was the

Aghabullogue side having six girls in their side and they all made outstanding contributions to their side's victory.

Grace Fitzpatrick and Tracey Buckley were in fabulous form but it was the performance of O'Connell that really caught the eye.

She scored the goal that put Aghabullogue in front after a great run and moments later opened her bag of tricks again and let the ball fly to the net.

Tracey Buckley fired over the bar to extend the lead.

Not to be outdone by the girls, Michael Dennehy scored the third goal to put his team out of sight.

Gaelcoil were not without their big performers either, with Ciaran Ó Cronin and Cathal Ó Gallachoir playing good one touch hurling and slowing down the opposition's progress.

Eoghan Cnoic combined well with Adam Ó Donnabhain to enable battling Cronin to have the last say in the match with a decent point but it wasn't enough to deny the champions.

**Scorers: Aghabullogue NS:** J. O'Connell 2-0, M. Dennehy 1-1, T. Buckley 0-1.

**Gael Scoil Ghoirt Alainn:** C. Ó Cronin 1-1.

**AGHABULLOGUE NS:** E. O'Connell, J. O'Reilly, E. Murphy, P. Fitzpatrick, D. Healy, T. Buckley, M. Dennehy, N. O'Donovan, G. Fitzpatrick, M. O'Leary, J. O'Connell, E. O'Hara, A. Buckley, J. Healy, C. Healy, A. Dennehy, K. McCullagh, K. O'Brien.

**GAEL SCOIL GHOIRT ALAINN:** F. MacSuihbne, C. Ó Conchuir, G. Ó hEigartaigh, C. Ó Caoimh, E. de Bond, A. Ó Donnabhain, C. Ó Gallachoir, C. Ó Cronin, E. Cnoic, K. O'Brien, E. Ó Fiannachta Laoghog, D. Ó Freaghaile, C. Ó Flaitharta, S. Ó Ceilleachair, J. Leopold, M. Ó Cuana, E. Ó Sheachnasaigh, E. Ó Dochartaigh, D. Ó Beollain, T. Ó Luain, E. Ó Leipre, C. Ó Fraghailte, R. Ó Ceallaigh, J. de Barra.

Rinn. Right: Carraig na bhFear's Marie Forde being chased by Sarah Jane Hurley in the DCI final.



Aisleen Sheehan, captain of Scoil Barra, Ballincollig, with team mate Emer Nolan, holding the silverware and medals they won, for their victory over Millstreet in the C4 final at Páirc Uí Rinn.

Picture: Cillian Kelly

**FIONA LAFFERTY**  
**CLARE**

**POSITION:** FULL-FORWARD

Was rewarded this year with a Munster Minor medal, her county's first. A vital cog in Clare's journey to the All-Ireland Junior final last year, she will be relishing a tilt at the championship.



# JAMES HURLEY U14 BLITZ 2004

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## CLARE

**JERSEY:** Yellow/Blue **SKIRTS:** Blue **SOCKS:** Blue/Yellow

PLAYER	SCHOOL	CLUB
1. Susan Vaughan	Scariff Comm	Ogonelloe
2. Ciara Lynch	St. Flannan's	Clarecastle
3. Edel O' Grady	Scariff Comm	Bodyke
4. Niamh Pilkington	Coláiste Muire	Kilmaley
5. Niamh Lynch	St. Caimin's	Wolfe Tones
6. Anne-Marie McMahon	Tulla	Kilnamona
7. Mary Clune	St. Flannan's	Clooney
8. Sarah Reidy	Rice College	Kilmaley
9. Stephanie Moloney	Tulla	Broadford
10. Roisin O' Brien	Scariff Comm	Ogonelloe
11. Danielle Kiely	Kilaloe	Ogonelloe
12. Triona Kelly	Scariff Comm	Whitegate
13. Carina Roseingrave	Coláiste Muire	Kilnamona
14. Aine Dinan	Tulla	Tulla
15. Aoife Griffin	St. Flannan's	Clarecastle
16. Christine Bugler	Scariff Comm	Scariff
17. Kate Lynch	Tulla	Kilkishen
18. Aisling Corbett	Scariff Comm	Scariff
19. Orla Keane	Coláiste Muire	Kilmaley
20. Carol Kaiser [C]	St. Flannan's	Newmarket on F
21. Máiréad Dooley	Scariff Comm	Whitegate
22. Lisa Donnellan	Scariff Comm	Whitegate
23. Gráinne Kiniry	Broadford NS	Broadford

**COACH:** Fintan McNamara (Killanena)

**SELECTORS:** Máire Sheedy (Scariff)  
Pat Madden (Wolfe Tones)  
Margaret Lafferty (Kilnamona)  
Eamonn O' Loughlin (St. Joseph's)  
Mary Dinan (Tulla)

## LIMERICK

**JERSEY:** Green/White **SKIRTS:** Green **SOCKS:** Green/White

PLAYER	SCHOOL	CLUB
1. Geena Kinevane	Adare	Adare
2. Slobhán Burke	Scoil Carmel	Crecora
3. Paula Burke	Scoil Carmel	Crecora
4. Anne Hogan	Hospital	Galbally
5. Leshia Horgan	Crescent Comp	Crecora
6. Ciara Nolan	GC Chombá	Newcastlewest
7. Oonagh Cagney	Rathkeale	Granagh/B.Garry
8. Jennifer Fitzgerald	Pallaskenny	Crecora
9. Niamh Mulcahy [C]	Castletroy	Ahane
10. Máiréad Fitzgerald	Rathkeale	Adare
11. Aideen McNamara	Laurel Hill	Na Piersaigh
12. Aisling McAuliffe	Charleville	Ballyagran
13. Lorraine McCarthy	Bruff	Bruff
14. Hayley Lynch	Kilfinny	Croagh/K.Finny
15. Judith Mulcahy	Lisnagry	Ahane
16. Sinéad Heaney	Coláiste FCJ	Na Piersaigh
17. Danielle Heffernan	Kilmallock	Kilmallock
18. Grace O' Connor	Rathkeale	Granagh/B.Garry
19. Niamh O' Connor	Adare	Adare
20. Marie O' Riordan	Charleville	Newcastlewest
21. Ciara Hanley	Kilfinane	Blackrock
22. Lisa Moloney	Adare	Adare
23. Deirdre Cremin	Castletroy	Ahane
24. Grace O' Riordan	Bruff	Bruff
25. Clare O' Leary	Charleville	Ballyagran
26. Annette McAuliffe	Ballyagran	Ballyagran
27. Julie O' Connor	GC Chombá	Newcastlewest
28. Rosemary Rea	Effin	Ballyagran

**COACH:** Carmel Burke (Crecora)

**SELECTORS:** Carol Murphy (Croagh/Kilfinny)  
Peggy Burke (Crecora)  
Pauline McCarthy (Ahane)

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## CORK

**JERSEY:** Red **SKIRTS:** Black **SOCKS:** Red/White

PLAYER	SCHOOL	CLUB
1. Denise Luby	Carrignavar	Glen Rovers
2. Máire McCarthy	Coachford	Inniscarra
3. Niamh O' Donovan	Christ the King	Douglas
4. Roseanne Byrne	Christ the King	Ballygarvan
5. Roisin De Faoite	Col. Daibhéid	Blackrock
6. Michelle Healy	Coachford	Aghabullogue
7. Máiréad Foley [C]	Glanmire	Rockbawn
8. Fiona O' Connell	St. Angela's	Inniscarra
9. Marissa O' Callaghan	C. An Phiarsaig	Erins Own
10. Aisling Thompson	Charleville	Milford
11. Christine O' Neill	Bandon	Courcey Rovers
12. Aoife Kavanagh	St. Aloysius	Inniscarra
13. Claire Ryan	Coláiste Choilm	Ballincollig
14. Elaine Murphy	Buttevant	Buttevant
15. Leanne Ryan	Carrigaline	Ballygarvan
16. Niamh Dilworth	Coachford	Inniscarra
17. Leanne O' Shea	Christ King	Douglas
18. Sinéad O' Callaghan	Bandon	Ballinhassig
19. Marguerite Vaughan	Coachford	Cloughduv
20. Mary Ann Hawkes	Bandon	Valley Rovers
21. Máire O' Donovan	Christ King	Douglas
22. Cliona Galvin	Charleville	Milford
23. Niamh O' Keefe	C. An Phiarsaig	Erins Own
24. Maria Walsh	Charleville	Ballyhea
25. Katie Hickey	Mount Mercy	Bishopstown
26. Aimee O' Riordan	Bandon	Ballinhassig

**COACH:** Ollie Troy (Carrigaline & Sars)

**SELECTORS:** Máiréad Ní Mhaoileoin (Col. Daibhéid & Blackrock)  
Cathal Egan (Glen Rovers)  
John-Joe Breen (Nagle Rice & Buttevant)  
Ger Donovan (Iveleary & Charleville)  
Riobárd Lotty (Coachford & Sars)

## TIPPERARY

**JERSEY:** Blue/Yellow **SKIRTS:** Blue **SOCKS:** Blue/Yellow

PLAYER	SCHOOL	CLUB
1. Sara Lowry	Holycross NS	Holycross
2. Sharon Hayes	Cashel Comm	Clonoulty
3. Treacy Flannagan	Cashel Comm	Boherlahan
4. Niamh O' Connell	Ursuline's	Knockavilla
5. Margaret Kirwan	Roscrea	Moneygall
6. Mary Rose Flannagan	Ursuline's	Holycross
7. Christina Kenneally [C]	Borrisoleigh	Drom-Inch
8. Fiona Younge	Borrisoleigh	Toomevara
9. Caitriona Walsh	Pres, Thurles	Moycarkey
10. Sheena Ryan	Cashel Comm	Knockavilla
11. Marian Ryan	Borrisokane	Shannon Rovers
12. Michelle Collins	Templemore	Drom-Inch
13. Eimear Shanahan	Borrisoleigh	Drom-Inch
14. Laura Reid	Nenagh	Burgess
15. Aine Brislane	Gurtagarry NS	Toomevara
16. Ena Meagher	Doon	Annascorthy
17. Emma Mulqueen	Puckane NS	Kildangan
18. Geraldine Stapleton	Templederry NS	Silvermines
19. Bonny Kennedy	Nenagh	Toomevara
20. Ann Marie Quinlan	Borrisokane	Kilruane
21. Marie Ryan	Borrisokane	Kilruane
22. Mary Gleeson	Ballingarry	Slieve Na mBan
23. Niamh Williams	Cloughjordan NS	Kilruane
24. Avril Fryday	Cashel Comm	Knockavilla
25. Eimear Dwan	Nenagh	Burgess
26. Sandra Dwyer	Holycross NS	Holycross
27. Laura Dwan	Holycross NS	Holycross
28. Shauna Butler	Boherlahan NS	Cashel
29. Emma Spillane	Holycross NS	Holycross
30. Sinéad Cahalan	Borrisokane	Shannon Rovers
31. Nessa Ryan	Borrisoleigh	Toomevara

**COACH:** Sheila Delaney (Drom Inch)

**SELECTORS:** Biddy Philips (Thurles)



**KILKENNY****JERSEY:** Black/Amber **SKIRTS:** Black **SOCKS:** Black/Amber

PLAYER	SCHOOL	CLUB
1. Clara Lyng	St. Mary's	Rower Inistioge
2. Eleanor Brennan	Borris	Black & Whites
3. Kate McDonald	Callan	Thomastown
4. Claire Comerford	Loreto	Windgap
5. Anne Marie Lennon	Borris	Black & Whites
6. Emma Staunton	Paulstown NS	Paulstown
7. Michelle Brennan	Loreto	Paulstown
8. Siobhán Holland	Johnstown	Lisdowney
9. Ann Marie Walsh	Castlecomer	St. Martin's
10. Michelle O' Keffe	Castlecomer	St. Martin's
11. Edwina Keane	Loreto	St. Martin's
12. Michelle Mulhall	Loreto	St. Martin's
13. Geena Henebry	Mercy	Mooncoin
14. Sinead Long	Greenhill	Piltown
15. Georgina Culleton	Greenhill	Piltown
16. Elizabeth Kavanagh	Loreto	O' Loughlin's
17. Sarah Morrissey	Loreto	O' Loughlin's
18. Ruth Bergin	Loreto	Clara
19. Aisling Butler	Loreto	O' Loughlin's
20. Roisin Byrne	Loreto	Clara
21. Andrea McEvoy	Loreto	Gowran
22. Mariga Nolan	Castlecomer	Freshford
23. Anna Farrell	Convent of Mercy	Thomastown
24. Amy Maher	Grennan College	Thomastown
25. Sarah Walsh	Grennan College	Thomastown
26. Alice Heafey	Grennan College	Thomastown
27. Katie Power	Greenhill	Piltown
28. Michelle Quilty	Abbey Comm	Mullinavat
29. Leanne Fennelly [C]	St. Brigid's	Mullinavat
30. Orla Gleeson	Ursuline's	Emeralds
31. Maria Dargan	Castlecomer	Lisdowney

**COACH:** Liam Dunne (O' Loughlin's)  
**SELECTORS:** Penny Kavanagh (O' Loughlin's)  
Stephen Dormer (Paulstown)

**WEXFORD****JERSEY:** Purple/Gold **SKIRTS:** Purple **SOCKS:** Purple/Yellow

PLAYER	SCHOOL	CLUB
1. Mary Hayes	Coolcotts	St. Martin's
2. Gráinne Waters	Murrinstown NS	St. Martin's
3. Vanessa Lacey	Coláiste Bríde	Oulart/ The Ballagh
4. Aoife O' Connor	Coláiste Bríde	Oulart/ The Ballagh
5. Leanne Nolan	Coláiste Bríde	Oulart/ The Ballagh
6. Sharon Dreelan	FCJ Buncloody	Duffry Rovers
7. Sarah Carroll	FCJ Buncloody	Buncloody
8. Amy Molloy	FCJ Buncloody	Marshalstown
9. Sharon Finn	FCJ Buncloody	Buncloody
10. Claire Finn	Our Lady's NS	Buncloody
11. Paula Breen	FCJ Buncloody	Ferns
12. Ellen Kelly	Kilmyshall NS	Marshalstown
13. Danielle Kehoe	Coláiste Abbain	Cloughbawn
14. Jennie Fenlon	Coláiste Bríde	Monagear / B.Vogue
15. Clara Storey [C]	Coláiste Bríde	Oulart / The Ballagh
16. Lisa Bolger	Kilrane NS	St. Mary's, Rosslare
17. Orlaigh Murphy	Coláiste Bríde	Rathnure
18. Stacey Kehoe	Coláiste Bríde	Oulart / The Ballagh
19. Shelley Kehoe	Coláiste Bríde	Oulart / The Ballagh
20. Martina Frayne	Coláiste Bríde	Rathnure
21. Susie Griffiths	Loreto Gorey	Naomh Eanna
22. Jessica Butler	Loreto Wexford	Buffers Alley
23. Stephane Farnan	Coláiste Bríde	Rapps
24. Sinéad Kehoe	Monagear NS	Monagear / B.Vogue
25. Lauren Hogan	Coláiste Bríde	Rapps
26. Katie Berney	Loreto Wexford	St. Martin's
27. Katrina Parrock	Loreto Wexford	St. Martin's

**COACH:** Jack O' Brien (Buffer's Alley)**SELECTORS:** Kathleen Miller (Rapparees)**GALWAY****JERSEY:** Maroon/White **SKIRTS:** Maroon **SOCKS:** Maroon/White

PLAYER	SCHOOL	CLUB
1. Helen Campbell	Killimor	Killimor
2. Alison Clarke	St. Brigid's, Loughrea	Mullagh
3. Noreen Coen [C]	Pres Athenry	Athenry
4. Stacy Coen	Portumna	Kiltormer
5. Edel Cunningham	Portumna	Portumna
6. Jennifer Davoren	Oranmore	Carnmore
7. Riona Daly	St. Brigid's, Loughrea	Mullagh
8. Aisling Dolan	St. Brigid's, Loughrea	Cappataggle
9. Claire Donnelly	Woodford	Davitts
10. Mary Egan	St. Cuan's	Ahascragh
11. Deirdre Fahy	Pres Athenry	Turloughmore
12. Avril Glynn	Scoil Mhuire	Kiltormer
13. Laura Gaynor	St. Brigid's, Loughrea	Mullagh
14. Aisling Griffin	St. Enda's	Salthill
15. Aisling Hobbins	St. Brigid's, Loughrea	Mullagh
16. Orla Keane	Coláiste Na Corribe	Castlegar
17. Claire Kelly	St. Brigid's, Loughrea	Mullagh
18. Ciara Kennedy	Woodford	Kilimordaly
19. Catherine Linnane	Voc Athenry	Turloughmore
20. Natalie Molly	Oranmore	Carnmore
21. Megan Moran	Portumna	Portumna
22. Niamh Raftery	St. Cuan's	Pearses
23. Tara Rutledge	Portumna	Portumna
24. Louise Ryan	St. Brigid's, Loughrea	Davitts
25. Sarah Staunton	St. Killiann	Kilimordaly
26. Ann Marie Starr	Killimor	Killimor
27. Natasha Tannian	Seamount Kinvara	Kinvara
28. Ciara Uniacke	St. Brigid's, Loughrea	Kilconeiron
29. Deirdre Ward	Athenry NS	Athenry
30. Lorraine Warde	St. Cuan's	Ahascragh

**COACH:** Emer Kearney (Turloughmore)

**SELECTORS:** Noel Kelly (Mullagh)  
Alisha McNamara (Kilconeiron)

**WATERFORD****JERSEY:** Blue & White **SKIRTS:** Blue **SOCKS:** White/Bl

PLAYER	SCHOOL	CLUB
1. Tracy Kiely	Gleann Sidhéan	Cappoquin
2. Gemma Brown	St. Paul's	Ardkeen
3. Charlotte Whelan	Blackwater CS	Lismore
4. Niamh Kennedy [C]	Kilmac	Butlerstown
5. Sarah Smith	Ursuline's	Gaultier
6. Sharon Moloney	Blackwater CS	Lismore
7. Orla O' Neill	Presentation	St. Saviours
8. Patricia Jackman	Dunmore NS	Gaultier
9. Vicky Power	St. Paul's	Butlerstown
10. Stacey O' Gorman	Blackwater CS	Lismore
11. Amy O' Sullivan	Presentation	Gaultier
12. Maeve Bolger	GS Na Déise	Butlerstown
13. Kate Costello	St. Saviours	St. Saviours
14. Caitriona McGlone	Bóthar Na Naomh	Lismore
15. Nancy Ryan	Ard Scoil Na Déise	Dungarvan
16. Aoife Tierney	Ursuline's	Ardkeen
17. Siobhán Heffernan	The Abbey	Ardkeen
18. Anne Marie Tutty	St. Mary's	Dungarvan
19. Colleen Ferncombe	Ard Scoil Na Déise	Dungarvan
20. Emer Kearney	Ursuline's	Butlerstown
21. Deirdre Brennan	Ursuline's	Gaultier
22. Emma Carroll	Ursuline's	Gaultier
23. Aisling Flood	Ursuline's	Gaultier
24. Aoife Harold	Ursuline's	Gaultier
25. Marie Russell	Bóthar Na Naomh	Lismore
26. Cliona Hyslop	Ard Scoil Na Déise	Dungarvan
27. Jemma Burke	Gleann Sidhéan	Cappoquin
28. Shauna Kiernan	Bóthar Na Naomh	Lismore
29. Jenny McCarthy	Gleann Sidhéan	Cappoquin
30. Rachel Whelan	Bóthar Na Naomh	Lismore

**COACH:** Ed Ryan (Ard Keene)**SELECTORS:** Niamh Harty (Dungarvan)



With Mary Newman

## THREE IN A ROW FOR DOUGLAS

CONGRATULATIONS to Douglas who made it three in a row of Cork Feile Na Gael titles on Thursday last at rain lashed Ballinlough as they held off a great Ballinhassig attempt to book their place in the National finals in Westmeath. The weather played spoilsport and helped keep the crowds away but those who did brave the elements were treated to a superb game as both sides battled for the title. Ballinhassig playing against the strong wind in the opening half made all the early running and with two Catriona Collins goals and one from Katie Mc Carthy led with ten minutes to the break.

Douglas worked hard and with Niamh O'Donovan doing trojan work they slowly got to grips with the situation. Two goals in as many minutes from Katie Horgan and Sarah Sisk had the holders just trailing by one point at the break and one got the impression that Ballinhassig were in trouble.

From the start of the second half Douglas maintained the pressure and hit the front inside three minutes when Niamh O'Donovan's 45 went all the way to the Ballinhassig net. Both sides battled bravely against the driving wind and rain. Douglas extended their advantage to three points with another well struck free but Ballinhassig battled on, and were somewhat unlucky not to grab the equaliser with at least three goal chances going a begging. On a night when conditions dictated, the Douglas defence were quicker to react around goal, and when Julia White shot them two goals ahead with minutes remaining the title was heading for Douglas. Ballinhassig responded immediately with a goal and to

their credit they did have another chance to grab the equaliser but the Douglas defence weathered the storm and were relieved to hear Colette O'Mahoney's full time whistle.

## SINEAD CROWNED SKILLS CHAMPION

Weather conditions improved considerably the following evening as Carrigaline hosted the Feile skills competition. Participants were put through their paces by Mary Moran before Ballinhassig's Sinead O'Callaghan was selected to represent Cork at the National Feile Skills. In second place was last year winner Inniscarra's Niamh Dilworth while Ballinhassig's Catriona Collins was third. Well done to the Feile committee for a superbly organised competition and to all the clubs who participated in a great week's camogie.

## CORK COLLEGES EXCEL

The Cork Colleges committee held a very successful James Hurley Memorial inter-county tournament on Saturday last in Ballyanley. Ten teams took part with the Cork Colleges, Galway, Kilkenny and Clare making it through from the round robin series to contest the semi-finals. In these Cork defeated Galway while Kilkenny disposed of Clare. Earlier in the day Kilkenny had narrowly defeated Cork in the round robin series so confidence was high in their camp. They raced into an early lead thanks to two quick goals from Liz Kavanagh and Amy Maher but with Niamh Dilworth and Sinead O'Callaghan finding the target the Cork side settled. Cork trailed by the minimum at half time and with Sinead O'Callaghan levelling matters and the tie swung in their direction. A second Niamh Dilworth goal ensured there was no way back for Kilkenny.

Well done to the Cork side and to the hard working selection committee who since last January put in a big effort with the players from the various colleges.



Lord Mayor Cllr Colm Burke presenting a civic award to camogie champion Linda Mellerick. Picture: Larry Cummins

## Tipperary prove they're still in mood

Tipperary  
Galway

4-8  
0-8

by Máire Uí Scolai

ALL-IRELAND camogie champions Tipperary proved they still have the appetite as they overcame Galway in their opening All-Ireland senior championship game in Ballinasloe on Saturday.

They got the best possible start after only 47 seconds when Claire Grogan pointed a free.

Both sides missed a number of chances in the first half but Texaco award winner Eimear Mc Donnell struck the Premier county's opening goal almost at the mid-way stage.

Galway's response was immediate from full-forward Lourda Kavanagh who sent over their opening point from a free. Two more Galway points, one from Orla Kilkenny and a second free from Kavanagh still saw them trail 1-5 to 0-3 at the break.

Scores were hard to come by in the opening few minutes of the second half but once the Tipperary machine began to motor with ten minutes remaining it spelt curtains for Galway.

Eimear Mc Donnell was again on the spot to fire home the Premier county's second goal and three minutes later she repeated the dose. Despite the sending off of Ciara Gaynor for a second bookable offence, Geraldine Kinnane bagged a fourth goal for the champions, who now meet Antrim in the next round on July 3rd.

Kilkenny travelled the long road to Cusendall in Antrim and came away with a handsome 5-18 to 0-4 victory over Antrim in the other first round match.

Not having won a senior All-Ireland title since 1994 they showed their intent as they raced into an early first half lead of 0-12 to 0-1 at the break. In the second half, Sinéad Millea, starting her first game in months following a finger injury, fired home her first goal after only four minutes.

Antrim will now face Tipperary in the next round while Kilkenny will play Galway.

Tipperary scorers: E Mc Donnell 3-3, G Kinnane 1-0, C Grogan 0-3, (0-1F), N Kennedy 0-2.

Galway: L Kavanagh 0-5, (0-4F, 1'45), O. Kilkenny, C. Murray, A. Hilary 0-1 each.

**TIPPERARY:** J. Delaney; S. Kelly, U. O'Dwyer, J. Kirwan, S. Nealon, C. Gaynor, T. Brophy; A. Mc Donnell, L. Young, N. Kennedy, E. Hayden, C. Grogan; E. Mc Donnell, D. Hughes, G. Kinnane.

**GALWAY:** S. Eamer, L. Lally, S. Cahalan, L. Flynn; M. Harkin, A. Kelly, S. Keane; C. Glennon, C. Kelly; A. Hardiman, T. Maher, AM Hayes; O. Kilkenny, L. Kavanagh, E. Kilkenny, Sub: A. Hilary for AM Hayes, C. Murray for A. Hardiman (half time), S. Noone for E. Kilkenny 50 mins.



Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr Colm Burke, with the recipients of the Lord Mayor's civic awards, from left to right, Dr Pat Kelleher, Linda Mellerick, Bill Murphy, Bob Seward, Liam Spillane and Mary McCarthy. Picture: Daragh MacSweeney/Provision

## Civic awards honour people who are 'the bedrock of the city'

by Eoin English

CORK city has honoured its leading community groups and volunteers.

"These people are the bedrock of the city in which we live and it is my privilege on behalf of the people of Cork to acknowledge their contribution and to express your heartfelt thanks for what they have given and continue to give to their city," Lord Mayor, Cllr Colm Burke, told guests at his awards ceremony at City Hall.

He presented his civic awards to Dr Pat Kelleher, director of CIT, Mary McCarthy, Glen Community Crèche, former camogie star, Linda Mellerick, Bill Murphy, Horgan's Buildings Resource Centre and the Lough Credit Union, Bob Seward, Cork Academy of Music, and Liam Spillane, Munster special Olympian.

Liam, who practices at Harbour Point golf club, said he was delighted with the award.

"I made a lot of friends at last year's Olympics. I have an international tournament on June 24 in Harbour Point, the first time it's been held out of Dublin," he said.

Former Glen Rovers star Linda Mellerick said she was also delighted to be honoured, two years after her retirement from inter-county camogie.

Bill Murphy, an official with Cork county council for 43 years and who retired 20 years ago, said he's busier now than ever.

"I'm honoured to get the award. I grew up when people liked to volunteer and I haven't lost that attitude of doing things with and for people."

"But it's not my own effort. It's the effort of a lot of

people who want to help other people," he said.

Mary McCarthy, who has lived in the Glen area of the city for over 30 years, thought it was a "wind-up" when she was told she had been chosen for a civic award.

"We have strong sense of community the Glen. I think a lot of people I work with should be here too," she said.

Bob Seward said he was sharing his award with his colleagues — the teachers and the committee at the Cork Academy of Music.

"This is the culmination of 10 years' work. I've enjoyed it. It's all been for the love of music and giving people on the northside a chance to come in and learn music and leave with a qualification," he said.

And Dr Kelleher, who retires as CIT director soon, said he will retire with a

sense of thanks for being given the chance to work with great staff and students.

The Lord Mayor's community and voluntary awards were presented to five category winners.

Togher Family Centre won the community services category. Betty Cogan set up the centre's pre-school almost 30 years ago.

Bishopstown Senior Social Club won the equality category.

The club now hopes to refurbish part of its headquarters in Wilton.

Blackpool Community Cooperative Service Centre won the neighbourhood category.

The No Name Club, Mayfield, won the children and youth award.

The Cork Academy of Music won the art and culture award.

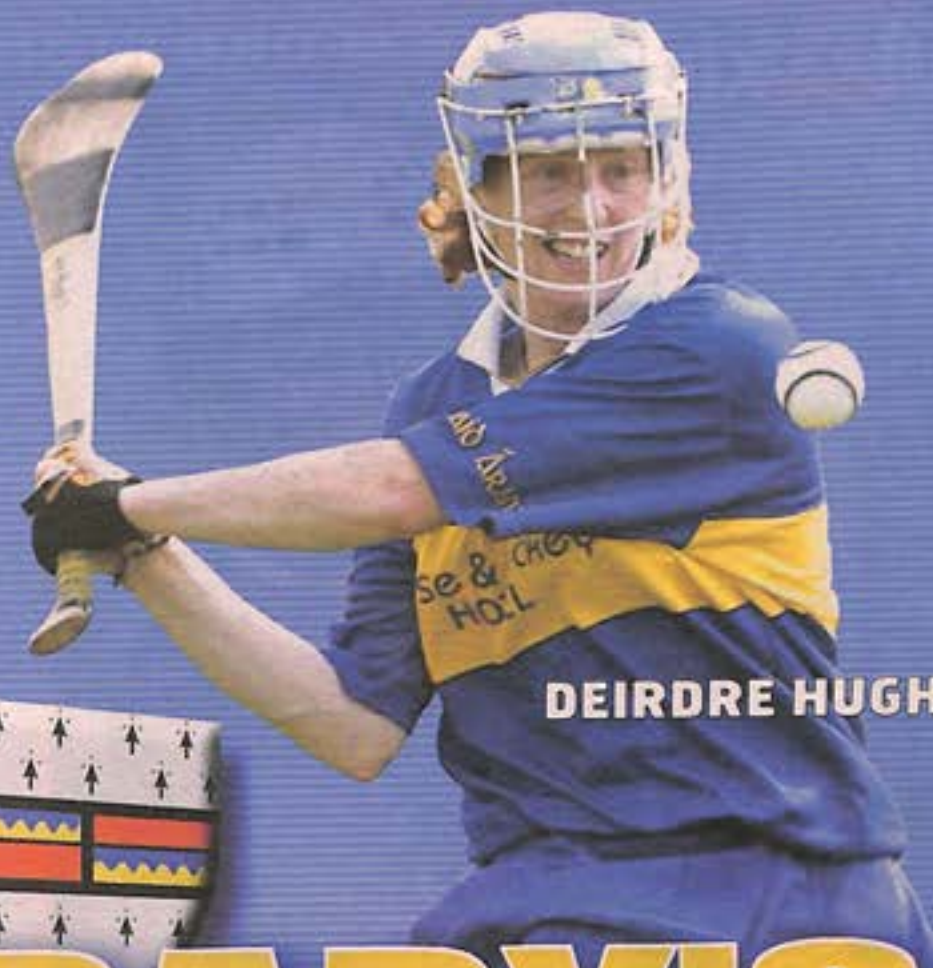


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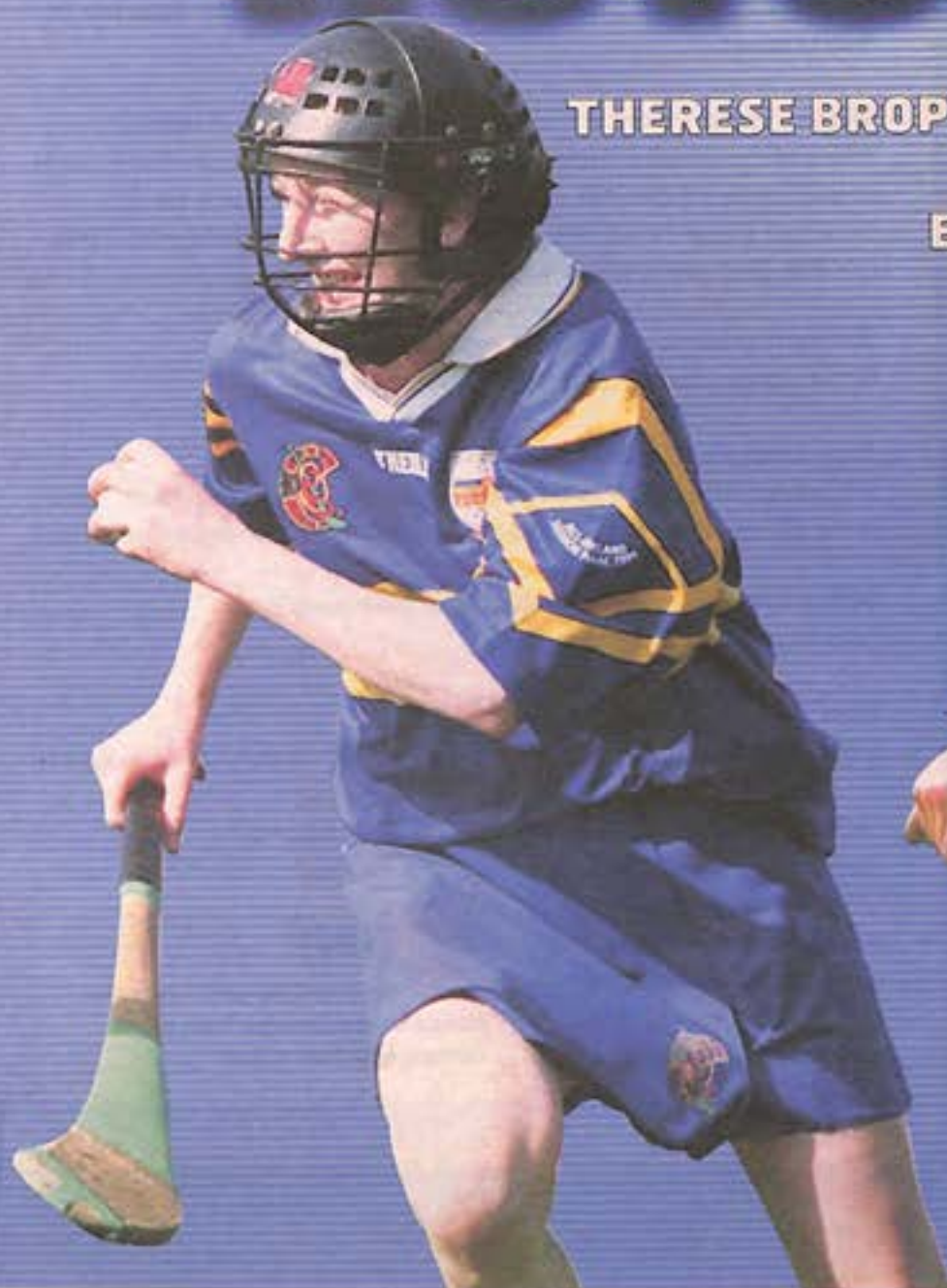


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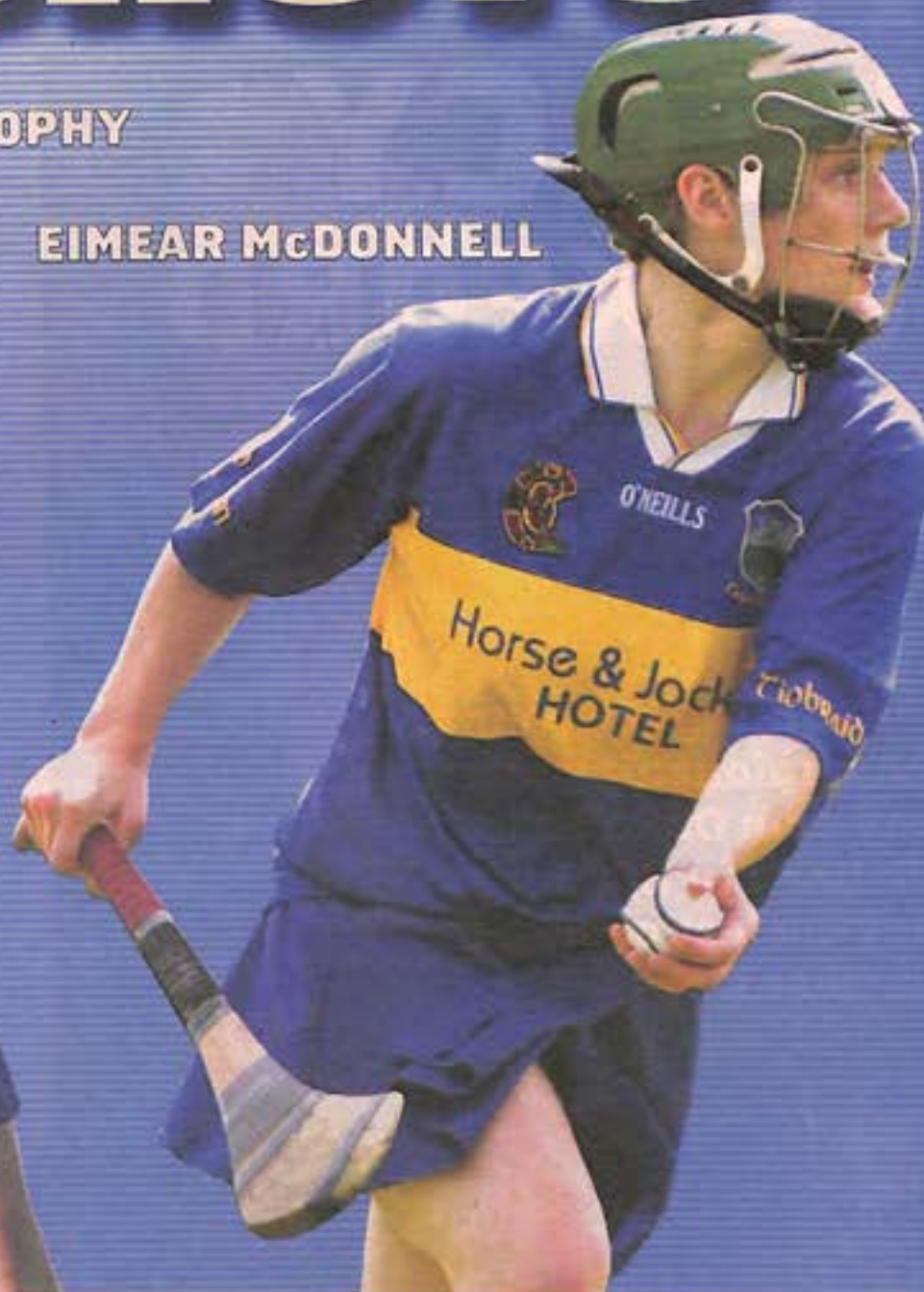


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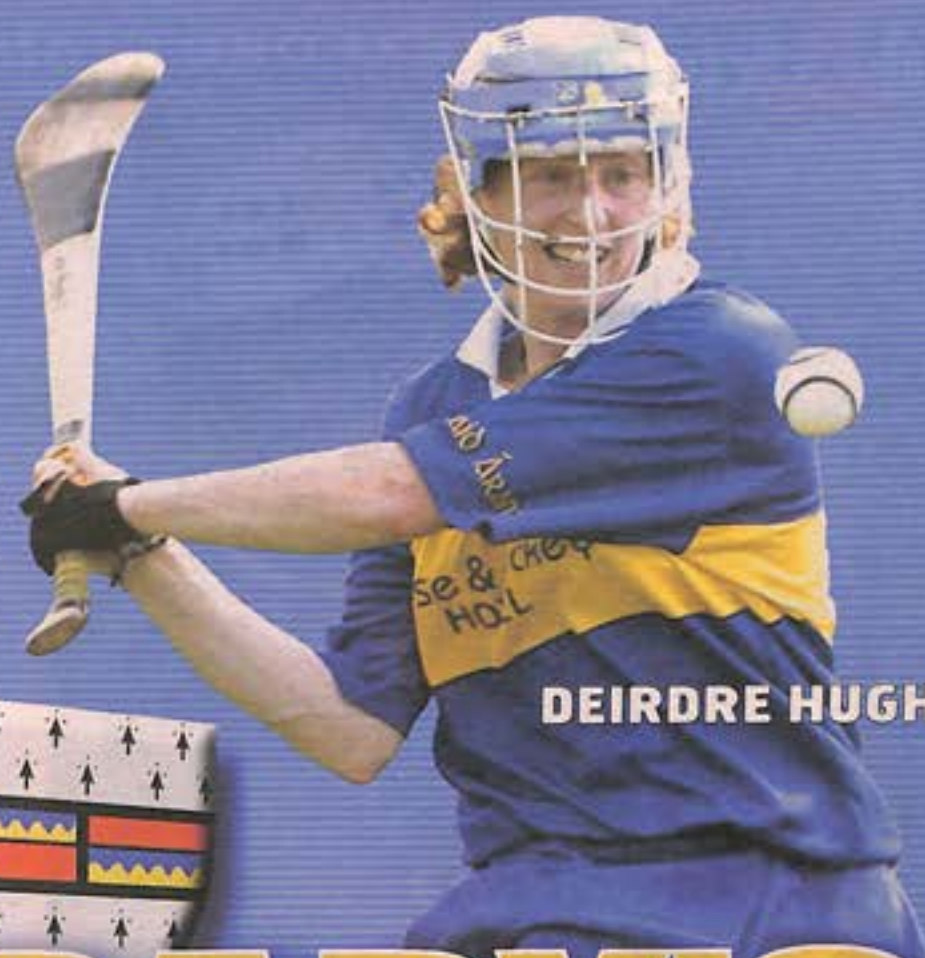


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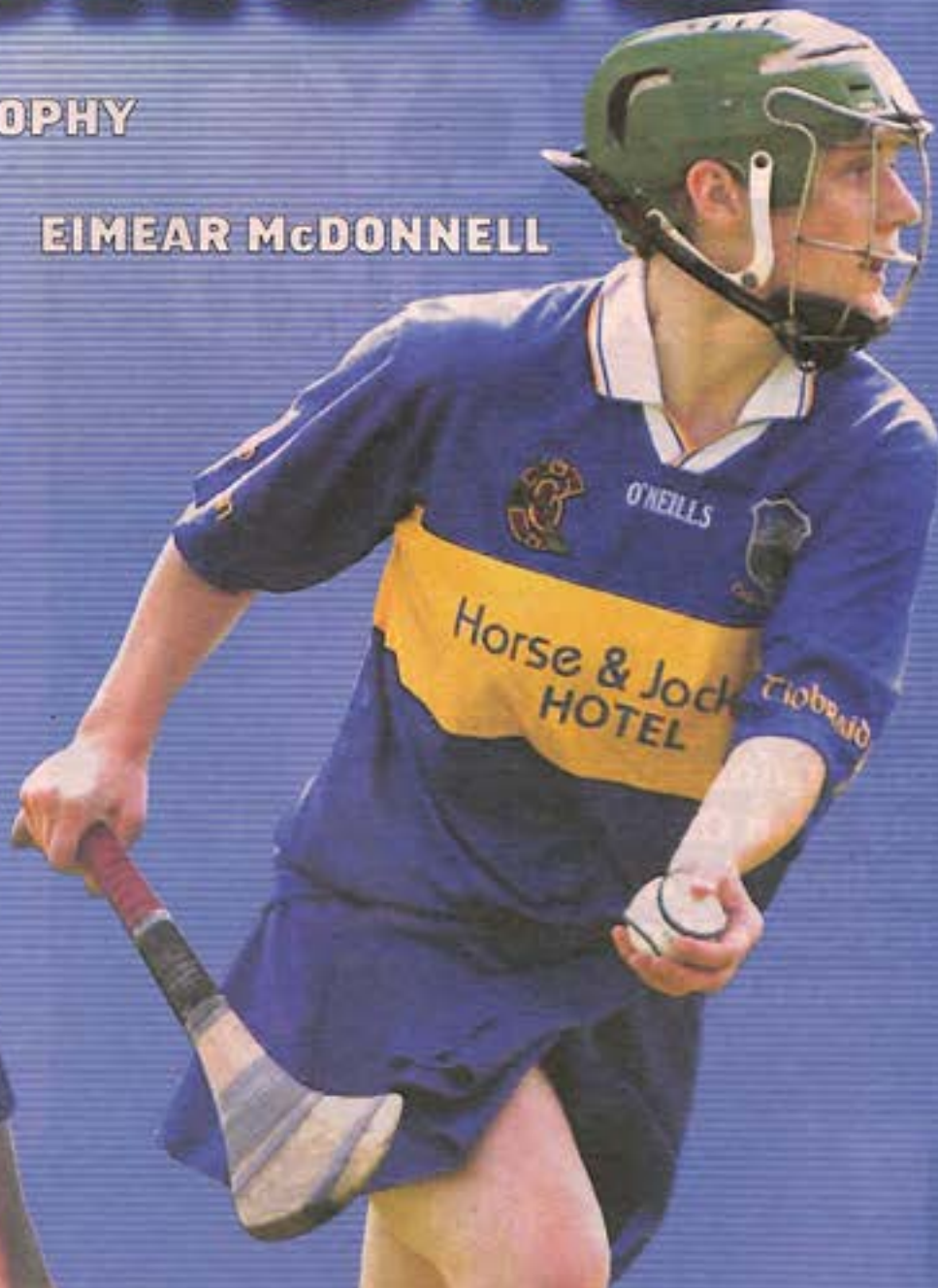
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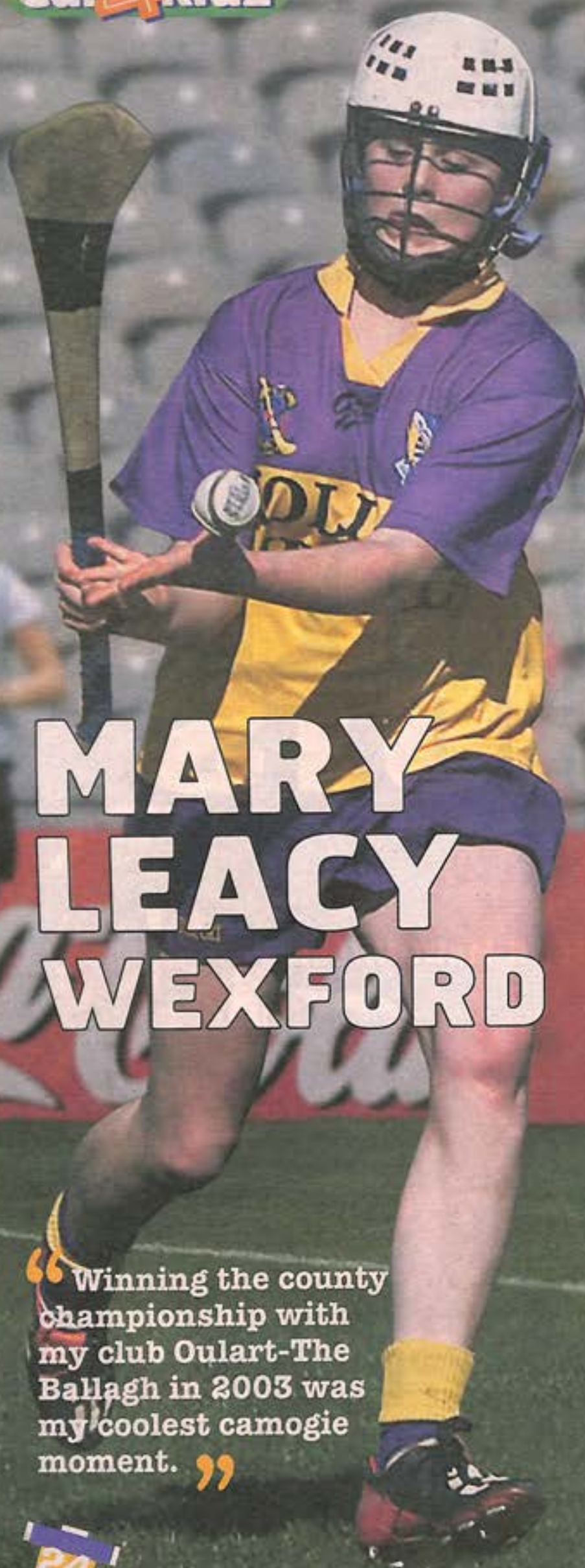
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# MARY LEACY WEXFORD

“Winning the county championship with my club Oulart-The Ballagh in 2003 was my coolest camogie moment.”



## STAR FILE!

Name	Mary Leacy
Age	18
Team	Wexford
Debut	v Dublin in 2000
Position	Corner Forward
Honours	2 All-Ireland Senior College's titles, 3 Leinster Senior titles, 1 Leinster Junior title, 1 Wexford Club Championship.
Club	Oulart-The Ballagh
Fav Book	Message in a Bottle
Fav Food	Spaghetti Bolognese
Fav Band	Robbie Williams
Fav TV	Emmerdale
Occupation	Student

**W**exford camogie is on the up and Mary Leacy is certainly playing her part. The versatile star, who can play at centre-forward and centre-back, made her debut for the Model county when she was only 14, and now at 18, she is captain of the team. Winning is sure becoming a habit for the girl from the sunny south east.

Having led Wexford to a Leinster Senior Championship in 2003 she went on to captain her school, Scoil Bride from Enniscorthy, to an All-Ireland College's title for the second year in a row, beating the much fancied Charleville from Cork in a replay.

The Oulart-The Ballagh star is not going to stop there and is looking forward to a great summer of top camogie action. After reaching this year's National League final against Tipperary she has her sights set on the championship and maybe a trip to Croker some Sunday in September.

### What was your coolest camogie moment?

Winning the county championship with my club Oulart-The Ballagh in 2003 was my coolest camogie moment. That was a super occasion as we had come so close many times before and it was our first time to win it.

### Which player do you admire most?

Fiona Dunne, Liam Dunne's sister.

### Any tough teams out there?

We played Charleville in this year's All-Ireland College's final. They were strong all over the field and it took two games to beat them.

### Who were your childhood heroes?

Liam Dunne and Martin Storey.

### Got any superstitions?

It sounds silly but I try to wear the same bandana when I'm playing.

### What are your hopes for the future?

Getting to the National League final was brilliant but to win an All-Ireland would be a dream come true and we will give it a good shot this year.



Her mum, Margaret Leacy was picked on the Camogie Team of the Century, how cool is that?





RTE newscaster Sharon Ni Bheoláin surrounded by senior championship camogie players from all over the country at Croke Park for the launch of this year's Senior All-Ireland Championship. The Camogie Association is also celebrating its centenary. Picture: Maxwells

# ‘Action-packed’ championship to mark camogie centenary year

by Paul Keane

THE president of the Camogie Association, Miriam O'Callaghan, yesterday promised a summer to remember as the 2004 All-Ireland championship was officially launched at Croke Park.

Representatives from all eight of the senior counties including All-Ireland champions Tipperary and last year's beaten finalists, Cork, were present at headquarters for the launch.

Derry skipper Claire Doherty was also present to mark the return of the

Oak Leaf County to the senior grade.

O'Callaghan welcomed the return of Derry who have been re-graded to senior along with intermediate champions Antrim with Dublin going down to junior level.

"I believe that the 2004 camogie championship will mark our centenary year in a very competitive way," said O'Callaghan.

"Looking at the teams who will be competing in the senior championship there is every chance that this will be the most action-packed and enjoyable championship of all."

For the first time RTE will this year screen live coverage of both semi-finals along with the All-Ireland final.

O'Callaghan said: "That's a very important step for the association and we're very grateful that both the semi-finals will be broadcast on TV."

This year also marks the 10th year of sponsorship of the camogie championship by Foras Na Gaeilge and former GAA president Joe McDonagh, chief executive of the body, was also in attendance.

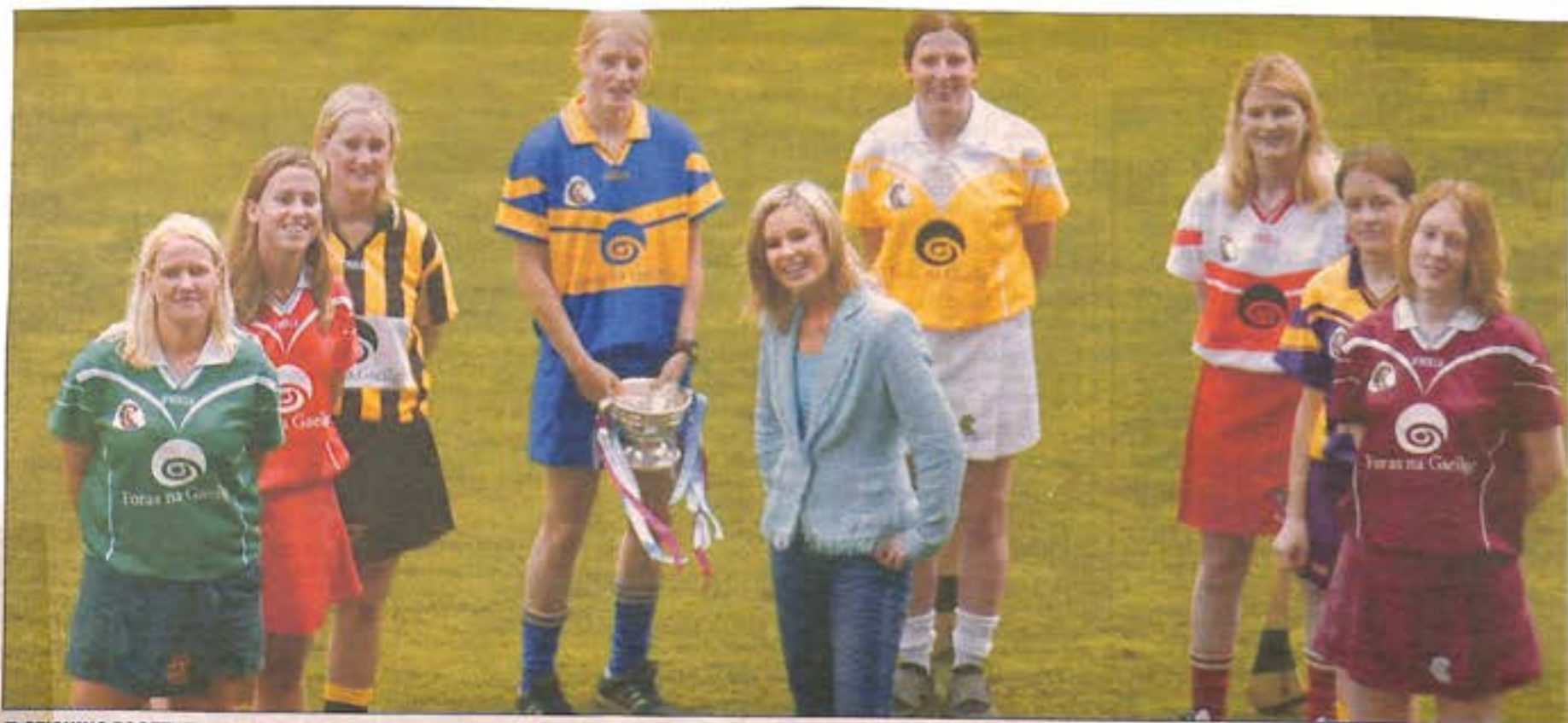
McDonagh said: "The GAA as a whole has always had very strong ties

with Irish language and Irish culture and Foras na Gaeilge are delighted to sponsor the camogie championship again."

"There's a natural affiliation and a very strong affinity between camogie and gaelic Ireland," he said.

Tipperary will set about the defence of their title on June 19 when they face Galway in the opening game of the championship with Antrim taking on Kilkenny the same day.

Cork are out the following weekend against Derry with Limerick playing Wexford the same day, on June 26.

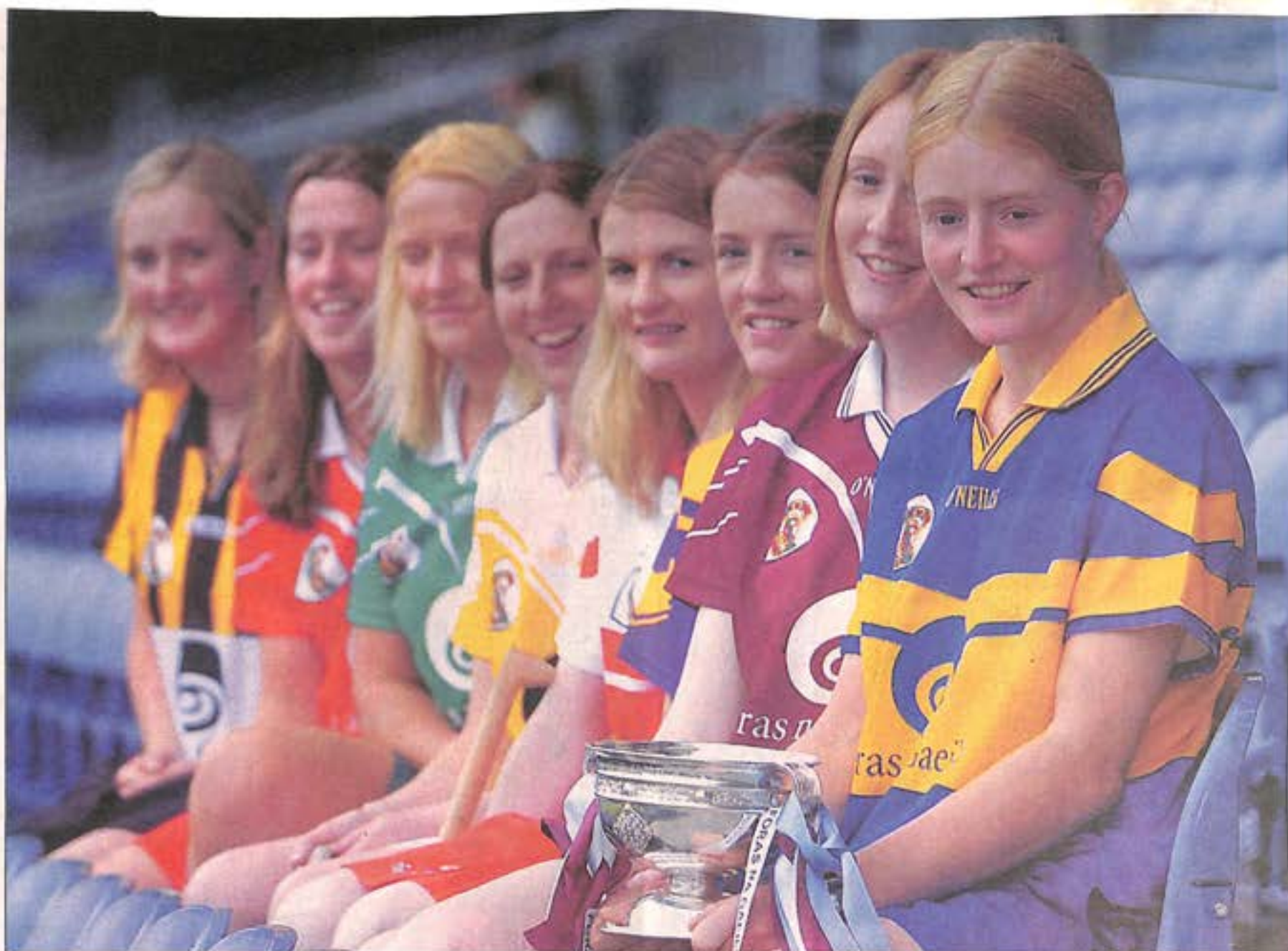


■ **STICKING TOGETHER:** Rose Collins (Limerick), Mary O'Connor (Cork), Maire O'Connor (Kilkenny), Joanne Ryan (Tipperary), Edel Mason (Antrim), Clare Doherty (Derry), Kate Kelly (Wexford), Aibhne Kelly (Galway) and RTE newscaster Sharon Ni Bheoláin (centre) are pictured in Croke Park yesterday at the launch of the Foras na Gaeilge Senior All-Ireland Camogie Championship. Picture: Sportsfile



# Foras pledge ongoing support

Foras na Gaeilge yesterday announced its continued sponsorship of the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship. Among the attendance at the launch in Croke Park of this year's championship were players from all the competing counties, including Derry, back after an absence of many years. The reigning champions, Tipperary - who are favourites to retain the O'Duffy Cup - were represented by their captain, Joanne Ryan, and last year's Texaco player of the year, Eimear McDonnell - both looking forward to their opening match, against Galway, on June 19th, the same day on which Antrim take on Kilkenny. This year, for the first time, RTE will broadcast live television coverage of the semi-finals, on August 21st, and the junior and senior finals, on September 19th. Foras na Gaeilge chief executive Joe McDonagh said they were delighted to support what has become "the largest female sporting organisation on the island of Ireland, with over 85,000 members nationwide". Also present yesterday were Uachtarán Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael, Miriam O'Callaghan, and RTE newscaster Sharon Ni Bheoláin.



From left: Maire O'Connor (Kilkenny), Mary O'Connor (Cork), Rose Collins (Limerick), Edel Mason (Antrim), Claire Doherty (Derry), Kate Kelly (Wexford), Albhne Kelly (Galway) and Joanne Ryan (Tipperary) at the launch of the All-Ireland Camogie Championship yesterday. - (Photograph: Damien Eagers/Sportsfile)

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Grace Mulqueen led St Al's to Cork and Munster Intermediate camogie colleges titles. They beat Macroom in the county final and Scariff, County Clare in the Munster decider. Grace plays her club camogie with Blackrock.

## CAMOGIE

Munster Intermediate Championship final: Limerick 4-11 Cork 2-4. U14 12-a-side League Final: Cloughduv 2-1 Newcestown 1-0. Senior League: St. Finbarrs 2-18 Father O'Neills 1-3. U12 League: Glen Rovers 4-2 Ballincollig 0-0. Mallow 7-0 Newtownshandrum 0-1. Glen Rovers 6-5 Aghabullogue 1-0. U14 B League quarter-finals: Eire Og 4-3 Valley Rovers 2-1; Bishopstown 7-1 Courcy Rovers 4-3; Ballincollig 5-2 Carrigaline 5-1; Millford 7-12 Blackrock 0-2. U14 C League quarter-finals: Mallow 5-2 Rockbawn 1-4; Erins Own 3-5 Ballyhea 1-1.



# Cloughduv lift U14 title in 12-a-side final

TO Cloughduv goes the honour of taking the first county league title of centenary after they turned in a tremendous display to defeat Newcestown in Coachford on Saturday last in the 12-a-side under 14 final.

Two totally committed teams gave it their all on the superb Coachford pitch. Such was the dominance of both defences that we had to wait until the 20th minute for the game's opening score which came from Cloughduv's Sarah Pierce.

For the remainder of the half Newcestown threw everything at the Cloughduv defence, but good work from Stacy O'Leary and goalkeeper Louise Hallissey held them at bay as Cloughduv turned leading by the only score of a thrilling first half.

The break Newcestown so desper-

ately needed came within 10 minutes of the restart when Alison Crowley struck for a goal. Refusing to panic Cloughduv battled on and excellent work from their midfield pairing of Marguerite Vaughan and Ellen Ahern ensured a steady supply to the inside lines, but they found the going hard against a Newcestown defence who were superbly assisted by the excellent Teresa McCarthy.

Newcestown held a firm grip on the lead until the 50th minute when a long ball in from Marguerite Vaughan was finished to the net by the alert Niamh Carroll. Now back in the driving seat Cloughduv were determined not to make the same mistake and relinquish their lead, but it took two saves from Louise Hallissey to keep them ahead.

With minutes remaining Niamh Carroll ensured no way back for the spirited Newcestown when she was on hand to grab her second goal after Stacy O'Leary's long ground delivery of over 50 metres.

Both teams are to be complimented on the tremendous final served up, and while there can be only one winner Newcestown certainly can be proud of the performance of their young charges.

**Cloughduv:** L Hallissey, A Murray, S O'Leary, D McDonnell, E Dunne, M Vaughan, E O'Sullivan, E Ahern, S Pierce, S Scanlon, capt, K O'Sullivan, N Carroll

**Newcestown:** R Crowley, C Collins, E Hurley, T McCarthy, A Buckley, A Crowley, M Murphy, L Kehily, S Kenneally, S Collins, A Keane, A Long

**Referee:** Cathal Egan (Glen Rovers)

## Last-minute Ballincollig goal turns the tables

**Ballincollig Carrigaline**

**5-2  
5-1**

BALLINCOLLIG grabbed a winner with the last puck of their under 14B quarter final clash in Carrigaline. The home side held the lead for the entire game but a last-minute Clare Ryan shot was enough to see Ballincollig through. Carrigaline led 5-1 to 2-1 at the interval after goals from Grainne O'Keeffe, Donna Smyth and Linda Collins.

From the start of the second half Ballincollig applied the pressure. Clare Ryan pointed and with Victoria St Ledger and Sarah Buckley grabbing a goal a piece the Carrigaline lead was reduced. Ballincollig won a 45 metre free with time almost up and it was struck short by Clare Ryan; Brea O'Callaghan flicked the ball back to Ryan whose dipping shot went all the way to the net.

**Ballincollig:** A Sheehan, L O'Sullivan, E Harrington, N Mc Donagh, B O'Callaghan, O Ni Chathasaigh, E Nolan, C Ryan, H Coomey, V St Ledger, S Buckley, C Mc Carthy, V Hogan, L O'Callaghan, L Barrett, Sub: A Kelleher for V Hogan

**Carrigaline:** E. Curtin, K O'Keeffe, J Foster, J O'Shea, M. Moran, C. O'Donoghue, A. Kearney, M. Mc Inerney, S. Cotter, D. Smyth, G O'Keeffe, L Collins, O. Cotter, S. Murphy, M. Scully, Sub A Mc Carthy for M. Mc Inerney.

**Bishopstown Courcey Rovers**

**7-1  
4-3**

A storming first half which saw Bishopstown grab six goals helped them advance at the expense of Courcey Rovers in Ballinaspittal. Mary Kane was in tremendous form grabbing four while Katie Hickey and Lee Flood contributed one each in a half where despite the Bishopstown defence holding a tight reign, Courcey Rovers Elaine Ryan had three.

The second half was a much closer affair as Courcey's showed great de-

termination. Elaine Ryan had three points before Oral Ni Dhonaill had the Town's seventh goal. Ryan and Ni Dhonaill swapped points but with it was Bishopstown who advanced.

**Bishopstown:** L Bowen, C Donegan, M Egan, S O'Sullivan, M O'Donnell, N Byrne, L Haverly, O Ni Dhonaill, K Hickey, A Mc Donnell, M Scanlon, E O'Neill, M Kane, L Flood, R Noonan

**Courcey Rovers:** A O'Brien, S O'Reilly, K Collins, N. Finn, A. Ryan, C. Hayes, K. Crowley, C O'Neill, E. Ryan, C. Collins, Y. Rohan, A. Mc Carthy, C. Crowley, C O'Driscoll, F. Ryan, Subs E O'Regan for F. Ryan, L. Rafferty for K Collins

**Referee:** P Downey; Inniscarra

**Eire Og Valley Rovers**

**4-3  
2-1**

Two Ciara O'Keeffe goals helped Eire Og enjoy an interval lead in their quarter final meeting with Valley Rovers. Aoife McCarthy pointed immediately from the restart to extend the home side's advantage but Valleys struck back with Mary Ann Hawke's well taken goal. Two Aoife McCarthy points saw Eire Og maintain the upper hand before a Mary Ann Hawke's free was sent to the net for the Innishannon side. Ann O'Donovan pointed for Valleys but Ciara O'Keeffe and Aoife Scally ensured the Ovens side made it through with a goal a piece.

**Eire Og:** M. Gleeson, D. Twomey, L. Stack, C. Horgan, D. Mc Auliffe, K. Mc Carthy, C. O'Connell, E. Corkery, E. Kelleher, C. O'Keeffe, C. Mooney, A. Scally, A. Hennessy, A. Mc Carthy, C. Boyle

**Valley Rovers:** T. Hawke's, E. Coughlan, A. Galvin, E. Forde, K. Sades, K. Murphy, L. Kelleher, S. O'Shea, C. Palmer, J. Hawke's, K. Murphy, E. Butler, A. Dennehy, J. Hawke's, K. Murphy, M. Forde, O. Lehan, Subs M. A. Hawke's for A. Dennehy, A. O'Donovan for M. Forde, V. O'Driscoll for J. Hawke's

**Milford Blackrock**

**7-13  
0-2**

Milford had little difficulty advancing at the expense of a spirited Blackrock side. With Ashling Thompson contributing four goals and seven points

in the opening half Milford held an unassailable lead. Despite the deficit Blackrock worked hard and showed tremendous spirit.

**Milford:** A. Hayes, M. Geary, R. Finn, T. O'Mahony, C. O'Mullane, C. Galvin, O. O'Mahony, E. Brown, C. Curtin, S. O'Flynn, A. Thompson, E. Brown, M. White, S. Fitzgibbon, J. Curtin, S. Carroll, Sub: K. Dillane for J. Curtin, L. O'Flynn for S. Carroll

**Blackrock:** J. Sweeney, D. Ni Callanaine, A. Murray, M. Moynihan, D. O'Leary, N. Norberg, K. O'Brien, S. Naughton, A. Griffin, C. Cathain, C. Thorpe, J. Leahy, C. Irwin, A. Murphy, C. Crowe Sub R. de Faoite for A. Murphy

**Erins Own Ballyhea**

**3-5  
1-1**

In the under 14 C quarter final Erins Own advance to the semi final defeating Ballyhea, with Marese O'Callaghan, Megan Spillane, Niamh O'Keeffe, Janette Denney and Caoimhe O'Callaghan all on the score sheet.

**Erins Own:** K. Sheehan, M. Fenton, E. Coughlan, S. Dooley, AS Barry, N O'Keeffe, M. Clayton, M O'Callaghan, S. Opperton, M. Spillane, F. Smiddy, A. Cronin, J. Dennehy, C. O'Callaghan, R. Barry Sub R O'Sullivan for R Barry

**Ballyhea:** M. Waters, I. English, A. O'Connor, S. Hanley, C. Meaney, V. Hennessy, E. Carroll, M. Walsh, M. Jones, L. Mc Carthy, K. Morrissey, E. Ryan, L O Kelly, A. Copos, Subs A O'Brien for S Hanley, S O Kelly for L O Kelly

**Mallow Rockban**

**5-2  
1-2**

A first half goal blitz saw Mallow lead 4-2 to 1-0 at the interval. The second half was a closer affair as Rockban found their form but it was Mallow who held out for victory.

**Mallow:** E. Forde, K O'Halloran, E O'Riordan, D. Crowley, C O'Sullivan, S. Linehan, P O'Halloran, R O'Leary, L Fitzgerald, S. Daly, K. Buckley, A O'Connor, M. Crowley, M O'Neill, S. Coakley, Subs: L. Hayes for S Coakley, E. Sheehan for M. Crowley

**Rockban:** A. Godfrey, C. Foley, F. Breslin, AM O'Donovan, M. Brickley, M. Foley, C. Burke, M. Howard, C. Coleman, S. Dilworth, S. Daly, L. Ryan, M. O'Donoghue, L. Sheehan, A. M O'Sullivan, Subs K Daly for AM O'Donovan, G. Forde for A M O'Sullivan

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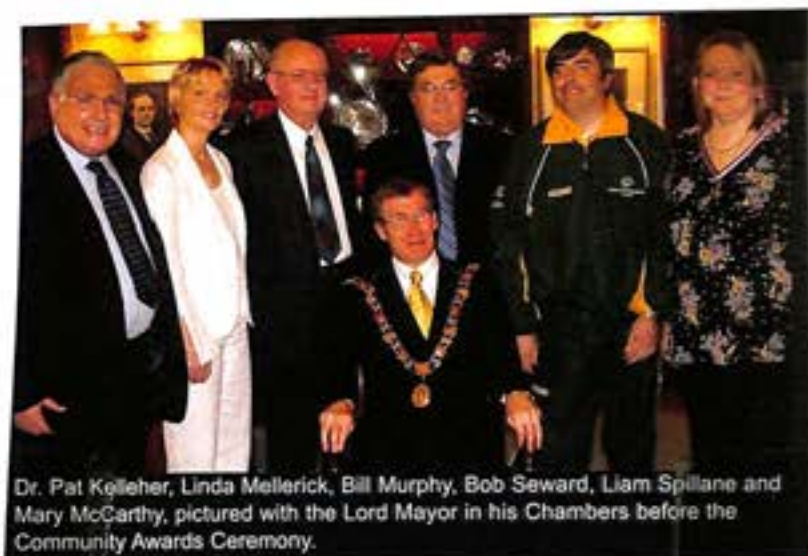
**MIRIAM MALONE (Kildare)**

Miriam's name is synonymous with camogie inside and outside her native Co Kildare. She enjoyed a remarkable career with her club, Broadford, and went on to play with Leinster for 22 years.

Her career began at the Longwood vocational school. At county level she was lucky enough to win three All-Ireland junior medals, and crowned her inter-county career when she captained the Lilywhites to victory in 1990. She also holds three National League Division Two medals.

After all those years Miriam continues to play camogie at club level, but she also finds time to serve as club treasurer.

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Dr. Pat Kelleher, Linda Mellerick, Bill Murphy, Bob Seward, Liam Spillane and Mary McCarthy, pictured with the Lord Mayor in his Chambers before the Community Awards Ceremony.



MARIE O'CONNOR  
(KILKENNY)

Hoghdv, winners of the County Under 14 League Final, defeating Newcestown.

Picture: English

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# Tipp's Title After Thrilling Finish

By Liza Roche

Tipperary ..... 2-7  
Cork ..... 2-6

Tipperary retained their Munster Crown and took their 16th Munster Title when they defeated Cork on Wednesday evening last June 9th at Semple Stadium.

Though this was a meeting of camogies greatest rivals and a replay of last years All-Ireland Final it never reached the anticipated heights. However it still managed to serve up nail biting finish, with spectators on the edge of their for the last ten minutes of the match.

Tipperary got the scoring under way after late start, with a point from Noelle Kennedy within the first minute. Eimear McDonnell quickly followed suit to put Tipp into a two point lead in the third minute.

Cork responded when Colette Desmond punished a poor clearance when she tore through the Tipperary defence and raised the green flag less than a minute later. Elaine Burke stretched the Cork lead when she pointed.

Tipp began to pile on the pressure and were subsequently rewarded when Noelle Kennedy sent a high ball in searching for goal poacher Deirdre Hughes who stuck in the back of the net, edging Tipp back in front. Rachel Moloney levelled matters two minutes later when she pointed from a free.

The sides swapped points in the ensuing period Eimear McDonnell putting Tipp back in front and Gemma O'Connor levelling again. The game subsided for the remainder of the half with Brige Corkery taking the final score of the half on 27 minutes to put the minimum between the sides at the break. The half-time score read Cork 1-4 Tipperary 1-3.

On the restart, Noelle Kennedy again got the ball rolling with a point from a free and drew the sides level for the third time in the game. In the intervening quarter of an hour that followed dominated much of the play but failed to take their chances which was illustrated by the number of wides accumulated. Five in all in under fifteen minutes. Jennifer O'Leary finally broke the deadlock with fifteen minutes left on the clock, with a point. The lead was quickly turned on its head when first Deirdre Hughes pointed followed by another from Jill Horan. Tipp were back in front again but not for long. Cork went on the attack, Gemma O'Connor combining with Emer Walsh as they lay siege on the Tipp goal mouth. Emer Walsh finally deceiving Joanne Nolan. Elaine Burke came back with a point a minute later to put Cork into a three point lead. Into the final ten minutes of the game and substitute Louise Young who replaced fellow club mate Noelle Kennedy

time. However substitute Claire Grogan who had been suffering from flu in the past week, did the needful when she pointed from a free with only four

minutes remaining. Those four minutes however were some of the longest for the supporters and management as the game raced up and down the

field. Claire Grogan got another chance to put Tipp further in front but her effort tailed to the left and wide. It mattered not though, as the game ended

Tipperary 2-7 Cork 2-6.

Tipperary deserved their win and while it was not a classic encounter the showery weather prior to the game was possibly the main reason for this. Cork however did not seem to be in top form and were really only a shadow of the team that were defeated in the All-Ireland. Added to this referee Morgan Conroy made some curious decisions throughout the game, infact as he blew on full-time it took some time for both players and supporters to realise that the game was all over. Words were also exchanged with Tipp manager Raymie Ryan. However the lack of neutral linesmen did not help the situation.

Tipp's best on the night included Suzanne Kelly, Una O'Dwyer, Ciara Gaynor and Deirdre Hughes.

Tipperary now have ten days to prepare for their next outing when they take on Galway in the first round of the All-Ireland Championship on Saturday June 19th next.

While Galway should put up some challenge to the All-Ireland Champions, Tipperary would be expected to win this.

Teams and Scorers:-

**Tipperary** - Joanne Nolan, Suzanne Kelly, Una O'Dwyer, Sheena Howard, Sinead Nealon, Ciara Gaynor, Therese Brophy, Angie McDermott, Trish O'Halloran, Noelle Kennedy (0-2), Emily Hayden, Joanne Ryan, Eimear McDonnell (0-2), Deirdre Hughes (1-1) and Jill Horan (0-1).

**Subs:** Louise Young (1-0) for N. Kennedy, Paula Bulfin for T. O'Halloran and Claire Grogan (0-1) for A. McDermott. N

**Cork** - Aoife Murray, Joanne O'Callaghan, Rosarie Holland, Caitriona Foley, Renal Buckley, Mary O'Connor, Emer Dillion, Vivienne Harris, Gemma O'Connor (0-1), Brige Corkery (0-1), Rachel Moloney (0-1), Elaine Burke (0-2), Colette Desmond (1-0), Emer Watson (1-0), Jennifer O'Leary (0-1).

**Referee:** Morgan Conroy (Waterford).



Joanne Ryan (Tipperary captain) lifts the Munster Trophy.

(Photo: Bridget Delaney)



EDEL MASON  
(ANTRIM)



MARY O'CONNOR  
(CORK)



Marion McCarthy, Chairperson Cork County Camogie Board, presenting plaques and a set of jerseys to captains Rebecca Keffe (Gogins Hill NS) and Erica Bracken (Glenville) after they finished all square in the camogie Association Centenary 10-a-side blitz.

Picture: English





Members of the Scoil Barra, Ballincollig, camogie team who won the 2004 Sciath na Scoil final.

## Scoil Barra girls celebrate historic wins on the double

**SCOIL Barra in Innishmore has a long and proud sporting tradition. Over the years it has enjoyed tremendous successes in many different sporting disciplines.**

Whether it is tennis, athletics, swimming, tag rugby, hurling, football, camogie or ladies' football, the pupils of Scoil Barra have proved their prowess and excellence on the playing pitches and 2004 has been no different.

This year the school achieved an incredible historic first with the girls winning both the ladies' football and camogie Sciath Na Scoil finals.

After two consecutive defeats in Sciath Na Scoil football finals in 2001 and 2002, the Scoil Barra ladies' footballers were looking for success this year.

Training started in the first week of September and the panel was formed. With not much time before the competition started, the girls worked hard.

At the league stage, the girls won well against Maria Assumpta Ballyphehane, Middleton, Togher and Bishopstown. The team's only loss was to Riverstown, who turned out to be their opponents in the final.

On final day, Riverstown were clearly confident from their previous win, but with their panel back to full strength, the Scoil Barra girls were fired up and ready for anything.

Aine Murphy, the goalie, was calm in her important position and pulled off a fantastic save late in the second-half. The full-back line of Karen Flavin, Tara O'Leary and Sinead Kavanagh was solid when attacked, although the half-backs Samantha Coomey and Linda McCarthy let very little



Scoil Barra camogie coaches Michelle McAdoo, Jackie Sheehan and Jean Smyth.

ball through. The mid-fielders Ciara O'Keeffe captain and Aisleen Sheehan worked tirelessly, feeding the ball to the awaiting forwards — Ailish Murphy, Meadhbh Ni Chruaiaoi, Katie Allen, Elaine Forde and Michelle McNally. Michelle was instrumental in many of Scoil Barra's scores and hit the target many times herself.

The team's coaches were lucky to have a very strong panel of subs who played in the league matches — Orna Dorgan, Aisling Kelliher, Jennifer O'Leary, Katie Hallissey, Michelle O'Driscoll, Marianne Bunce and Edel Yelverton.

When Scoil Barra's team captain Ciara O'Keeffe lifted the cup it was a well deserved first victory for the players and their coaches.

With one victory under their belts straight after the Easter holidays, preparations started in earnest for the camogie competition.

Scoil Barra played three teams on their way to the final, namely Millstreet, Barryroe and Drip-

sey, and won all three matches, hardly conceding a score.

The final itself saw Scoil Barra playing against a lively well-prepared Millstreet team, but the spirit within the team ensured the girls from Ballincollig were more than equal to the task. Star goalkeeper Samantha Coomey conceded no scores on the day and was well guarded by Sinead Kavanagh, Tara O'Leary and vice-captain Jennifer Staunton. Eimear Nolan, who played at centre-half back, was awesome.

In mid-field, captain Aisleen Sheehan formed a deadly partnership with Ciara O'Keeffe and both dominated that area of the field. Great credit must go to Ciara who scored three goals and four points. Ciara is a skilful hurler — someone to watch for in the future. Up front, Linda McCarthy worked incredibly hard as centre-half forward, feeding the full-forward line of Karen Flavin, Meadhbh Ni Chruaiaoi and Sinead O'Sullivan. All four fought hard and Meadhbh scored a goal during the second half. Laura Hogan, Rebecca O'Callaghan and Elaine Forde came on as subs and played an important part in the victory.

As with the footballers, Scoil Barra are lucky to have such a strong panel, including Michelle Kiely, Orlaith Jennings, Alison Henchin, Allannah Walshe, Jenny Hayden, Cliona Ryan and Aisling Browne. And while they didn't play on the final day, they made their contribution during earlier league matches.

The Scoil Barra principal thanked both teams and their coaches for their determination, commitment and enthusiasm for the games of camogie and ladies' football and said to win one competition was great, but to pull off the double was a fantastic achievement.

## New, improved Wexford to give youth its fling in bid to avenge last year's loss to Limerick

by Máire Uí Scolai

REVENGE will be in the air when Wexford meet Limerick in the Foras na Gaeilge camogie championship at Wexford Park tomorrow.

When the sides met 12 months ago, the Shannonsiders powered past the Model County girls by five points. But much has changed in the south east in the intervening spell.

Since then, the Slaneyside outfit have won back-to-back Leinster senior championship titles and faced Tipperary in a National League final. Add in the fact that several of the side won both senior and junior All-Ireland Colleges medals with the famed Co. Limerick Bride of Enniscorthy this year.

Limerick will not however be travelling with any fear. Last year, they enjoyed an impressive campaign, ending

with a gutsy performance against All-Ireland champions Tipperary.

The visitors manager, John Lacey, is hoping the more experienced players — Eileen O'Brien, Vera Sheehan, Marie Keating and captain Rose Collins — lead by example. Lacey is also set to give youth a chance with 14-year-old Fionnuala Dore and Dymphna O'Brien likely to feature.

"This match is up for grabs. We can win it, but it will be tough, especially on Wexford's home soil. Missing Maedhbh Nash, however is a blow to us, but we are in a very determined mood, so who knows what may happen," said Lacey, who led the Limerick minors to All-Ireland victory in 2001 and again in 2002.

Wexford are captained by Mary Leacy, daughter of Margaret O'Leary Leacy who was chosen on the team of the



John Considine: Cork manager.

century. She, Aine Codd and sharp-shooter Kate Kelly will be crucial figures. Their power and pace,

coupled with home advantage make Wexford favourites to advance.

Cork, the 2002 All-Ireland senior winners will begin their quest for championship honours when they travel to Mountrath in Laois to take on Derry.

Now managed by the former county hurler John Considine, Cork will be firm favourites to defeat the Oak Leaf county who have been hampered by several injuries and a number of players who are exam tied.

They are also without captain Claire Doherty, as she is getting married later today. Her place will be taken by the vice captain Paula McAtamney who has won a junior All-Ireland medal in 2000.

Though Cork will sport a couple of younger players they are still odds on to progress.



# Wexford are an example to all

WHAT an epic game last Sunday's Leinster Hurling semi-final between Kilkenny and Wexford was.

It contained all the reasons why at times hurling can send a shiver down your spine.

The game had everything, but for me the most wonderful skill on display was the excellent art of dispossessing an opponent and blocking down.

For many years managers have preached endlessly about the importance of defending throughout the field.

I always remember Miriam Murphy's (nee Higgins) words to us when she was selector of the Cork Senior Team for five years from 1992-1996: 'Our forwards have to be our best defenders'.

Would Wexford have beaten Kilkenny without their forwards dispossessing the Kilkenny backs time and again? No!

And how that would have knocked the stuffing out of most teams but not Wexford impresses me greatly.

But if any team will do that to you — Wexford will.

How the underdog revels in its title! We all love to be the underdog.

The more bad press you get either as an individual or a team the more you'll push yourself to prove the critics wrong.

Teams love it! We can all recall games we lost which if given another chance would wipe the field with the opposition.

We can all recall games we won and still wonder how we did it.

The favourites tag versus the underdog tag! In 1996 Cork lost the All-Ireland Senior Camogie title to Galway and I could nearly tell you on the way there that it wasn't going to be our day.



Linda Mellerick

You just know by the intensity and focus of your team in the build up to the match as to whether we wanted it badly enough.

We were hot favourites going for our fourth title in five years.

Galway were going for their first ever. We were beaten by four points.

Their hunger completely surpassed ours and there were two or three of them hounding us every time we had possession.

We returned and beat them in the next two finals — '97 and '98. The pain and humiliation of '96 ensured we did that.

Despite the fact that most of the country, apart from Kilkenny, jumped for joy at the final whistle last Sunday, it could well cost the rest of us dearly.

Kilkenny have been woken from their slumber which they were bound to have fallen into having being at the top for so long, and Wexford's victory could well do the other hopefuls no favours at all.

The Cork County Senior Camogie Championship begins next weekend, with the clash of Bishopstown and Carrigdhoun on the 28.

My favourites for this year's Championship would have to be UCC. A star-studded team featuring inter-county players almost in its entirety begs me to ask the question 'Why did we allow them to enter our championship?'

Okay, maybe if they weren't such a strong outfit I'd stay quiet and it wouldn't matter; but the fact is that they are an extremely talented side and our own camogie clubs can't com-

pete with this.

Again we should probably try to emulate them rather than ostracise them, but how can you compete, with inter-county players from Tipperary, Galway and Kilkenny making up the bulk of the panel.

Last year up to the last minute there was huge controversy as to whether UCC would field or not.

Most had returned home for the summer and were being pulled by their own clubs and counties and quite rightly so.

Wouldn't you think you'd have enough to cope with playing inter-county and club without having to travel to another county and play in their championship as well. I know it wouldn't appeal to me.

Who benefits from a College victory? Not the beaten finalists that's for sure, even though they go on to represent the county at the provincial stage.

Certainly not Cork camogie and certainly not a Cork club. Will the college players actually look upon winning a Cork Championship as meaningful?

Look at what winning last year's championship did for Fr O'Neill's. What that meant to Fiona O'Driscoll, Mags Finn and company couldn't be put into words.

Would it have meant even a quarter of that to a college side together for a few years or so, with a constant turn-around of players?

No! UCC were beaten last year by the underdog, St Finbarr's.

Of course you never know what championship hurling brings and they could well be 'caught' again this year. But on paper they'll win this year's championship.

We in camogie tend to follow the road our GAA counterparts take. But sometimes it doesn't suit us, and in this case I think we should have left well enough alone.

## 'Town to make it through first round

By PJ AHERN

Cork Co senior camogie Championship

CARRAIGDHOUN meet Bishopstown tonight in the first round of the Cork Senior Camogie Championship at Ballinlough, (7.30pm).

Bishopstown will feel they will have a lot to prove after exiting the championship at the first hurdle last year to Inniscarra after a replay but have lost a few players from their last campaign.

Their opponents, Carrigdhoun also have something to prove after crashing out at the quarter-final stage, to Milford in the 2003 championship.

It is always difficult to gauge how a divisional side will perform in the championship, especially if they have been unable to prepare with players having commitments to their clubs.

The winners of this game will advance to face UCC in the second round next Sunday.

This game is hard one to call but on paper, Bishopstown seem to be the stronger and should just have enough to win it.

Verdict: Bishopstown.

## Superb Wexford put on Model display

WEXFORD showed no mercy as they hammered Limerick 6-17 to 1-4 in the opening round of the Foras na Gaeilge championship in Wexford Park, yesterday writes Máire Uí Scolai.

Despite Limerick getting off to a dream start with a goal within the opening minute from Aoife Sheehan Wexford motored well after their first point four minutes later from Kate Kelly.

Two goals within two minutes from Kelly and a further from Michelle Hearne together with a fine point from Orla Hernon gave the Model county a lead of 3-10 to 1-1 at the break.

The Model County continued with their great performance immediately after the restart as Michelle Hearne struck for her second goal eight minutes after the restart. Wexford added two further goals from Lennie Holohan and substitute Úna Leacy.

**LIMERICK:** P McCarthy; G McIlmura; R Collins; M Dooley; D Fitzpatrick; M Kelly; J Clifford; V Sheehan; A Sheehan; J Dolan; E O'Brien; S McAuliffe; D O'Brien; M Keating; M Casey. **Subs:** N Collins for Dolan; F Dore for O'Brien; A White for Clifford.

**WEXFORD:** M Darcy; A Moran; A Codd; C O'Connor; R Breen; M Leacy; D Codd; C Murphy; O Hernon; M O'Leary; A O'Connor; E Quigley; K Kelly; M Hearne; L Holohan. **Subs:** J Dwyer for Hernon; B Holohan for Hearne; U Leacy for Quigley.

## CamogieChat

With Mary Newman

### Senior action begins

**W**ITHOUT doubt the most coveted prize in Cork camogie is a senior county championship medal and on Monday next in Ballinlough at 7.30 Bishopstown and Carrigdhoun get this year action under way.

The following evening there's a double header in Brinney with Courcy Rovers taking on Carbery at 7pm while at 8.15 Barryroe and Muskerry come face to face.

It's on to Wednesday when last year defeated finalists Inniscarra meet Glen Rovers in Ballinacollig with a 7pm throw in followed by the clash of last years senior 'B' champions Kilbrittain/Timoleague and Milford.

The action continues on Thursday with Seandun and Imokilly, and hopefully it will be the first game of a double header with Avondhu taking on county champions Fr O Neills. As yet a venue is to be confirmed for these games but we will have it next weeks Inside Cork.

There is a break until Saturday when St Finbarrs and Cloughduv have a mouth watering tie in Ovens and on July 4th UCC meet the winners of the Bishopstown/Carrigdhoun game.

It's always hard to predict winners but up there amongst the favourites would have to be the star studded UCC who are backed by inter county stars.

Last year they went in as favourites but fell to the Barrs, on paper they look unbeatable but the tough inter-county and home club commitment may just take their toll. Who else is there to keep an eye on?

The Barrs have been strengthened this year by the acquisition of former Bishopstown player Cork senior Vivienne Harris and she will be a huge asset as they go in search of their first title.

Carrigdhoun are a strong divisional side who's clubs are all thriving, while champions Fr O Neills cannot be discounted easily.

Barryroe have promised much since their elevation to senior grade but have as yet to delivered, while Milford are a young up and coming team who have achieved so much at under age level.

Former champions Cloughduv have a strong side backed by four Cork seniors and they will take beating.

Inniscarra have a nice blend of youth and experience and they will be determined to go one better than last year when they finished runners-up. Bishopstown and Glen Rovers enjoyed wonderful years of success in the championship and both are fielding young's sides,

while Courcy Rovers are determined to make the breakthrough in senior grade. The divisional side are hard to predict but certainly Seandun, Imokilly Muskerry and Avondhu with the wealth of talent available to them should be up there with the best. My tip for the championship.....well I'm keeping that to myself for the time being.

### Boost for C'ship

IN this Centenary Year the County Board will to-night, (Thursday) announce an exciting new sponsor for our flagship competition. This years C'ship will be sponsored by O'Leary Bros Builders and the Board will formally launch the sponsorship at a reception in Páirc Uí Chaoimh at 8.30 pm. All participating clubs are invited to attend this launch at which full details of this venture will be announced. The Officer Board are delighted to welcome these new sponsors and feel it will greatly enhance the competition in this historic year for Camogie.

### Cloughduv take the honours

CONGRATULATIONS must go to Cloughduv who were crowned under 14 twelve a side champions defeating Newcestown in a thrilling final in Coachford.

### It's down to semi-finals

In the Under 14 B league quarter finals Ballinacollig advanced at the expense of a Carrigaline side that having led throughout the entire contest were caught by a Clare Ryan goal with the last puck of the game. Eire Og with Ciara O Keffe grabbing two first half goals saw off the challenge of Valley Rovers, while Milford confirmed their superiority with a victory over a spirited Blackrock. Bishopstown with Mary Kane and Katie Hickey doing trojan work had a victory over Courcy Rovers.

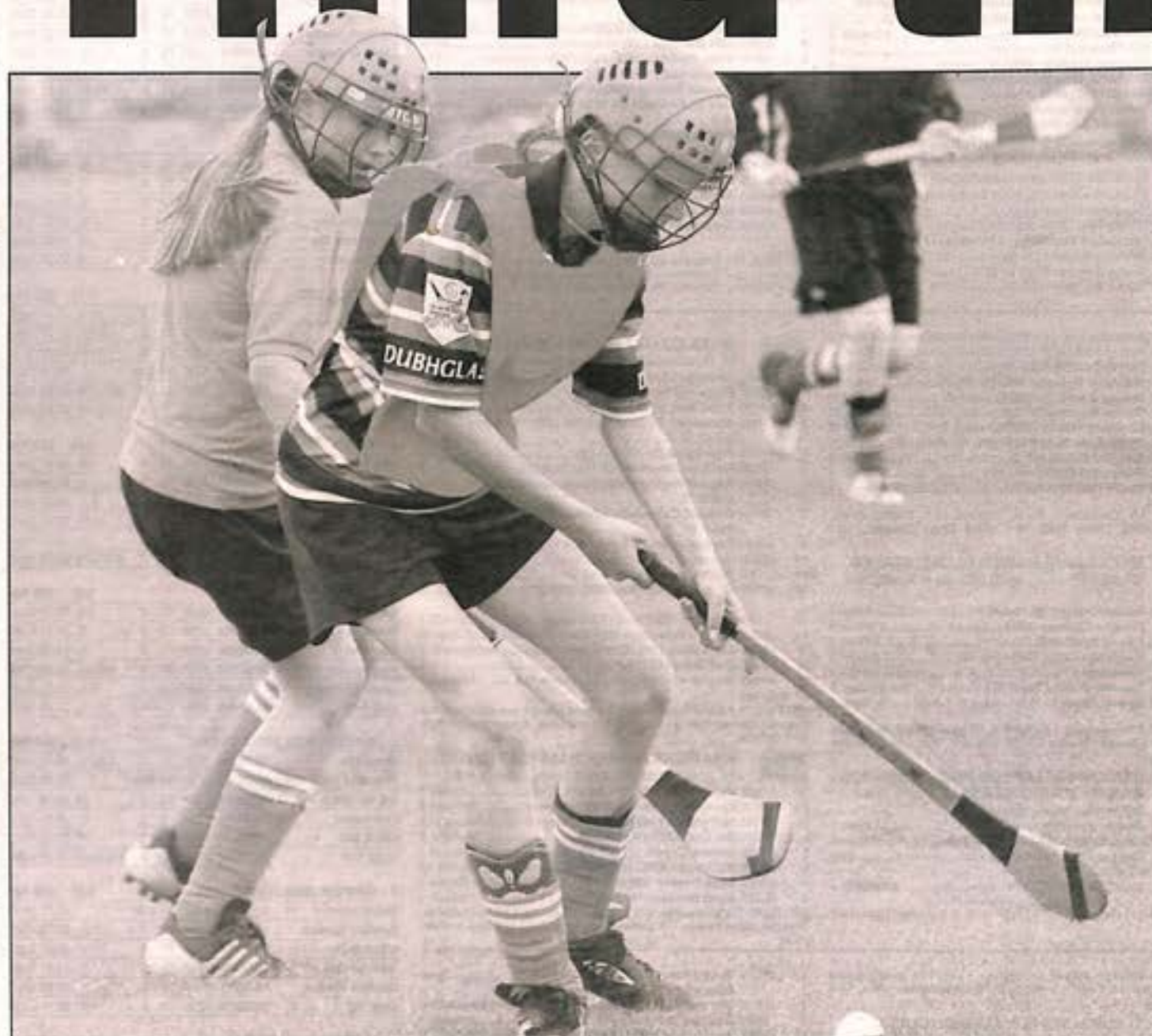
In the under 14 'C' quarter finals there were just two results to hand when going to print, Erins Own with Caoimhe O Callaghan and Megan Spillane prominent advanced at the expense of Ballyhea, while Mallow were to strong for Rockban with Maebh O Neill, Sinead Coakley and Rachel O Leary all finding the net. So the scene is now set for the semi-finals which will take place after the summer break. The final week of under 12 action should see the quarter and semi-final stages reached this coming weekend, while the under 16's have one round of their league programme to play now that the exams are completed.



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Douglas Camogie club play in their third Féile final in a row. **LINDA MELLERICK** talks to

# Third time



The Douglas camogie team get in a bit of late practice at their club grounds ahead of this weekend's finals.

Picture: Neil Danton



**Linda Mellerick**

## Douglas hope for a rub of the green in Féile final

**DOUGLAS** will fly the Cork flag at the National Féile finals in Westmeath this weekend.

The southside club, appearing in the National Féile finals for the third year in succession, will give it their all in their quest to bring the title back to Leaside.

To win the Cork Féile championship three years in-a-row, considering the fact that at underage the turnaround of players is continuous, is a remarkable achievement.

But spend an hour with the people involved and you'll find out just why Douglas are the kingpins of underage camogie in Cork.

I attended their training session last Thursday evening and witnessed commitment, dedication, good humour, fun, and pride from both mentors and players alike.

The travelling party leave Cork today at 11am.

The players will have to quickly put the long journey behind them as they take on O'Loughlin Gaels this evening at 6.30pm.

The following morning they play a further two matches and should they qualify from the series of games will contest the semi-finals on Friday afternoon.

The final is down for decision at 2.30pm on Saturday.

A tough assignment indeed but when the going gets tough the tough get going.

Douglas emerged victorious from an epic Cork Féile final.

A spirited Ballinhassig team made them fight all the way for victory but the South side girls responded to the challenge.

They showed their true mettle when the chips were down and dug out a memorable triumph, according to coach Jimmy O'Mahony.

"We were extremely relieved after the final. We expected Ballinhassig to be very good. They had beaten us in the County final two years ago at U12 level.

"We had beaten them twice this year in the league but we knew they would provide a stern challenge.

"But our team don't give up; they've great heart and keep going until the final whistle."

Jimmy took over training the Douglas U11 team in March 2001 when his daughter was a member of the side.

Since then he has given total commitment to the club which has seen them reach the National finals for the past three years.

Jimmy doesn't find the effort any burden at all. "Normally coaches inspire teams", he said. "But in this case it's the girls who inspire me.

"They're here all the time; no matter when we say we're training, they're here full of enthusiasm."

What's the secret of Douglas' success? Most other clubs train, most other clubs have committed personnel.

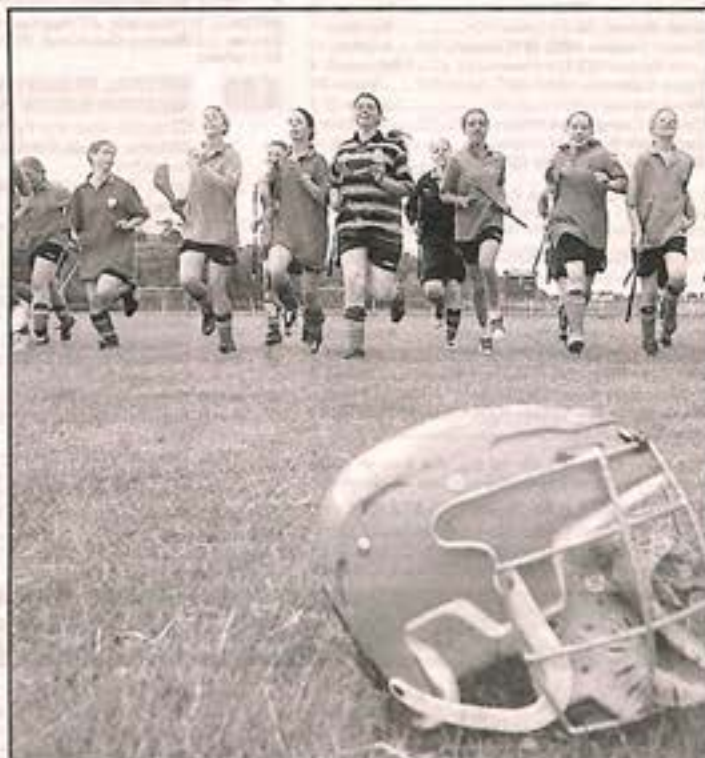
What are Douglas doing different to everyone else that sees them field two teams at every grade from under 11 to under 16?

The club runs an A and a B team in every grade.



Lord Mayor Cllr Seán Martin makes a presentation to Douglas captain Jessica Jackson.

Picture: Mike English



The Douglas girls go through their paces at training ahead of their Féile final.

Picture: Neil Danton





**CAMOGIE**

- Division 1: Douglas (Cork) 3-4,  
Thomastown (Kilkenny) 2-1.  
Division 2: Camross (Laois) 2-4,  
Newmarket-on-Fergus (Clare) 1-4.  
Division 3: Ballycastle (Antrim) 1-4,  
Kilcormac/Kiloughy (Offaly) 1-1.  
Division 4: Gran (Roscommon) 2-1,  
Naomh Bríd (Carlow) 0-2.

those who have been involved with this big success story

# Lucky?



The Douglas Féile na nGael team who paid a courtesy visit to Lord Mayor Cllr Seán Martin at City Hall.

Picture: Mike English

The reason — "We don't want 15 subs. You can't play 15 subs, at least this way everyone is getting a game. Those that don't get a run in A games get a run with the B's. It keeps them interested, used to playing in matches, and more importantly it keeps them playing."

Douglas has a huge catchment area but that doesn't automatically guarantee you success. It takes a lot more than that.

The local school, coached by Eddie Murphy, recently won the Sciath na Scol. The interaction between club and school is a must for success. With each complimenting the other both reap the rewards.

Again that doesn't make you unbeatable in the county. What keeps the girls' enthusiasm going?

What is the secret behind their dominance? "We've never stopped," says Jimmy. "We train twice a week, every week of the year, and we don't give them a chance to go missing. All the girls are very committed to camogie, it's their first love and the reason we have them is because we don't let them off for two or three months of the winter and then go looking for them again."

"We don't give them a chance to lose interest. We're constantly looking for challenge matches for every team. We actually look for games for the B team probably more than we do for the A's because they love matches. So our secret is — the matches and don't stop!"

While Jimmy's name automatically springs to mind when one mentions Douglas, this operation is by no means a one man show. Finbarr O'Donovan, whose daughter Niamh stars on the team, has been Jimmy's right-hand man for the past three and a half years.

Both shy away when I mention their own contribution and are quick to compliment the other and indeed the entire outfit.

Selector Breda Heffernan is another whose commitment has spanned numerous years. With the team since under 11's she has brought them all the way up and you can hear the pride in her voice as she

speaks about them and the task that lies ahead at the weekend.

"We're very confident; we have a great bunch of girls. They are extremely disciplined and a pleasure to be with."

Denise McCarthy and Charlotte Boyle, are also there to assist the girl's needs. Douglas have every angle covered.

Tina Sheehan was chairperson of the camogie club for the past two years. This year she stepped down from that role but couldn't leave the excitement behind her and so became Féile co-ordinator for 2004. A tough assignment!

Tina estimates the cost of the weekend to be in the region of €8,000. She is quick to point out that local businesses, the GAA club and others have been extremely generous in helping out and that the parents of the girls have been exceptional in assisting with sponsorship.

Indeed Jimmy and Finbarr cannot praise the parents enough: "The parents are absolutely fantastic. We never have to get a bus to any match. It doesn't matter where we go the parents always lend a helping hand."

"We train here at 5pm as the pitch is available to us then. The parents have to have them here for 4.45pm amidst Douglas peak time traffic and it's never a problem. We instil in the players that if they can't be here they let us know and if they are coming they're to be on the pitch for 5pm, not 5.05 or 5.10 past. We start at 5pm, we finish at 6pm and their parents know that."

Of course having a councillor as one of your top supporters is a bonus. Recently re-elected Deirdre Forde was also at the Douglas training session wishing the team all the best.

Deirdre's ambition is to provide long term financing for the local area to improve facilities. "We try to influence policy in council to cater for the minority sport, particularly young girls."

"We actually did a study of the current and future needs/requirements for the greater Douglas area and it's pointing to an amount of facilities for young girls."

"Groups like Douglas Camogie club are currently filling the gap and we need to support them."

"It's a pity there isn't ready money available for events like this. Please God this week will be fantastic for the club and you can be sure we'll be lighting the bonfires when they come home."

Captain Jessica Jackson admits to being really disappointed after last year's final defeat to St. Vincents of Dublin but admits they were beaten by a better team on the day. She is confident, however, of going one step further this weekend.

Unfortunately for Douglas their star forward Aileen O'Donovan is out with a leg injury. Aileen got the winning point in last year's semi-final against Wexford, who were going for their fifth Féile title in-a-row, and is a huge loss.

Always capable of getting scores, she will be missed but Aileen has been out for a few weeks now and so Douglas have had time to readjust and plan without her.

It will be up to the likes of Niamh O'Donovan, Jessica Jackson, Leanne O'Shea and Moira O'Donovan to lift their game and drive their team forward on the day.

The opposition as such is unknown but any team that emerges as champions of their county has to be good.

Just how good is the question? All Douglas can do is look after themselves and ensure that they leave no stone unturned.

So all the hard work is done! It's up to the players on the pitch now to give it their all and bring home the honours.

But according to coach Jimmy: "It's all about enjoyment. We're going up to win obviously but the thing is that no matter what happens we're going to have a great weekend and one that I hope the girls will remember for ever. The main thing is that we go up and do our best and enjoy the weekend, the supporters, the parents and everyone who's travelling—it's a great occasion."

Indeed it is Jimmy and we wish you and your team the very best of luck.



The normal rough and tumble (above) got out of hand in a match between Kiltegan and Annacurra.

## Wicklow women match the men as game ends in brawl

Brendan Furlong

THE place was Wicklow. The scene was a GAA match. Fists flew, kicks were aimed and the event ended in a mass brawl.

Not for the first time, as even the most loyal Wicklow fan would have to admit. The difference this time is that the offenders were women.

Now the county camogie board is to hold a full investigation into the trouble which forced referee Martina Kennedy to abandon the senior championship semi-final match between Kiltegan and Annacurra.

During the second half of Sunday's match, at Pearse Park in Arklow, most of the 30 players became involved in the brawl. Players were punched and kicked but it is not known if any were struck with hurleys.

Things were going quite sportingly until a

player from each side became involved in a serious altercation. All the others then piled in.

"The referee had no option but to abandon the game for her own safety and for the safety of the players and officials," said Wicklow's camogie public relations officer, Suzanne Pearson.

"I would not like to comment as to whether officials were involved or not. I would not like to prejudge the investigation," she said.

Wicklow County Board met on Tuesday night to discuss the referee's match report and will consider the matter again. "We are holding a special meeting on July 19 to deal with the referee's report," said Ms Pearson.

"All clubs will be present at the meeting. I cannot take it any further than that at the moment."



heroine's welcome after they landed the

# Douglas' heroines

Douglas  
Thomastown, Kilkenny

3-4 By PJ AHERN

2-1 Douglas Féile win

THIRD time lucky for Douglas in the Féile na Gael.

Coach Jimmy O'Mahony's girls have finally reached the top table after missing out narrowly over the past two seasons and no group of players deserved it more.

Starting out earlier this year, the girls vowed to go one better this year and when they did on Saturday, the celebrations at Pairc Tailteann, Westmeath needed to be seen to be believed.

"It was a great journey and the team had so many memories from their triumph," Jimmy O'Mahony said.

Douglas advanced to the final comfortably but in the final they came up against a very good Thomastown side.

Supersub Aileen O'Donovan was Douglas' heroine with two late goals to seal a famous win.

Aishling Cotter, who she replaced was the other goal scorer while Niamh O'Donovan and

Moirá O'Donovan added two points.

Douglas led by the minimum at the break 1-1 to 0-3 but upped the pace considerably in the second period to win in style and set off scenes of wild celebration that continued all the way home.

Despite their bus breaking down, they finally arrived home at midnight to a fabulous turnout.

O'Mahony, paid tribute to the people who came out to congratulate his side.

Having beaten Erin's Own and Ballinhassig in at the semi-final and final of the county section, they were drawn in Section D against local clubs Crookedwood, Loughlin Gaels and Ahane from Limerick.

Douglas scored a combined total of 21-10 in their in their first two matches against Crookedwood, and Loughlone Gaels.

However, in their third qualifying match, they were involved

in a thriller with Ahane.

In a fantastic game, Douglas and Ahane were neck and neck all the way before they pulled away.

Douglas coach, Jimmy O'Mahony said the game was much better than the final, with the skill of the two teams being of very high standard.

They went on to play against Mullagh (Galway) in the semi-final.

Douglas were very poor against the opposition but they managed to scrap home before they recovered their composure to defeat Thomastown in a tremendous final 3-04 to 2-01.

Douglas' success could not have been possible, had it not been for the contributions of Leanne O'Shea, Jessica Jackson, Sarah Fisk and Niamh O'Donovan.

DOUGLAS: Cliona Murphy, Una Dunphy, Jasmin Dempsey, Ciara O'Driscoll, Jessica Jackson, Danielle Connolly, Gill Kelleher, Maria O'Donovan, Leanne O'Shea, Niamh O'Donovan, Maire O'Mahony, Julia White, Aishling Cotter, Emma Jordan, Sarah Fisk, Aileen O'Donovan, Karen Horgan, Tracey McCarthy, Gillian Murphy, Laura Mason, Emma Colgan, Danielle Boyle, Ciara Barry.



Douglas captain Jessica Jackson is carried shoulder high into the Douglas clubhouse.

Picture: Courtesy of Douglas camogie club

## All-Ireland Féile na nGael U14 camogie title at the third time of asking



CHAMPIONS: The Douglas team who landed the All-Ireland Féile na nGael title celebrate after the cup presentation.

Picture: Courtesy of Douglas camogie club





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# Nancy sadly missed

**FORMER National President of the Camogie Association Nancy Murray passed away peacefully in her sleep last Sunday morning.**

Her sudden death has shocked everyone involved in the game as she attended a function just a fortnight ago in Portlennone where the local Geraldine's club paid tribute to club member Mairead McAtamney-Magill, who was selected on the Camogie Team of the Century announced at the end of February.

Nancy was manager of the Antrim team in 1967 when Mairead won the first of her two All Ireland Senior medals with the Saffrons.

Current Camogie President Miriam O'Callaghan said that Nancy had played a very important role in the camogie history of Antrim.

"She had a distinguished playing career at club and county level, went on to be a successful coach and referee and was also an administrator of the highest calibre."

"She touched the Association at so

many levels," she said.

Nancy — born Nancy Milligan — served the game in many capacities.

As a player she was on the first Antrim side to win the O'Duffy Cup back in 1945, defeating Waterford in Cappquin. Antrim retained the title for the next two seasons, with Nancy playing a leading role in mid-field (1946) and defence (1947).

With marriage shortening her inter-county career, she turned with a lot of success to coaching in the 50s, taking Antrim to the 1956 title, and several other finals during the 60s before the 1967 success.

However she continued to play club camogie and was full-back on the great Deirdre side that captured seven Antrim titles in succession in the 60s. Deirdre also won the first six Ulster club titles and appeared in the first two All Ireland club finals.

Nancy had the distinction of refereeing four All Ireland Senior deciders during the period 1958-70.

And then there was Nancy the administrator, rising through the Divisional Board to take the county chair. She later moved on to Ulster Council and then in 1973 was elected President of the Association.

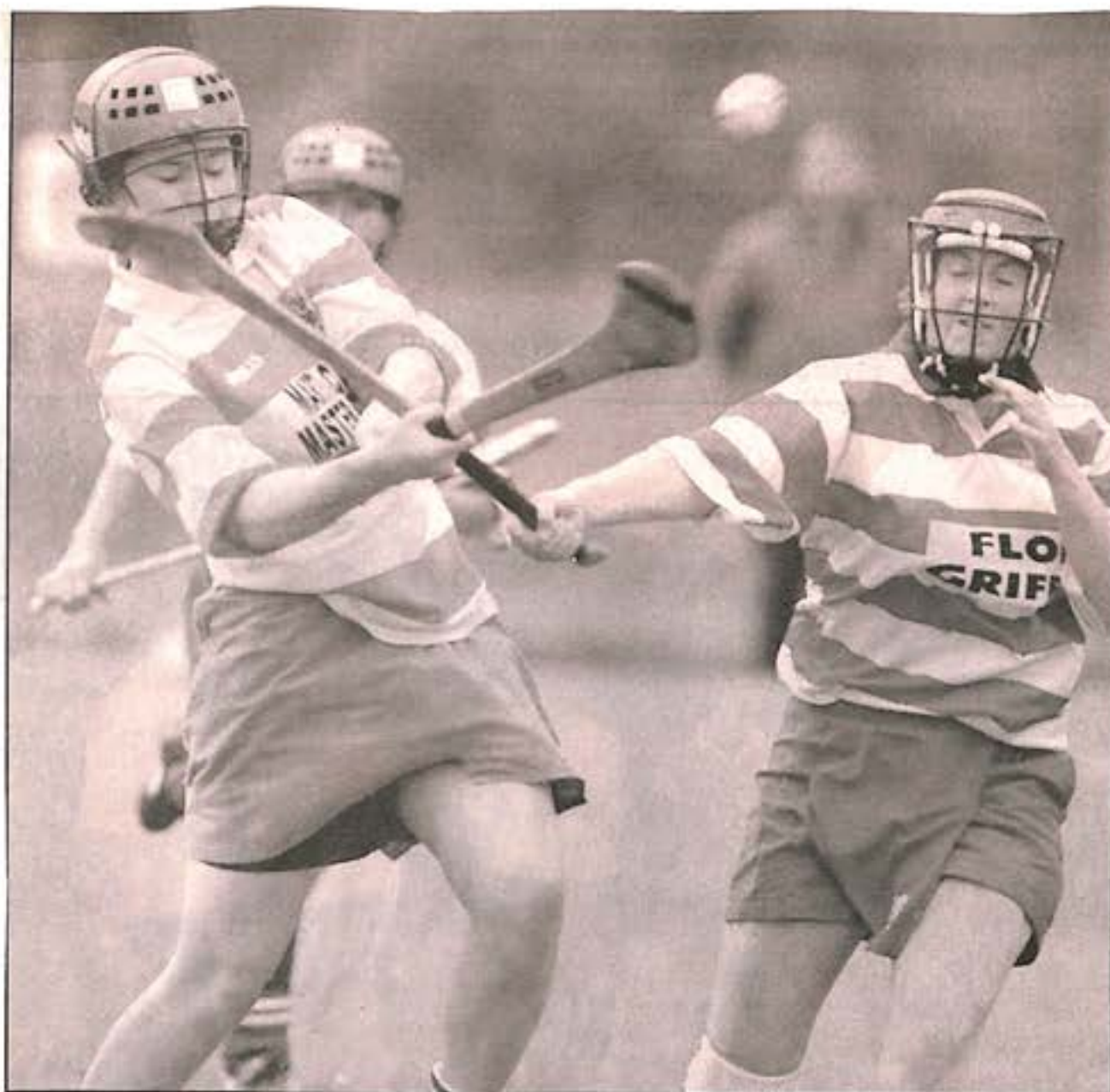
Often her playing and administration roles collided — like in 1971 when she presented Mairead McAtamney, the Portlennone captain, with the Cup for their first ever Antrim title — after spending an hour trying to deny her as Deirdre full-back.

She was also a distinguished golfer and had an excellent singing voice.

She is survived by her husband Sean and sons Donal and Sean, and they will most miss her — but she spent a lifetime involved in every facet of camogie in Antrim and her passing has left a huge void. As a mark of respect, the Antrim Camogie Board postponed all club games in the county from Sunday until after the funeral on Wednesday.



**NIGHT TO REMEMBER:** past Camogie Presidents (from left) Nancy Murray, Rosina McManus, Lily Spence and Bridin Uí Mhaolagáin with guest speaker Micheal O Muircheartaigh at the Antrim Centenary Dinner in January



**Courcey Rovers' Sara Hayes blocks Carbery's Evelyn Crowley during the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship first round game at Brinny last night.**

Picture: Richard Mills



**Carrigdhoun's Amanda Murphy is tackled by Bishopstown's Joanne Browne during the Cork Senior Camogie Championship tie at Ballinlough.**

Picture: Eddie O'Hare

## Courcey's, Barryroe make it through

**Courcey Rovers  
Carbery**

**2-13  
0-8**

by Mary Newman

A GAME of two halves could describe the opening game in the O'Leary Bros Builders Cork Senior Camogie Championship in Brinny last evening.

Carbery had raced into a four point lead thanks to the accuracy of Evelyn Crowley, Hilda Kenneally, and Colette Desmond before Rachel Moloney had Courcey's opening point.

Colleen Long stretched the divisional side's advantage with two further points as Ursula Quinn replied with Courcey's second.

With the sides exchanging points Carbery continued to hold their lead but a Rachel Moloney goal midway through the half brought Courcey's right back into contention. Minutes later Moloney had her side on level, and with Colette Desmond and Moloney trading points it was deadlocked at the break 0-8 to 1-5 and all to play for.

From the restart Courcey's dominated proceedings and with inter-county senior player Rachel Moloney leading by example, they showed their class.

Such was their strength that they held the Carbery attack scoreless while up front Rachel Moloney continued to cause havoc, adding 1-6 to her side's tally and aided by Sarah Hayes and Claire Murphy with a point apiece as Courcey's ran out convincing winners.

**Scorers, Courcey Rovers:** R Moloney 2-9, S Murphy, S Hayes, C Murphy, U Quinn 0-1 each.

**Carbery:** E Crowley, C Desmond, C Long 0-2 each, H Kenneally, S Whelton 0-1 each.

**COURCEY ROVERS:** J Hayes, J Murphy, C Murphy, G Twomey, S Downing, M O'Donovan, S Hayes, K Keohane, M O'Regan, S Murphy, A Quinn, U Quinn, C Murphy, R Moloney, C O'Neill.

**CARBERRY:** C Collins, L Holland, R Desmond, M Nyhan, H O'Regan, T Slyne, A Coughlan, E Crowley, O Coughlan, J Gaynor, S Deasy, H Kenneally, S Whelton, C Desmond, C Long, A O'Neill.

**Referee:** C Egan (Glen Rovers).

**Barryroe  
Muskerry**

**2-10  
2-9**

THE second game in Brinny was a much closer affair than the first with Barryroe digging deep to record a one point victory.

Aided by the strong wind the divisional side held a five points advantage at the interval of 1-6 to 1-1. Points from Louise Murphy, Mary Buckley and Sheila Burns settled Muskerry with Jennifer O'Leary replying for Barryroe with a point inside the opening ten minutes.

Five minutes later Rosemary Dineen struck for a Barryroe goal, but aided by the elements Muskerry finished the half stronger with Louise Murphy goaling minutes before the break.

With the elements playing a decisive role Barryroe settled quickly into the second half. Inside ten minutes Jennifer O'Leary had cut the deficit to four points but Mary Buckley pointed twice to steady Muskerry. From here to the 21st minute it was Barryroe's Jenny O'Leary who put her stamp on the game with four points without replying. Mary Buckley grabbed a Muskerry goal in the 21st minute with Sheila Burns and Louise Murphy adding points.

Elaine McCarthy kept Barryroe in touch with a point before the goal they needed finally came five minutes from full time courtesy of Carol Ann O'Donovan.

Now with the wind to their backs, Barryroe continued the pressure and three points from inter county star Jennifer O'Leary without reply was enough to finally kill off the Muskerry challenge.

**Scorers, Barryroe:** J O'Leary 0-9, CA O'Donovan 1-0, R Dineen 1-0, E McCarthy 0-1.

**Muskerry:** M Buckley 1-4, L Murphy 1-3, S Burns 0-2.

**BARRYROE:** C Keohane, E Carroll, R Holland, I Dineen, N O'Driscoll, AM Fleming, C Dineen, K McCarthy, E O'Regan, E McCarthy, D Collins, CA O'Donovan, R Dineen, J Cahalane, J O'Leary, Sub. L Gannon for J Cahalane.

**MUSKERRY:** Y Malone, S Buckley, J Twomey, C Foley, H Walsh, F Buckley, L Doegan, V Mulcahy, E O'Herlihy, S Buckley, C McKenna, N O'Connell, L Murphy, M Buckley, L Crowley, Sub. A McKenna for N O'Connell.

**Referee:** J Desmond (Bandon).

July 2004



# Action stations as clubs and divisions prepare to battle

by Mary Newman

A BUSY week of camogie ahead as 17 clubs vie for the honour of taking the O'Leary Brothers Builders senior county title in camogie's centenary year. Last evening Bishopstown and Carrigdhoun will have battled it out in Ballinlough in the championship's one preliminary round game to find a winner to meet UCC on July 4.

This evening it's a double header in Brinney and a 7pm start for Courcy Rovers and Carbery and here the club side with Cork senior inter county players Sarah Hayes and Rachel Moloney should have the edge over the divisional side who will have Newcestown and Cork Senior Colette Desmond leading their challenge, aided by Hilda Kenneally and Rose Desmond.

The second game in Brinney features Barryroe and Muskerry at 8.15pm. Again, it's hard to gauge the strength of the divisional side but Muskerry boosted by strong Mid Cork sides Eire OG and Aghbullogue will test a Barryroe side who will look to their Cork seniors Jennifer O'Leary and Rosalie Holland to help them.

It's on to Ballincollig on Wednesday evening as Inniscarra

face up to Glen Rovers. Inniscarra lost out narrowly in last year's County final to Fr O Neills and are said to be focused on taking honours this year. At the end of July they will open their new playing field in Ballyanley and would love to be champions for the occasion. Marie O'Connell, Rena Buckley and Irena O'Keeffe are focused on going one better this time out. Glen Rovers will look to Denise Cronin, Jill Hannon and Linda Mellerick to guide the fortunes of a young Sandie Fitzgibbon-coached side.

Kilbrittan/Timoleague, under Cork coach John Considine, meet Milford in the second game in Ballincollig in what is a repeat of the senior league final. On that occasion Milford proved too strong for the championship debutants but Kilbrittan will not be unduly worried. Miriam Deasy, Sadie Mc Carthy and Marion Murphy should test the Milford side led by captain Lelia Long and youngsters Marie Watson and Regina Curtin.

On Thursday evening, divisional sides are to the fore with Fr O Neills the odd ones out in another double header. City divisional representatives Seandun open pro-

ceedings against Muskerry. Seandun, with Amanda O'Regan, Therese Drummond and Fiona O'Donovan, have the potential to upset a strong Imokilly who will feature Denise Twomey, Emer O'Farrell, Angela Walsh and Marie O'Neill in their line out. The second game has champions Fr O Neills opening their defence of title against Avondhu and the Ballymacoda girls should safely negotiate the first hurdle. A venue is still to be confirmed for this double header but it's hoped Ballinlough will host both games.

Without doubt, the game of the championship is the meeting on Saturday evening in Ovens of St Finbarrs and Cloughduv. Two years ago the sides met in the county final with Cloughduv edging it at the final whistle. Last year St Finbarrs knocked out favourites UCC only to lose out at semi final stages to Inniscarra. This year they are boosted by the acquisition of senior inter county star and former Bishopstown player Vivienne Harris and her inclusion will certainly boost the Togher side challenge as they go in quest of their first title.

Cloughduv are backboned by Cork seniors Stephanie Dunlea, Aoife Murray, Una O'Donoghue and Breige Corkery and they are determined to get back to win-

ning ways after relinquishing their title last year to UCC who stopped the Mid Cork side bid for three in a row, however the Barrs with their inter county foursome Gemma O'Connor, Orla O'Sullivan, Linda O'Connell and Vivienne Harris should have the power to advance.

Without doubt the spotlight will be firmly on UCC on Independence Day when they meet the winner of last night's Bishopstown/Carrigdhoun clash.

College were firm favourites last year but came a cropper against a determined Barrs. This year many have again installed them as favourites but with Emer Mc Donnell and Una O'Dwyer no longer in their line out they will not be as strong. However, they still field a very strong inter county line out with Emer and Lizzie Lyng and Elaine Alward. It's hard to gauge the strength of college sides and more often than not it's all on the night. On paper they look unstoppable but they may be hampered with Kilkenny, Galway and Tipperary all in action the day before in the All Ireland championship.

Plenty of action to look forward to as the club's and divisions battle it out for the Punch Trophy in an exciting week ahead.

## Welcome sponsorship boost

THERE was a big boost for Cork camogie on Thursday last as the county board announced the sponsorship of their championships for 2004 by O'Leary Brothers Builders at a function in Pairc Uí Chaoimh.

Chairperson Marion McCarthy hosted the event that was attended by Mr Bob O'Leary, officers of the Camogie and GAA boards, Cork camogie ambassador Linda Mellerick, and representatives from the 17 teams taking part in this year's county senior championship which begins this week.

It was very much a case of "Bob

the Builder Can We Fix It... Yes We Can" as Bob O'Leary readily agreed to come on board to help out, as he explained.

"I recently met up with the registrar of the board, Kay Dunne, who explained all about the camogie scene in Cork to me, and I am only too happy to come on board and offer some financial help in sponsoring their county championships."

Chairperson Marion McCarthy, expressing the board's delight at the announcement.

"It's the first year we have secured sponsorship for all our

championships and we are extremely grateful to Bob and O'Leary Brothers Builders. It is a wonderful boost for the game in Camogie's Centenary Year."

Mr Jimmy Murphy, representing the GAA county board, congratulated Mr O'Leary and the county camogie board and wished all teams participating in the championship the best of luck.

Certainly in the games Centenary Year it's a huge boost for Cork camogie.

All the inter counties teams are sponsored by Punch Industries and again the board are hugely indebt-

ed to the Cork-based company for providing such wonderful support.

"Punch Industries are sponsors to our Inter county teams and their support is hugely appreciated by the county board and the players. Hopefully we will reward their backing with a centenary All Ireland title," said Marion McCarthy.

Fr O'Neill's captain Fiona O'Driscoll brought along the Punch Trophy, the symbol of Cork camogie supremacy, and certainly it was being eyed hungrily by the representatives from the clubs.

It promises to be an exciting championship.



Robert O'Leary of O'Leary Bros. Builders, sponsors of the Cork Camogie Championships, presents Marion McCarthy with sponsorship cheque. Included above are board officers and representatives of the participating clubs

### Hayes treble inspires Tribeswomen

A HAT-TRICK of goals from Ann-Marie Hayes, niece of Galway senior hurling manager Conor and brother of senior hurler David, gave the Tribeswomen a well-deserved 5-10 to 3-8 victory over Kilkenny in the second round of the Foras na Gaeilge championship in Nowlan Park yesterday, writes Máire Uí Scoláil.

Despite two goals from Caitriona Carey, sister of DJ, and captain Marie O'Connor, it was Galway who kept plugging away and they got their first goal after 10 minutes from Orla Kilkenny, with Hayes netting just on half time to leave the Cats ahead 2-7 to 2-4.

Emma Kilkelly got Galway's third goal, but the Cats responded within two minutes with their third and final goal from Jacqui Frisby. Galway showed great determination and two goals from Hayes in the 41st and 51st minute gave the Tribeswomen a lifeline for this year's championship. They now play Antrim in the final round while Kilkenny will meet Tipperary.

SCORERS — Kilkenny: M O'Connor, J Frisby 1-1 each; C Carey 1-0; S Millie 0-3; C Doherty 0-2; E Aylward 0-1. Galway: AM Hayes 3-1; O Kilkenny 1-2; E Kilkelly 1-1; L Kavanagh 0-5 (3); C Murray 0-1.

KILKENNY — C Ryan, U Walton, M Costelloe, C Delaney, K Kinahan, A Neary, E Lyng, L Lyng, E Niyward, C Carey, S Millie, C Doherty, J Frisby, B Mulally, M O'Connor. Subs: D Minogue for C Delaney (35), B Greeman for U Walton (46), E Maher for C Carey (58).

GALWAY — S Earrier, M Carr, S Cahalan, L Flynn, L Lally, A Kelly, S Kinane, T Maher, C Glennon, O Kilkenny, A Hilary, L Kavanagh, AM Hayes, B Hanney, E Kilkelly. Subs: C Murray for B Hanney (42).



# Galway in control against Cats despite conceding two early goals

July 2004

Galway  
Kilkenny 5-10  
3-8

by Máire Uí Scolai

THE concession of two early goals failed to upset Galway in this thrilling second round Foras na Gaeilge camogie championship tie at Nowlan Park on Saturday.

Within five minutes, Kilkenny's Caitriona Carey and skipper Ann Marie O'Connor had crashed shots past Susan Eamer.

But within the next five minutes, Orla Kilkenny hit the first of Galway's five goals. Kilkenny kept ahead, with Jacqui Frisby most impressive up front, but Galway again fought back with Lourda Kavanagh and Kilkenny hitting points before Ann Marie Hayes netted a goal to leave them trailing by three at the break (2-4 to 2-7).

There was a goal flurry within minutes of the restart, with Emma Kilkenny pulling Galway level after three minutes before Frisby raced down the field to restore the Cats' lead.

The westerners struck back with two points from Kavanagh to cut the deficit to one point after 41 minutes.

Then Galway took command. Hayes pounced for two goals in a ten minute spell before points from Caroline Murray and the impressive Kavanagh completed the rout.

Galway will now play Antrim on July 17 in Páirc Tailteann, Navan,

## Bus blaze

THE bus hired to transport the camogie players of Wexford was destroyed by fire in Dundalk on Friday night.

The Model County side, who played Derry in the Foras na Gaeilge championship on Saturday, were staying in Dundalk on the eve of the game.

The incident occurred while most of the squad were at the cinema and the driver was eating a meal.

Gardaí and Fire Brigade officials are investigating the cause of the blaze.

Meanwhile, Wexford had an easy 3-10 to 1-1 win over Derry in Greenlough, Derry.

A goal from Una Leacy helped them to a 1-6 to 0-0 interval lead. Two more goals from Kate Kelly helped complete the win and set up a clash with Cork on July 24. Derry travel to Limerick on the same day.

Scorers: Wexford: K Kelly 2-4, U Leacy 1-0, M Hearne 0-3, M Leacy, E Quigley, A O'Connor 0-1 each, Derry: M Comer 1-1.

WEXFORD: E Barnes, A Moran, A Codd, C O'Connor, R Breen, M Leacy, D Codd, C Murphy, U Leacy, M O'Leary, A O'Connor, E Quigley, K Kelly, M Hearne, L Holohan.

DERRY: C O'Kane, E Mc Ilvord, M Mc Auley, E Doherty, J Caray, C Pickering, K O'Kane, H Kelly, A Diamond, S O'Neill, P Mc Atamney, A Laverty, G Mc Goldrick, K Mc Auley, M Comer.

Referee: U Kearney, Armagh.

In the day's other game Tipperary hammered Antrim 4-27 to 1-4 in Semple Stadium.

Scorers: Tipperary: J Horan 2-7, G Kinnane 1-6, D Hughes 1-0, C Grogan, N Kennedy 0-4, each S Nealon 0-2, L Young, E Ryan, C Gaynor, T O'Halloran 0-1.

Antrim: R Turney 1-0, E Mason 0-2, J Adams, A Jackson 0-1 each.

TIPPERARY: J Delaney, S Howard, H Breen, J Kirwan, S Nealon, C Gaynor, T Brophy, T O'Halloran, P Bulfin, L Young, N Kennedy, C Grogan, G Kinnane, D Hughes, J Horan. Subs: E Ryan for C Grogan, D Mc Donnell for L Young, L Bourke for T Brophy, P Fogarty for D Hughes, M Corcoran for J Kirwan.

ANTRIM: C Mc Kinley, O Donnelly, M Graham, K Crossley, S Wilson, C Mc Ginley, F Hasson, E Mason, K O'Neill, E Mc Cormick, J Adams, A Jackson, R Turney, S Lagan, C Doherty. Subs: N Cunningham for O Donnelly, B Letters for K O'Neill (inj), N Mc Curry for A Jackson (inj).

Referee: J Mc Grath, Cork.

while Kilkenny have the daunting task of travelling to Tipperary.

Scorers: Galway: A M Hayes 3-1, O Kilkenny 1-2, E Kilkenny 1-1, L Kavanagh 0-5 (0-3F), C Murray 0-1.

Kilkenny: M O'Connor, J Frisby 1-1 each, C Carey 1-0, S Millar 0-3 (F), C Doherty 0-2, E Alyward 0-1.

KILKENNY: C Ryan, U Walton, M Costelloe, C Delaney, K Kinahan, A Neary, E Lyng, L Lyng, E Alyward, C Carey, S Millar, C Doherty, J Frisby, B Mulally, M O'Connor. Subs: D Minogue for C Delaney (35 mins), B Grennan for U Walton (46 mins), E Maher for C Carey (58 mins).

GALWAY: S Eamer, M Carr, S Cahalan, L Flynn, L Lally, A Kelly, S Kinane, T Maher, C Glennon, O Kilkenny, A Hilary, L Kavanagh, AM Hayes, B Hanney, E Kilkenny. Subs: C Murray for B Hanney (42 mins).

Referee: D Noble, Dublin.

## CamogieChat

With Mary Newman

# Douglas bring Feile title to Cork

DOUGLAS having endured the heartbreak of losing out twice made sure it was third time lucky as they defeated Thomstown from Kilkenny in an exciting final.

In their section they had victories over their hosts Crookedwood, Loughlin Gaels and Ahane of Limerick.

The Limerick side with their male counterparts having defeated Corks

Na Piarasigh were all out to make it a double but in a thrilling contest Douglas advanced to a semi final meeting with Mullagh from Galway and after a tight contest Douglas just made it through to the decider.

In a thrilling final where just one point separated the sides at the break, Douglas sided by the strong wind dominated the second half and goals from Ashling Cotter and substitute Aileen O'Donovan ensured

the title was coming to Cork.

Well done to all concerned for a fantastic achievement which is a credit to all the hard working officials in the club and also a fitting tribute to the all those who have gone before them in the club.

For many year stalwarts such as Christine Pinfield, Mary Maher, Carmel Carroll and Liz Lynch to name a few flew the Douglas flag through thick and thin ensuring the club never died, the victory is a fitting tribute to everybody who has worn the club colours.... Well done Douglas.

## DERRY FAIL TO FIELD

ON the Inter county scene it was a disappointment that on Friday last Derry announced they would not be fielding against Cork in their opening round senior championship fixture.

Originally fixed for Cork the request to come half way to play the game was readily agreed upon by the Cork management team but unfortunately Derry opted not to fulfil the fixture and surely in centenary year this is something that should not be happening.

Cork will meet Limerick on July 10 while the meeting with Wexford on July 24 will be a vital one given Wexford's huge win over Limerick at the weekend.

## MUNSTER JUNIOR FINAL

LIMERICK travel to Douglas on Wednesday next to take on Cork in the Munster Junior championship final. With no back door or open draw system in operation in the junior grade its all or nothing for both sides. Cork enjoyed a great victory over champions Clare in a semi final where they had to hold off a late rally from the holders before advancing. It's been a long wait for the final but Cork are well prepared and certainly they have left no stone unturned in their quest for success. Limerick having already put one over on Cork taking the Intermediate provincial title will travel in confident mood but Ellen Clifford, Marion Jaego, Liz Bugler and Niamh Goulding and their team mates are in no mood to let this one slip and with home advantage should have enough to be crowned champions.

# Champions Fr O'Neills scrape home as Imokilly advance with ease

Five points inside 10 minutes from Orla Cotter, Shauna Cunningham, Marie O'Neill, Emer O'Farrell and Mary O'Connor had the East Cork side in a comfortable position. The three-goal Imokilly blitz between the 13th and 19th minute from Emer O'Farrell, Angela Walsh and Marie O'Neill gave the city side a mountain to climb, with Imokilly ahead 3-11 to 0-2 at half-time.

Through the second-half Imokilly held the upper hand with Lisa Higgins adding to the goal tally inside four minutes. Seandun got two late goals in the final 10 minutes but it was too little too

late. DESPITE heavy rain, Imokilly set the pace in the first of the games at Ballinlough.

Imokilly 4-25  
Seandun 2-6

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AVONDHU: V. McCormack, A. Morrissey, N. Bowles, M. Sheedy, M. Walsh, C. Gilleman, E. Waters, P. O'Connor, K. Hickey, M. Coleman, E. Farrell, S. Douglas, S. Reidy, M. Browne, M. T. Foley, S. O'Connor. Subs: J. Killeen for D. Farrell, J. Farrell for S. Douglas, AM Sheehan for S. Reidy.

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Fr. O'Neill's Val O'Sullivan in action against Avondhu's Michelle Walsh during their Cork County Senior Camogie Championship clash at Ballinlough last night. Picture: Gavin Browne

## Imokilly blitz Seandun in one-sided tie

Imokilly  
Seandun

4-25  
2-06

IT was all one-way traffic in Ballinlough, as Imokilly annihilated Seandun in treacherous conditions to claim their first win in the O'Leary Brother's Builders Cork Camogie Senior Championship Round one, in over three years, writes P.J. Aherne.

Imokilly put 3-11 on the board in a blistering first half as they made the most of the bad conditions and they could afford to relax in the second half, with the main damage done and they strolled through the second half.

The difference between the sides was Imokilly's ability to move the ball more comfortably and quicker than their Seandun opponents.

Orla Cotter opened up the scoring for Imokilly and they had built up a five point lead by the time, Imokilly's Emer O'Farrell beat Aoife Finegan.

Four minutes later, O'Farrell hand passed the ball to Angela Walsh, who had the ball in the net again.

Denise Twomey followed up with a point from the following puck out.

Imokilly's third goal came from Marie O'Neill, and she hand passed the ball to the net.

Twenty one minutes, had past when Threasa Drummond got Seandun up and running in the contest.

Imokilly continued their strong form up until half-time with five further points.

Jenny O'Donovan opened the scoring in the second half, with a point for Seandun and followed up with a second point, before Lisa Higgins scored yet another goal.

A further four points were added to the landslide. Jenny O'Donovan then made the scoreboard look brighter with a goal from a free and followed up with a point.

Points were exchanged, with Seandun adding a goal through Trisha Coleman.

Seandun continued with their brave efforts while their opponents took their foot off the pedal and continued to pick off their points.

Seandun's Anthea O'Brien tried hard, while 'keeper Aoife Finegan did what she could but Imokilly played their side off the field.

The Imokilly keeper, Yvonne O'Neill and her replacement, Carmel Dineen were reduced to the roles of spectators but when called upon cleared their lines effectively.

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## Fr O'Neill's hang on for a good win

Fr. O'Neill's  
Avondhu

1-09  
1-07

By PJ AHERNE

Cork Senior Camogie Championship

THROUGHOUT this contest, Avondhu had the champions fighting to hang on to their crown before Fr O'Neill's showed exactly why they are O'Leary Brother's Builders Cork Camogie Senior Champions, with a strong finish in a thrilling match at Ballinlough.

Fr O'Neill's had a dream start, when they were a goal up inside 20 seconds of the throw-in. Niamh Booles lost Mags Finn, who buried her shot past McCormack.

Avondhu were pinned back in defence and Booles and Guilltinane fighting hard to clear their lines and relieve the pressure.

The pace of the second game was more intense than that of the first of night.

After soaking up the pressure, Avondhu put it to the champions but they found Liz Sweetenham at full-back in fine form.

Kim Hickey and Valerie O'Sullivan were having a savage battle as they both became more involved in the game as both sides demonstrated full commitment.

This was developing into an epic encounter and O'Neill's opened a healthy advantage with a brace of points from Fiona O'Driscoll.

Goalkeeper, Mary Kenefick, was proving to be very solid and she continued her form from last year's county final.

Avondhu got on the board after a great build up and a fierce battle, which saw the sliothar find its way to Dawn Farrell and she pulled a fine point out of the bag.

Anne Corcoran and Gearadoine Kearney were defending well to keep Avondhu out.

Avondhu were unlucky to have a perfectly good looking point from Kim Hickey judged by the umpire to be wide.

This decision cost them dear because in the next attack, O'Driscoll added another point. Avondhu's Michelle Brown scored twice to leave three points the difference at half-time.

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It was a fierce start to the second half, and both selectors made changes as they adopted fresh approaches.

Two points from O'Driscoll and a point by Paula O'Connor after good build up by the subs, left the North Cork division trailing by four points.

Super sub Francis Kileen grabbed the goal, which brought the Avondhu challenge to life after a goalmouth scramble.

The match was leveled through Michelle Brown's effort.

Francis O'Driscoll pointed twice and Nora Aherne added one herself to pull O'Neill's away when it mattered despite the efforts of Brown and Paula O'Connor.

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## Cloughduv will make it difficult for St Finbarr's

St Finbarr's v Cloughduv,  
Ovens, 7.30

THE first round of the O'Leary Brothers Builders Cork Senior Camogie Championship concludes tomorrow with the Barrs facing Cloughduv at Ovens.

St Finbarr's are one of the main contenders for this year's crown and should have too much firepower, but Cloughduv will not make it easy for them.

By PJ AHERNE

Weekend Preview

Cloughduv have a figure on the sideline, who knows the Barr's inside out.

Paudie Murray, who is brother of Cork Star, Kevin Murray will have his loyalty divided, as he faces his own club and will be looking to triumph.

With a strong camogie tradition

in both clubs, it has the potential to be a great game but St Finbarr's should triumph and progress to the next round.

Verdict: St Finbarr's.

UCC V Carrigdhoun  
Ballincollig, 7.30

Carrigdhoun will be hoping to give the students of UCC a lesson in camogie on Sunday evening after showing no mercy to a young

Bishopstown side.

Carrigdhoun will once again be looking to their heroines of the first round to perform well again in this match.

Players such as Sarah O'Donovan and Elaine Burke, who posed a threat to the Bishopstown defence every time they got the sliothar into the hand.

Carrigdhoun will be well rested and raring to go in this round and

will be looking to confirm themselves as one of the favourites for the title.

UCC on the other hand, have been the rising stars of the Cork camogie scene for many years and maybe this year is their year to bear fruit and step on to the top step of the podium.

Either way it will be a cracking contest.

Verdict: Carrigdhoun.



## Inniscarra, Milford advance with impressive displays

**Inniscarra**  
**Glen Rovers**

**7-14**  
**1-3**

IN the opening game at Ballincollig in the O'Leary Bros Builders Cork County Senior Camogie Championship, a physically stronger and fitter Inniscarra side had too much power for Glen Rovers.

Spearheaded by Irene O'Keeffe and Ger Casey, last year's defeated county finalists had four points on the board in a row before Denise Cronin struck a superb goal for Glen Rovers.

Inniscarra upped the tempo and three quick goals from O'Keeffe and Ger Casey saw them hold a 4-8 to 1-1 advantage at the break.

To their credit Glen fought to try and save the game but with Rena Buckley, Enda Dineen and Paula Goggin, solid in defence for Inniscarra they always found the going hard despite the best efforts of Jill Hannon, Linda Mellerick and Denis Cronin.

**GLEN ROVERS:** C Boyle, J O'Regan, N Goulding, A Gilton, R Williams, J Hannon, M Hegarty, L Mellerick, A Cuthbert, A Walsh, D Cronin, S Kelly, F O'Brien, E Harte, A Horgan.

**INNISCARRA:** P Goggin, E Dineen, A O'Mahony, M O'Keeffe, M Buckley, R Buckley, T Murphy, M O'Sullivan, M O'Regan, M McCarthy, C Harte, M O'Connell, T McCarthy, I O'Keeffe, G Casey, M Harrington.

**Milford**  
**Kilbrittain-Timoleague**

**5-5**  
**2-2**

MILFORD led 4-4 to 0-1 at the interval in the second clash at Ballincollig thanks in the main to the excellence of Marie and Emer Watson and solid defensive play from Elaine O'Riordan, Regina Curtin and Deirdre Hayes.

On the resumption Kilbrittain-Timoleague fought valiantly and two goals from Siobhan Sexton and Eilis O'Sullivan had them back in the contest but Milford, boosted by their solid opening half display, held the advantage to advance.



**Inniscarra's Ger Casey races away from Glen Rovers' Jill Hannon during the Cork County senior camogie championship game at Ballincollig.**

Picture: Neil Danton

**MILFORD:** N O'Riordan, D Hayes, E O'Riordan, L Healy, S Sexton, R Curtin, C O'Gorman, A Geary, S O'Reilly, L Long, J Sheehy, A Watson, M Watson, E Watson, E O'Neill.

**KILBRITTAIN TIMOLEAGUE:** S McCarthy, D Coughlan, N O'Mahony, S O'Donovan, Eilis O'Sullivan, Emer O'Sullivan, A Foley, L Kavanagh, B O'Keeffe, M Sexton, M Deasy, D O'Sullivan, E O'Regan, C Deasy, M Murphy.

Referee: P Downey (Inniscarra)

**Results: Leinster JHC semi-finals:** Meath 4-19 Kildare 1-7; Longford 0-14 Louth 1-9.

**MCANULTY** (Warrenpoint) — July 7, 2004 (peacefully) at Daisyhill Hospital, Newry. Sile Nic an Ultaigh, 52, Summer Hill, Warrenpoint, beloved daughter of the late Hugh and Rose McAnulty and dear sister of Moya (McCormack) and the late Rosaleen and Terry McAnulty, deeply regretted by her loving sister, sister-in-law nephews, nieces, grandnephews grandnieces and family circle. May she rest in peace. Her remains will be removed from her home tomorrow (Friday) at 11.30 a.m. arriving at St Peter's Church, Warrenpoint for 12 Noon Requiem Mass. Interment immediately afterwards in Kilbroney Cemetery, Rostrevor.

"I gParthas na nGráit go raibimid".

## Camogie saddened by death of Sighle

**Maire Uí Scolai**

THE world of camogie was yesterday saddened at the passing of Sighle Nic an Ultaigh, Life President of the Camogie Association and its longest serving administrator.

Sighle took up her first officership at the tender age of nine when she became secretary of the Betsy Gray Camogie Club in her native Warrenpoint, Co Down.

At the time of her death, almost 80 years later, she was Life President of the Association, a member of both Central Council and the Central Management Com-

mittee and a member of St Peter's GAA Club, Warrenpoint.

Sighle's distinguished and unparalleled service over almost 80 years included holding the office of secretary of the Down Camogie Board and Cathaoirleach of Ulster Camogie Council.

She was also president of the Association from 1949 to 1953 and Hon Sec from 1953 to 1975.

She further went on to become President of Comhairle na mBunscoil and Cathaoirleach of the Central Administration Committee which provided a training programme for officers.

# Glen reign is well over

Well I said last week that by the end of this week seven teams will have made their exit from this year's Cork County Senior Championship.

Five have already done so and another two will join them by tomorrow evening.

The games to date were for the most part whitewashes. On Monday Bishopstown were annihilated by Carrigdown and we, Glen Rovers, suffered the same humiliation on Wednesday at the hands of Inniscarra.

I won't pretend that I wasn't hugely embarrassed last Wednesday. I was, totally! I drove back to the clubhouse with Denise Cronin, the only other present player who was also a member of the unbeatable squad we had in the 90s, and of course we reminisced. We spoke about the 'great' days and realised we couldn't really complain.

What we had with the Glen back then will rarely, if ever, be equalled. We both agreed that we were quite happy to be Glen Rovers players when times were good and so we are quite happy to still be Glen Rovers players now that times are bad.

Kilbrittain gave Milford a better game of it when they met but really the north Cork side were never going to lose this game and were comfortable enough winners.

Courcey Rovers and Carbery battled it out in the first half but Rovers pulled away in the second and won easily.

Imokilly ran amok with Seandun and the game was merely target practice for them.

The best games of the championship to date were the meeting of Barryroe and Muskerry, Barryroe winning this



**Linda Mellerick**

exciting encounter with a last minute goal.

Fr O'Neill's and Avondhu was also a thriller with the game hanging in the balance right up to the final whistle. The East Cork side's experience told in the end and they won by two points.

The most impressive displays to date came from Carrigdown and Inniscarra.

Inniscarra are a more level force than they were last year with strong players in all sectors and more important they're extremely hungry. The club launch the opening of their own camogie pitch on the 25th of July and this is an incredible achievement.

It just goes to show the intentions of Inniscarra for the future and full credit to them. They shouldn't read too much into their victory on Wednesday night as there are a lot tougher teams waiting but whether it's this year or not success can't be too far away.

Gone are the days when Killeagh, the Glen and then Bishopstown dominated. No one is really dominating now.

Cloughduv won two titles back to back in 2001 and 2002. Fr O'Neill's took the honours for the first time last year and I expect a new champion this year. Its good for the game and it's generating a wider audience.

Tonight St Finbarr's and Cloughduv clash in Ovens at 7.45pm. As I previously mentioned the Barrs will win this one. Sunday sees UCC take on Carrigdown.

I wasn't at the divisional sides win over Bishopstown so it is hard to know whether they were exceptional or if Bishopstown were poor. I predicted a UCC win and I'll stick with it. I'm presuming they have their full complement of players for the clash. Hunger will be a factor. Will the college side have it? If yes, then I'll think they'll shade it but it has the ingredients of being a classic.

Cork head off on their All-Ireland glory trail when they meet Limerick next Wednesday night in Douglas at 7.15pm in the first round of the Munster Championship.

This Cork team are very talented but need to blend together more. I attended three of their national league games.

All three fixtures were very close to each other. By the third encounter the team had improved dramatically, had become familiar and looked comfortable with each other.

Attendances at training apparently haven't been up to scratch due mainly to six of the squad training with the seniors and with exams, etc taking its toll. A few challenge matches is what they need and in my opinion you can never travel far enough if it means getting a decent game. It'll pay dividends.

Newly crowned National Feile champions Douglas head off on another glory trail next Monday evening in Mallow when they begin their defence of their All-Ireland community games title. Obvious favourites for this after their recent success the side can make a clean sweep of it this year.

Apparently the team got a tremendous reception when they came home last weekend and a special night was also given to them by the GAA club last Monday evening.



**Name: Brieghe Corkery**  
**Age: 17**

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## CORK

1. Ellen Clifford
2. Amanda O'Regan
3. Elaine O'Riordan
4. Niamh Goudling
5. Catriona Foley
6. Rene Buckley
7. Michelle Hegarty
8. Val O'Keeffe
9. Val O'Sullivan
10. Sile Burns
11. Sarah O'Donovan
12. Anna Geary
13. Emear O'Farrell
14. Miriam Deasy
15. Marian Jogee
16. Gillian Harrington
17. Marie O'Connell
18. Liz Bugler
19. Gearoidin Kearney
20. Ger Collins
21. Jenny Duffy
22. Mary Buckley
23. Mary Coleman
24. Jennifer Brown
25. Mairead Holland
26. Adelle Foley
27. Hazel O'Regan
28. Lucey Hawkes

## LIMERICK

1. V. Dillon
2. C. Murphy
3. C. Hayes
4. A. McCarthy
5. J. Garvey
6. S. O'Mahoney
7. M. Neville
8. E. Bromell
9. F. Dore
10. N. Mulcahy
11. C. Hickey
12. M. Corkey
13. D. O'Brien
14. S. O'Shaughnessy
15. P. Cronin
16. S. Brosnan
17. K. Colbert
18. A. Kenny
19. E. Collins
20. G. Daly
21. A. Bennis
22. R. O'Connor
23. E. Cregan
24. T. Mulcair
25. A. Sheehy
26. L. Carroll
27. M. Herbert
28. L. Costello

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## Cork crowned champs with emphatic win

Cork  
Limerick

6-17  
1-1

by Mary Newman

CORK were crowned Munster junior camogie champions in Douglas last evening.

The class of the new champions was always evident through a one-sided contest with captain Val O'Keeffe, Emer O'Farrell, Miriam Deasy and Sheila Burns excelling.

Six points without reply inside the opening ten minutes set the trend and when Miriam Deasy blasted Cork's opening goal to the net in the 14th minute, the issue was decided.

Goals in the 18th and 24th minute from Sarah O'Donovan and Emer O'Farrell ensured they held a comfort-

able 3-8 to 0-1 half time advantage.

Inside 20 seconds of the restart, Sheila Burns had Cork's fourth goal and there looked no way back for Limerick.

To their credit, they continued to be competitive and when Sharon O'Shaughnessy set up Dymphna O'Brien for a goal, it was just rewards for their efforts.

With Sheila Burns and Miriam Deasy adding to their goal tally, the result was never in doubt.

● A minute's silence was observed before the game in memory of the late Sheila McNulty, Co Down, life president of the camogie association, who passed away yesterday.

Scorers for Cork: M. Deasy 2-4, S. Byrnes 2-2, E. O'Farrell 1-2, S. O'Donovan 1-1, V. O'Keeffe 0-3, M. Jagoe 0-3, A. Geary 0-2.



Cork's Sarah O'Donovan about to score a point in last night's Munster Junior camogie final against Limerick at Douglas.

Picture: Daragh Mac Sweeney

Limerick: D. O'Brien 1-0, N. Mulcahy 0-1.

CORK: E. Clifford; A. O'Regan, E. O'Riordan, N. Goulding; C. Foley, R. Buckley, M. Hegarty; V. O'Keeffe (capt.), V. O'Sullivan; S. Burns, S. O'Donovan, A. Geary; E. O'Farrell, M. Deasy, M. Jagoe. Subs: M. O'Connell for R. Buckley, L. Bugler for E. O'Farrell, M. Colman for Jagoe.

LIMERICK: V. Dillon; C. Murphy, C. Hayes, A. McCarthy; S. O'Mahony, M. Neville (capt.), E. Bromell; F. Dore, E. Cregan; N. Mulcahy, C. Hickey, M. Corkey; D. O'Brien, S. O'Shaughnessy, P. Cronin. Subs: K. Colbert for E. Bromell, S. Brosnan for M. Corkey, J. Garvey for S. O'Mahoney, A. Kenny for P. Cronin.

Referee: E. Browne (Tipperary).



County Feile Skills Winner Aine Brislane Toomevara Camogie Club



U 14 County Feile Champions 2005

Back: Suzanne Kelly (Coach), Ruth Shanahan, Emer O'Brien, Aisling Shanahan, Kate Duggan, Anne Marie Quigley, Michelle Ryan, Aoife Murphy, Christine Kenny, Aine Brislane, Laura McCormack, Eithne Canning, Annie Ryan, Sandra Dunne (Captain), Niamh Gleeson, Niamh Finnegan, Nikki Whelan, Donal Kelly (Coach).

Front: Elaine Martin, Rianna Minogue, Noelle Hassett, Niamh Kelly, Sile Ryan, Moira Ryan, Aoife Ryan, Orlaith Maher, Nicole Walsh, Noirin Stapleton, Marguerite Cleary, Hazel Harty, Ciara Murphy, Aoife Grace.



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# Revenge as Cork hammer Limerick

By LINDA MELLERICK

Munster Junior camogie

Cork 6-17  
Limerick 1-1

**CORK'S Juniors** gained revenge for the heavy defeat inflicted on their intermediate colleagues a few weeks ago when they cast aside the challenge of Limerick in the Munster final played in Douglas last night.

Dominant in all sectors, Cork started with the aid of a strong wind which was blowing heavily cross field but also advantageous to the team playing up.

Val O'Keefe registered Cork's first score, a pointed free, in the third minute.

Emer O'Farrell added another 60 seconds later and from thereon in the team scored at will.

Limerick's puck-outs against the wind were dropping only 50-60 yards out and Cork's half forward line were revelling in this delivery.

Rarely in the first period did Limerick enjoy an attack and when they did the Cork defence coped comfortably.

An excellent individual goal by Miriam Deasy in the 14th minute signalled Cork's intent.

Showing great ball control to gain possession, Deasy skipped around three players before rasping the ball to the back of the net.

Limerick's full-back Catherine Hayes was under constant pressure but fought the raids admirably and brought the ball out of her danger zone time and time again.

She couldn't sustain it however and when Cork goaled again in the 18th and 24th minutes the game was over as a contest.

Cork enjoyed a 3-8 to 0-1 half-time lead.

Cork's player of the match Sile Burns goaled within 15 seconds of the resumption and rattled the net again eight minutes later. Limerick had begun to play with a little more fire and got their reward in the second when Dymphna O'Brien netted, but the joy was short lived.

Emer Cregan, a daughter of Eamonn, worked tirelessly in centerfield and up front O'Brien was making people work, but there was too much to do and they

eventually ran out of steam.

In Cork's last line of defence Niamh Goulding and Elaine O'Riordan were out first to every ball and cleared any threat.

Sile Burns, who had an excellent game at right half-forward, ran the Limerick defence ragged and all six forwards raised the flag once again.

It is a pleasing factor for the Cork management team that their entire forward line are lively and capable scorers.

Anne Geary at midfield is another such player.

This was a great win for Cork. Despite the large winning margin and the fact that Cork never had to reach their full potential they are Munster Champions again and only one step away from an All-Ireland final.

**Scorers for Cork:** M Deasy 2-4, S Burns 2-2, E Farrell 1-2, S O'Donovan 1-1, M Jagoe 0-3, V O'Keefe 0-3 (free), A Geary 0-2.

**Limerick:** N Mulcahy 0-1, D O'Brien 1-0.

**CORK:** E Clifford, A O'Regan, E O'Riordan, N Goulding, C Foley, R Buckley, M Hegarty, V O'Keefe, V O'Sullivan, S Burns, S O'Donovan, A Geary, E O'Farrell, M Deasy, M Jagoe.

**Subs:** M O'Connell for R Buckley, L Bugler for E O'Farrell, M Coleman for M Jagoe.

**LIMERICK:** V Dillon, C Murphy, C Hayes, A McCarthy, S O'Mahoney, M Neville, E Bromell, E Cregan, F Dore, N Mulcahy, C Hickery, M Corkery, D O'Brien, S O'Shaughnessy, P Cronin.



Sarah O'Donovan pictured in last night's Munster Junior Championship final at the Douglas GAA grounds. Picture: Daragh Mac Sweeney/Provision



Breige Corkery,



Cork's Marian Jagoe and Limerick's Catherine Murphy meet in a tackle last night. Picture: Daragh Mac Sweeney/Provision



Cork's Marian Jagoe puts pressure on Limerick's Elaine Cregan in last night's Munster Junior Championship final at Douglas GAA grounds. Picture: Daragh MacSweeney/Provision



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The time and dedication from people like Marion McCarthy, right, and Sheila Golden is absolutely unbelievable.

# Camogie stays ahead of posse

INNOVATION and hard work are the key reasons camogie continues to grow.

A five-year strategic plan was unveiled in Cork last Tuesday by facilitators Sheila O'Donohoe, Waterford IT and Marie Jackman, an ex-GAA employee who worked closely with the camogie association on the integration with the GAA.

The strategic plan hopes to provide the pathway for the future development, strengthening and growth of our national game.

I must admit to being hugely impressed by the manual I took home.

It's obvious that an enormous amount of research, thought, experience and time went into producing this booklet.

It's quite apparent that those at the head of our organisation have become more professional in their approach and realised the incredible 'product' that we have and its growth potential if developed and marketed correctly.

Fifteen clubs were represented last Tuesday evening in what was a disappointing turnout considering the fact that we have 57 registered camogie clubs in Cork.

All clubs were notified and asked to send a delegate. Maybe they didn't realise the importance of the event.

To be honest I didn't myself but went along anyway and was impressed by the vision and effort shown in coming up with this plan.

We in Cork are privileged. We come from possibly the strongest camogie county in the country at present. I don't think any other county can boast 57 clubs.

But this didn't happen by chance. It came from years of dedicated work by unsung heroes. We owe it to them to keep ourselves up there.

For years, as a player, I cribbed and



Linda Mellerick

moaned along with everyone else and never fully appreciated the work that our administrators do.

Whenever things didn't go our way (the team) I gave out about the craziness of fixtures, travel, accommodation, finance etc.

In hindsight, the work that these people did and continue to do behind the scenes is unbelievable and I would have to say that over time I have become a great admirer of these people for the work they do.

Since becoming ambassador for camogie this year and since I began writing for the *Echo* I have been in regular contact with Marion McCarthy, our chairperson and all other County Board officers.

I am utterly amazed at the personal time they give up for 'our' cause and embarrassed that I never gave them a second thought.

When I retired from inter-county camogie I swore that would be it. I'd walk away completely.

Funnily enough I haven't done that.

I feel that camogie has given me so much that it would be wrong and selfish of me to do so. I have to give something back.

I always think that if everyone had that attitude when I was growing up, then things might have turned out very differently for me.

But I won't give it five or seven nights a week like current members are doing.

I'll give it one or two and help out when I can and that should be sufficient for anyone.

We all have other lives to lead. But

that's the problem. I could count on possibly two hands the amount of past players that are currently involved at any level and it's wrong.

Those who are volunteering are completely overloaded. Their whole lives are taken up with it and so after a period of time they have no option but to walk away.

If more people got involved the individual workload would decrease. It then becomes an enjoyable interest more so than a second job. We have to pull more people in, form more sub-committees and delegate.

I believe it can be done. But we can't scare people off by piling on the work.

The key points of Cumann Camogachta Na nGael and its strategic plan are — Participation, Quality, Management and Marketing.

The Irish Sports Council was involved in the development of the plan. The development committee embarked on a nationwide campaign to elicit the views of its members.

They identified the main themes and key issues which emerged and it resulted in the four key strategic objectives mentioned above.

We formed 'workshops' at our meeting in St Finbarr's last Tuesday and discussed various topics such as 'the positive aspects of camogie in our county, areas which can be improved and our aspirations for our county.'

People came up with some very interesting ideas. We got a little homework too and meet up again on August 23 to review. This is only the start.

Cumann Camogachta Na nGael have finally identified what is required to ensure this important sporting organisation remains a vibrant and essential part of Irish sport.

Well done to them and let's all rally round.

## Tipp camogie selectors resign

By Liam Hogan

Just ten months after losing to Antrim in the All-Ireland Intermediate Final, the Tipperary intermediate camogie team are without selectors for 2004.

Team selectors Martin Browne, Brendan Murphy and Bernie O'Dowd handed in their resignation at last Tuesday evening's County Camogie Board meeting.

The team selectors have declined to comment on the matter. However it is believed that the selectors have made their decision on the basis that some members of the panel had not turned up for training in recent times.

County Bord Vice Chairman, Biddy Phillips said that the resignations had been accepted. A meeting between the players and the officers of the county board was due to be held at the time of going to Press.

"I am sure we will come up with a solution. We will want to discuss the reasons as to why players were not turning up for training. After that we hope to be able to find new selectors," said Biddy.

Time is running out, as the first round of the All-Ireland Intermediate championship is set for late August. The make up of the draw is not known yet, as three of the teams taking part in the senior All-Ireland are designated to take part in the intermediate grade also, provided they do not reach the semi-finals.

The three are Antrim, Limerick and Wexford, while Galway, Derry, Tipp and Cork complete the picture.

## Double defeat for Limerick

THERE was little joy for the two county teams in action last weekend and both exited their respective championships by large margins.

First into action were the juniors who made the long midweek journey to Douglas to take on Cork in the Munster championship final.

Fielding many players who are pushing hard for places in their senior team, Cork were quickly into their stride and playing fast, skilful aggressive and cohesive camogie, were 3-8 to 0-1 ahead at half time.

Limerick's point came from Co U14 Niamh Mulcahy (Ahane), a free in the 27th minute. There was no let up by the rebels in the second half. Defensively they conceded a mere goal. Dymphna O'Brien the scorer. Offensively, they more than doubled their half time score, bringing it to 6-17.

Best for Limerick were hockey international Emer Cregan and the full backs Carol Murphy, Catherine Hayes, Aimee McCarthy.

Despite the defeat Limerick prepared well and tried hard so well done to all on the effort they put in.

Team: Veronica Dillon, Carol Murphy, Catherine Hayes, Aimee McCarthy,

Marian Neville, Elaine Bromell, Fionnuala Dore, Eimear Cregan, Sarah O'Mahony, Marian Corkery, Carol Hickey, Niamh Mulcahy (0-1), Paula Cronin, Sharon O'Shaughnessy, Dymphna O'Brien (1-0).

Subs: Jeanette Garvey, Shannon Brosnan, Eileen Collins, Kadie Colbert, Aoife Kenny, Geraldine Daly, Aedin Bennis, Rose O'Connor, Teresa Mulcair, Angela Sheehy, Liz Carroll, Michelle Herbert, Lorraine Costello, Christina Carroll, Michelle McInerney.

Mentors: Tom Hennessy (Manager/Coach), TJ Moloney (selector), Grace McCarthy (selector), Mary Herbert (Liaison).

Last Saturday in Killarney Fitzgerald Stadium, the seniors faced Cork in round two of the championship. Intent on making up for the heavy defeat at Wexford Park in round one, they were very competitive and effective in the first half, played very well and were a mere 0-2 behind at the interval 1-6 to 1-8. It was a different kettle of fish after half time. Cork upped the pace and tempo. Two soft goals made their task easier.

Limerick were unable to stay with the girls in red who eventually scored almost at will, while keeping Limerick scoreless. At the final whistle, it was

1-6 to 4-16, a comprehensive and deserved win and the end of the championship for Limerick, but by no means a whitewash. Rose Collins and her team gave it their all.

Team: Pauline McCarthy, Deirdre Fitzpatrick, Rose Collins, Grace McNamara, Fionnuala Dore, Michelle Casey, Joanne Clifford, Mairead Kelly, Aoife Sheehan, Sinead McAuliffe (0-4), Alison White, Eileen O'Brien (0-1), Maria Keating, Vera Sheehan (0-1), Dymphna O'Brien (1-0).

Mentors: John Lacey (Manager/Coach), Jack Dillon (Selector), Mike O'Connor (Selector), Sheila Treacy (Selector), Phil Casey (Liaison), Miriam Murphy (First Aid).



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## FORAS NA GAEILGE SENIOR CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP

### Ionadaithe

- (14) GER CASEY  
G. Ni Chathaoigh (Iniscart)
- (17) CATRIONA FOLEY  
C. Ni Bhugha (Buckley)
- (18) LYNDIA O'CONNELL  
L. Ni Channell (St. Febrin)
- (19) AMANDA O'REGAN  
A. Ni Bhugha (Buckley)
- (20) SARAH HAYES  
S. Ni Aodha (Corrymore)
- (21) BENA BUCKLEY  
B. Ni Bhugha (Buckley)
- (22) REGINA CURTIN  
R. Ni Curran (Moffin)
- (23) ANNA GEARY  
A. Ni Ghagha (Moffin)
- (24) SILE BURNS  
S. Ni Bhain (Buckley)
- (25) NORA AHERN  
N. Ni Eathain (St. O'Neil)



Dathanna:  
Dearg is Bán

## CORCAIGH

	1	
	AOIFE MURRAY A. Ni Mhuiri (Cloughlin)	
2	3	4
JOANNE O'CALLAGHAN S. Ni Chiallacháin (Cloughlin)	ROSARIE HOLLAND R. Ni Aoláin (Barron)	STEPHANIE DUNLEA S. Ni Dhoirle (Capt.) (Cloughlin)
5	6	7
PAULA O'CONNOR P. Ni Chonchubhair (Newswaterhouse)	MARY O'CONNOR M. Ni Chonchubhair (Killegg)	EMER DILLON E. Dhilláin (Ballymore)
8	9	
GEMMA O'CONNOR G. Ni Chonchubhair (St. Febrin)	VIVIENNE HARRIS B. Ni Earchai (St. Febrin)	
10	11	12
BRIEGE CORKERY B. Ni Chorca (Cloughlin)	RACHEL MOLONEY R. Ni Mhaolomhnaigh (Corrymore)	JENNIFER O'LEARY S. Ni Laoire (Barron)
13	14	15
COLETTE DESMOND C. Ni Dheasúnaigh (Newswaterhouse)	EMER WATSON E. Nic Uait (Moffin)	UNA O'DONOGHUE U. Nic Dhoirleáin (Cloughlin)

### Ionadaithe

- (14) LIZ CARROLL  
L. Ni Charráil (Ballymore)
- (17) ALISON WHITE  
A. de Faine (Ballymore)
- (18) FIONNULA DORE  
F. Ni Dhoirleáin (Ballymore)
- (19) NORA COLLINS  
N. Ni Cholláin (Moffin)
- (20) CAROL MURPHY  
C. Ni Phádraig (Cloughlin)
- (21) SHANNON BROSNAN  
S. Ni Bhrosnáin (Ballymore)
- (22) MAEVE NASH  
M. Ni Nasa (Cloughlin/Ballymore)
- (23) NIAMH MULCAHY  
N. Ni Phádraigh (Barron)



Dathanna:  
Uachtair is Bán

## LUIMNEACH

	1	
	PAULINE MCCARTHY P. Nic Chártaigh (Barron)	
2	3	4
GRACE McNAMARA G. Nic Conmara (Adair)	ROSE COLLINS R. Ni Cholláin (Moffin)	MOIRA DOOLEY M. Ni Dhúlaigh (Barron)
5	6	7
DEIRDRE FITZPATRICK D. Nic Giolla Phádraig (Killegg)	MAIRÉAD KELLY M. Ni Chiallacháin (Gobai)	JOANNE CLIFFORD J. Ni Chláirín (Cloughlin/Ballymore)
8	9	
VERA SHEEHAN B. Ni Shiocháin (Cloughlin/Ballymore)	AOIFE SHEEHAN A. Ni Shiocháin (Cloughlin/Ballymore)	
10	11	12
SINÉAD McAULIFFE S. Nic Amhlaoibh (Ballymore)	JORDANA DOLAN J. Ni Dhúlaigh (Ballymore)	EILEEN O'BRIEN E. Ni Bháin (Cloughlin/Ballymore)
13	14	15
DYMPNA O'BRIEN D. Ni Bháin (Killegg)	MARIE KEATING M. Chéitinn (Killegg)	MICHELLE CASEY M. Ni Chathaoigh (Killegg)

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## Cork turn on the style

**CORK** 4-16  
**LIMERICK** 1-6

A POWERFUL second half display saw 2002 champions Cork hammer Limerick in the second round of the Foras Na Gaeilge Senior Camogie Championship at Fitzgerald Stadium yesterday.

Cork's first goal arrived in the 17th minute when Una O'Donoghue raced through and rifled the ball to the net.

Dympna O'Brien replied in kind to leave Cork 1-8 to 1-6 in front at the interval.

The second half was a mismatch as Cork took complete control. Jennifer O'Leary and Emer Watson capitalised on a couple of errors from Limerick 'keeper Pauline McCarthy to add two more goals.

Scorers — Cork: J O'Leary 1-4, R Moloney 0-4, E Watson 1-1, U O'Donoghue and S Burns 1-0 each, B Corkery 0-3, E Burns 0-2, G O'Connor and N Aherne 0-1 each. Limerick: S McAuliffe 0-4 (all frees), D O'Brien 1-0, V Sheehan 0-1, E O'Brien 0-1. Cork: A Murray, J O'Callaghan, R Holland, S Dunlea, P O'Connor, M O'Connor, E Dillon, G O'Connor, V Harris, B Corkery, R Moloney, J O'Leary, C Desmond, E Watson, U O'Donoghue. Subs: E Burns for R Moloney, R Buckley for E Dillon, S Burns for C Desmond, N Aherne for E Watson, C Foley for S Dunlea. Limerick: P McCarthy, G McNamara, R Collins, F Dore, D Fitzpatrick, M Kelly, J Clifford, V Sheehan, A Sheehan, S McAuliffe, A Whyte, E O'Brien, D O'Brien, M Keating, M Casey. Subs: J Dolan for A White, N Collins for D O'Brien, S Brosnan for F Dore. Referee: E Browne.



Cork's Sile Burns tussles for the ball with Limerick's Rose Collins, left, and Michelle Casey in Killarney on Saturday.

Picture: Denis Minihane.

# O'Connor helps Cork overrun Limerick

**Cork** 4-16  
**Limerick** 1-6

by Murt Murphy

LIMERICK made Cork work in the first-half of this senior camogie championship second round encounter in Killarney, but once Cork's midfield colossus, Gemma O'Connor, began to motor after the break, there was only one side in it.

Limerick were more of a scoring threat in the first-half, but often ran up against a formidable Cork half-back line of Paula O'Connor (sister of Cork seniors Ben and Jerry), Mary O'Connor and in particular Emer Dillon.

Cork held sway at midfield where Gemma O'Connor was in inspirational form and Limerick struggled to curb the incisive running of the pre-

cious dual star Brieghe Corkery. However, Limerick and in particular their outstanding full-back Rose Collins, curbed the Rebel attack with the result that there was only two points between the sides at the interval as Cork led 1-8 to 1-6.

The second-half was a mismatch as Cork assumed complete control.

They opened with two quick points from Emer Watson and Rachel Moloney and then Limerick keeper Pauline McCarthy's nightmare afternoon began when she dropped a high centre from Watson and Jennifer O'Leary stroked the ball to net. Then in the 39th minute another dropped ball and Watson finished to net as Cork led 3-10 to 1-6.

Cork introduced a full complement of substitutes in the final quarter and substitute Sile Burns hit another goal.

Scorers for Cork: J O'Leary 1-4, R Moloney 0-4, E Watson 1-1, U O'Donoghue and S Burns 1-0 each, B Corkery 0-3, E Burns 0-2, G O'Connor and N Aherne 0-1 each.

Limerick: S. McAuliffe 0-4 (all frees), D. O'Brien 1-0, V. Sheehan 0-1, E. O'Brien 0-1.

CORK: A Murray, J O'Callaghan, R Holland, S Dunlea, P O'Connor, M O'Connor, E Dillon, G O'Connor, V Harris, B Corkery, R Moloney, J O'Leary, C Desmond, E Watson, U O'Donoghue.

Subs: E Burns for R Moloney, R Buckley for E Dillon, S Burns for C Desmond, N Aherne for E Watson, C Foley for S Dunlea.

LIMERICK: P McCarthy, G McNamara, R Collins, F Dore, D Fitzpatrick, M Kelly, J Clifford, V Sheehan, A Sheehan, S McAuliffe, A Whyte, E O'Brien, D O'Brien, M Keating, M Casey.

Subs: J Dolan for A White, N Collins for D O'Brien, S Brosnan for F Dore.

Referee: E Browne.

**Wexford** 5-11  
**Kildare** 0-6

WEXFORD crushed hapless Kildare in a one-sided Leinster Junior camogie championship final at Wexford Park on Saturday.

Goals from Rosemarie Breen, full-forward Evelyn Quigley and Una Leacy helped the Slaneysiders to an eleven point lead at the interval (3-7 to 0-2).

Further goals from Quigley and Gretta Heffernan completed the rout.

Scorers: Wexford: G Heffernan 1-8 (0-6F), E Quigley 2-3, U Leacy, R M Breen 1-0 each, Kildare: C Flanagan 0-3 (0-2F), S O'Carroll 0-2, B Kennedy 0-1.

WEXFORD: E Barnes, M Murray, C Atkinson, K Atkinson, C Scallion, M Leacy, A Moran, C Murphy, R M Breen, M Walshe, L Codd, U Carroll, U Leacy, E Quigley, G Heffernan.

Subs: M Kelly for M Walshe, A O'Connor for U Carroll, E Hannick for K Atkinson, D Codd for M Murray.

KILDARE: D Brown, M Concanon, M Treacy, R Gorman, L Conlon, N Treacy, C Tallon, O Bam-bury, C Flanagan, B Kennedy, N Earley, A Lyons, R Gorman, S O'Carroll, C O'Reilly.

Subs: S Nolan for A Lyons.

Referee: M Curran, Carlow.



# Limerick are left reeling as Cork find form with superb finish

Cork  
Limerick

4-16  
1-6 By MURT MURPHY

Foras Na Gaeilge Senior Camogie Championship.

**CORK**, after a slow start, opened up in the second half to put Limerick to the sword in this Foras Na Gaeilge Senior Camogie Championship.

This was an appropriate curtain raiser to the Cork/Tipp hurling qualifier at the Fitzgerald stadium on Saturday afternoon.

Cork had more craft up front and were able to take the majority of their chances around goal, whereas Limerick were not as potent and in fact failed to score in the second half after showing promise in the first.

The first half was even, with very little between the sides, as a strong Cork defence inspired by the play of their half-back line of Paula O'Connor (sister of Cork seniors Ben and Jerry), Mary O'Connor and in particular Emer Dillon ensured that Limerick got very little scope to set up too many scoring chances.

Then Cork struck for the first of their goals in the 17th minute when corner forward Una O'Donoghue raced through, and having lost the ball she collected it again and rifled the ball to Limerick net.

Limerick kept in touch thanks to the free taking of McAuliffe and then in the 23rd minute Marie

Keating set up Dymna O'Brien who blasted home and Limerick were within touching distance. However, Gemma O'Connor kept Cork in front as Rachel Moloney added a couple of points and led 1-8 to 1-6 at half time.

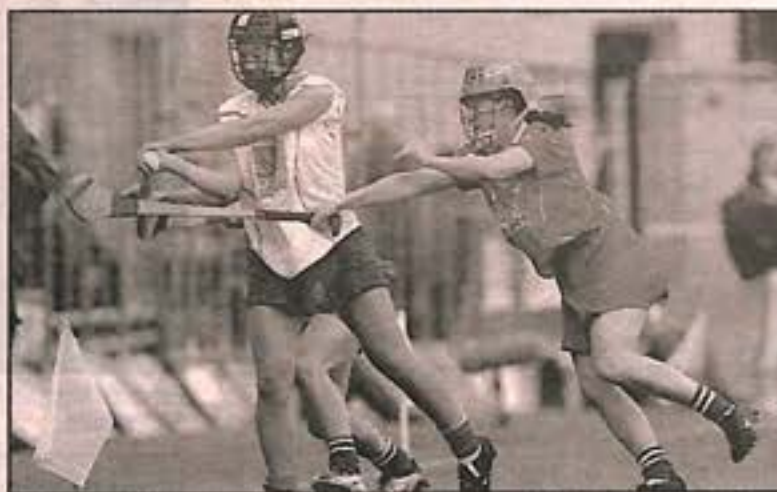
The second half was a mismatch as the rebels assumed complete control with Mary and Gemma O'Connor hurling with intensity and speed. Limerick wilted, not managing a single score, with Rose Collins and Grace McNamara trying valiantly to stem the Cork avalanche.

Cork opened with two quick points from Emer Watson and Rachel Moloney and then Limerick keeper Pauline McCarthy's nightmare afternoon began in earnest when she dropped a high centre from Watson and Jennifer O'Leary stroked the ball to net. Then in the 39th minute another dropped ball and Watson finished to the net as Cork led 3-10 to 1-6 and the game was well and truly over as a contest.

Cork introduced a full complement of substitutes in the final quarter as they put Limerick to the sword and another goal from substitute Sile Burns only served to emphasize the gulf in class between the sides and Cork will be a force for All-Ireland glory gain this year.



Cork's Regina Curtin goes past Limerick's Grace McNamara during the senior camogie championship in Killarney on Saturday. Picture: Eddie O'Hare



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## REBEL GIRLS GET SATURDAYS ACTION UNDER WAY IN KILLARNEY

With Mary Newman

**I**T'S back to the inter county action this week as Cork travel to Killarney on Saturday for the Foras Na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior championship clash with Limerick.

Originally fixed for Limerick the game now goes ahead at 2.15p.m. as the curtain raiser to the hurling qualifier between Cork and Tipperary.

It's Cork's first championship outing under new boss John Considine and having received a walk over from Derry in their opening game they will be anxious to garner a further two points before their trip to Wexford on Saturday, July 24. For Limerick it's a game they must win having already lost out to Wexford if they have serious aspirations of making it to the semi-finals. The sides met earlier in the season in the National League and while Cork collected the points it took them a long time to break away from a tough Limerick outfit that have made steady progress and are continuing to do so.

The defeat at the hands of Wexford will no doubt have been a set back but

they will have put that behind them and players of the calibre of Eileen O'Brien, Vera Sheehan and Maebh Nash will be determined to put one over on Cork.

The loss of Fiona O'Driscoll who recently announced her retirement from inter-county camogie is a huge one to Cork but the selectors must now move on with the players available. The long week of senior championship action thankfully saw all panel members come through without injury and the selectors have a full squad to pick from.

Stephanie Dunlea the longest serving player will be the captain as county champions Fr O Neills are not represented on the team, it will be a busy day for the O'Connor family with Paula lining out in the Cork defence while later in the day Ben and Jerry will play their part with the hurlers.

Given the huge occasion that is a Cork v Tipperary hurling clash Cork supporters will travel in large numbers and it is hoped the crowd will come to the game early and show support for the Cork Senior camogie players.

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**LAST** week's the O'Leary Brothers Builders senior county championship games all ran smoothly with Carrigdhoun getting the week off to a start with a win over Bishopstown in the championships only preliminary round game.

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The rain fell in Ballinlough on Thursday night as Imokilly defeated Seandun while Fr O'Neill's hung on against Avondhu to book their quarter-final spot while on Saturday night in Owens St Finbarrs shook off the challenge of

Cloughduv.

The stage is set for the quarter finals which take place next week and are as follows on Wednesday, next July 14 Milford v Barryroe its hoped to play a double header on Sunday, July 18 with Imokilly v Courcy Rovers and Carrigdhoun v St Finbarrs, the proposed date for the Inniscarra v Fr O'Neill's

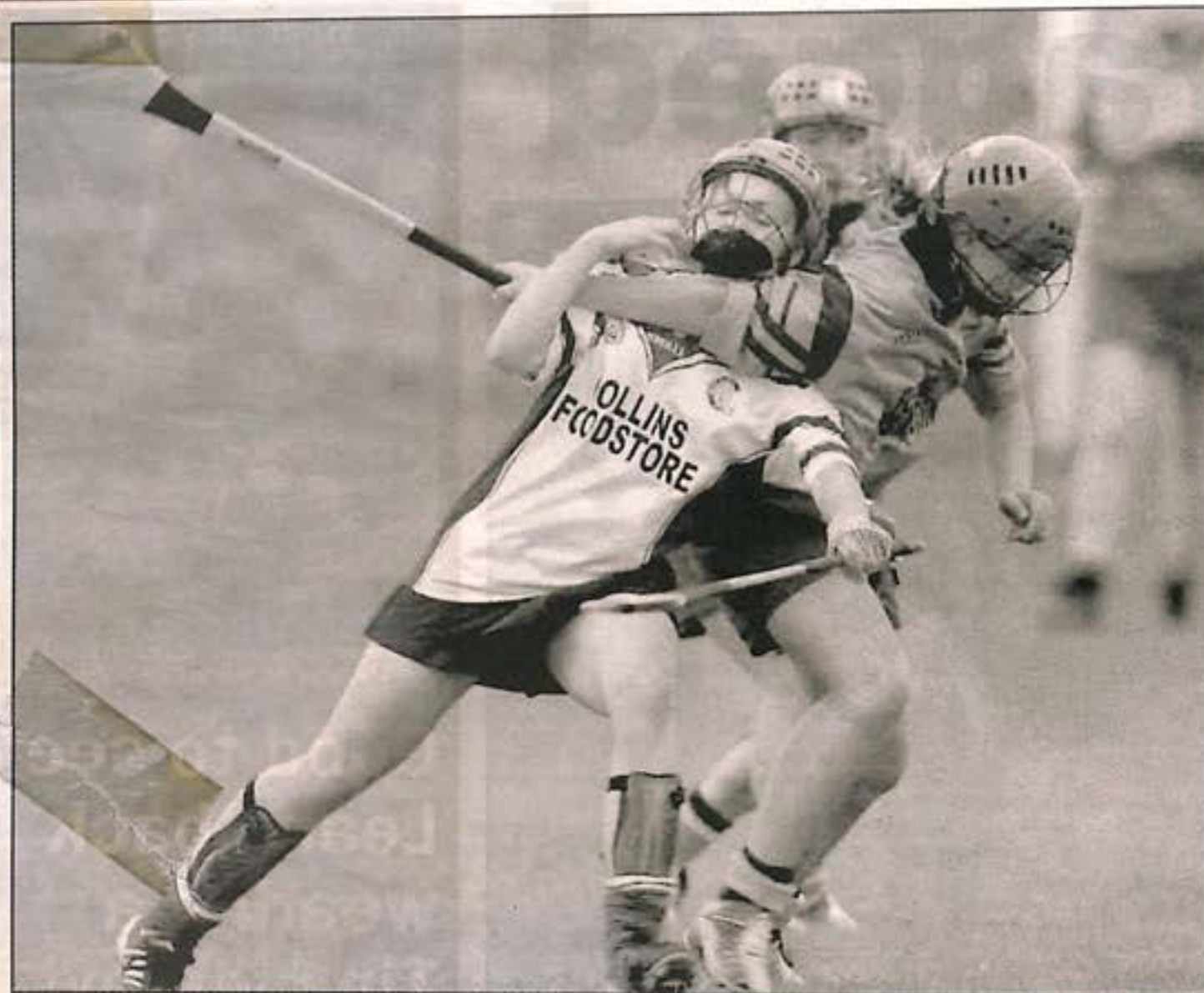
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On Tuesday evening last at St Finbarrs clubs from the county gathered for a meeting regarding the strategic plan of the Camogie association which is being implemented throughout the country. Two facilitators travelled to Cork and representatives from the club's including officer's, former players and parents met with the facilitators Sile O'Donoghue and Maura Jackman who explained the thoughts behind the camogie associations plan. The idea is to consider all issues relating to the game today and in the future, clubs are being urged to think about where the game is and where it is going. Those present were divided up into groups and they will gather the information which will be co-ordinated at the next meeting which will be held on Monday 23rd August. Clubs not present at the meeting are urged to get involved and will be contacted regarding same in the coming weeks.





Milford's scoring heroine Anna Geary is held back by Barryroe's Eimear O'Regan in the Cork Senior Camogie Championship clash at Ballyanly last night.

Picture: Gavin Browne

# Milford fight with all their might

Milford 1-10  
Barryroe 1-9

**ANNA GEARY** will hardly take a more pressurised shot this year.

On the stroke of normal time, the star midfielder stepped up to take a free 45 yards out with the sides level.

Coolness personified, she drove the ball dead centre between the posts and Milford had advanced to the semi-final of the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship.

Trailing by 1-4 to no score after 16 minutes, it was hard to visualise a north Cork victory.

But from the 19th minute to the 30th, Milford hit over 5 points to Barryroe's 1 and the tide began to turn.

Barryroe were livelier and by the eighth minute had registered three. Jenny O'Leary points from frees, one a magnificent score from the half way

line. They were doing all the running and had the Milford side in disarray.

Cora Keohane's puck outs were reaching her half forward line and they, particularly Jenny, revelled in the supply.

When Rosemary Dineen netted midway through the half, all bets were on the West.

But slowly Milford edged their way back. With Elaine O'Riordan and Christine O'Gorman excelling in defence they began to take a grip on the game. Emer Watson had Milford's first score in the 19th minute. She followed it up on the 22nd and sister, Marie added on the 24th. Suddenly it was Barryroe under pressure.

Julie Sheehy had a golden opportunity to goal a minute later but her shot hit the ground and while it threatened to lob Cora Keohane, she got a stick to it

Linda Mellerick

and batted it out.

Sinead O'Reilly took the rebound and tapped

it over. Both teams had further chances of goals but were denied.

Milford trailed at half time by a goal, 1-5 to 0-5, but they had clawed their way back after going in at the break.

They started as they finished. Within 28 seconds of the restart, an excellent Julie Sheehy pass found Emer Watson and she rattled the net. The game was level.

Milford began to drive forward. Cora Keohane was extremely busy in the Barryroe goal as she caught and cleared time and again. Lelia Long put Milford ahead, Jenny O'Leary levelled it.

An excellent individual score by Geary in the 14th minute separated the sides once again and two minutes later it was

again matched.

Milford went two up with six minutes left. Barryroe upped a gear and now it was their turn to dominate.

Two points in the 27th and 29th and the game was heading for a draw.

Certainly Barryroe had chances to edge ahead but frees dropped short and full credit to Milford for sticky tight defending when it was needed most.

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## Camogie's top two are set for a titantic battle

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Gemma O'Connor is in exceptional form at the moment with Vivienne Harris also causing endless problems for Cloughduv in their previous outing.

The lively Orla O'Sullivan up front is another big threat for the Blues while they also boast one of the toughest defences in the county at the moment. It's a hard one to call. The game is down for Ballinlough at 7.30pm.

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Inniscarra wiped Glen Rovers aside in their previous outing and looked an extremely fit, fast and hungry team. Heart is a great thing and O'Neill's have plenty of that. Will they have the legs on a team that revels in off-the-ball running and the open space? O'Neill's will have to close Inniscarra down. Inniscarra's biggest obstacle will of course be Fiona O'Driscoll and I've no doubt but that they will have their homework done on this one.

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### FIXTURES

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On the 24th minute Alison Loneragan scored her sides first goal a minute later Linda Grogan had the ball in the Burgess net while on the stroke of half time Libby Twoomy also goaled. This left the half time score at 3-11 to 1 point. Cashel continued in the second half where they had left off and points from Libby Twoomey Emily Hayden and Alison Loneragan increased their lead.

With Una O'Dwyer as solid as ever at full back and Helen Breen also playing well at centre back Burgess were finding it difficult to get scores. Eimear McDonnell managed to break through for a point in the 37th but a minute later Denise Fitzgerald had Cashel's fourth goal. With just minutes remaining Alison Loneragan who was constant threat to the Burgess defence popped up to score another point to the

delight of the Cashel following.

The last score of the game was a well-taken goal by Eimear McDonnell for Burgess. No doubt Cashel will be pleased with their win. Their backs were solid while in attack their forwards were very sharp especially Alison Loneragan and Emily Hayden. Cashel had a greater strength in depth while Burgess relied too much on their stronger players.

They fought hard to the final whistle with good performances from Therese Brophy and Sinead Nealon while in attack Eimear McDonnell took her scores well.

### FIXTURES

Thursday 15th July: U-12 'C' championship quarter-final: Brian Borus v. Clonoulty-Rossmore; venue: Ballylooby at 7.30 p.m.  
Moykarkey-Borris v. Carrick Swans; venue: Littleton at 7.45 pm.

### RESULTS

Intermediate championship: Silvermines 4.12, Kilruane 0.5; Moneygall 1.10, Portroe 1.1.  
Junior 'B' championship: Shanahan Rovers 2.6, Kildangan 0.4.



# Kilkenny take over in Leinster

**Kilkenny**.....3-4  
**Dublin**.....2-3

**T**HE Kilkenny under-14 camogie team won a thrilling Leinster final against Dublin at Nowlan Park on Saturday after withstanding tremendous late pressure.

The winning scores came deep into injury-time. In one of the most exciting games played in Kilkenny this year, both sides showed rare commitment as they fought to the last breath.

Kilkenny began well. After three minutes Marie Dargan converted a free following a foul on Edwina Keane.

A minute later Amy Maher sent a screamer of a ground shot to the net. Dublin opened their account with a pointed free by Kirsten Farrell.

However, after 16 minutes the sides were level. Rachel Costello shot a goal for Dublin.

Indeed, but for a brilliant save by Elizabeth Kavanagh, the visitors would have gone ahead. Marie Dargan rallied her side with a fine goal, but Dublin came back at the end of the half with scores from Sorcha Forde (0-1) and Kirsten Farrell (1-0) to leave the visitors ahead by 2-2 to 2-1 at the break.

Edwina Keane gathered a long clearance by Mariga Nolan and scored the equaliser after three minutes of the second half. Fifteen minutes passed before the next score, an extremely well taken point by Michelle Mulhall from an acute angle, was registered.

Kilkenny led by a single point until the 30th minute of the half when Rachel Costello equalised for Dublin.

A draw looked on the cards, but a point by Marie Dargan gave Kilkenny the lead. The game finished as a contest when Michelle Mulhall was on hand to hammer the ball to the net when the Dublin goalie fumbled a shot.

**Kilkenny** - Elizabeth Kavanagh (O'Loughlin's), Niamh Quinlan, Sarah Walsh (Thomastown), Mariga Nolan (St Lachtain's), Leanne Fennelly (Mullinavat), Kate McDonald (Clara), Roisin Byrne (St Lachtain's), Marie Dargan (Lidowney), Sinead Long (Piltown), Amy Maher (Thomastown), Ann Marie Walsh (St Martin's), Anna Farrell (Thomastown), Michelle Quilty (Mullinavat), Edwina Keane (St Martin's), Michelle Mulhall (St Martin's).

**Dublin** - Clara Lyng (Rower-Inistioge), Emma Carroll (Blacks and Whites), Aisling Butler (O'Loughlin's), Andrea McEvoy (Young Ireland), Aisling Maher (St Anne's), Alice Heafey (Thomastown), Emma Staunton (Paulstown), Georgina Cullen (Blacks and Whites), Michelle O'Keefe (St Martin's), Orla Gleeson (Emeralds), Sarah Morrissey (O'Loughlin's), Ann Marie Lennon (Blacks and Whites), Grace Brennan (Thomastown), Michelle Brennan (Paulstown), Ruth Bergin (Clara), Katie Power (Piltown), Siobhán Holland, Claire Comerford.

## Minors go North

Kilkenny's provincial winning minor team travel to Newry on Sunday to play Down in the All-Ireland semi-final. Clare or Galway await the winners.

After winning a tough Leinster championship, Kilkenny will be favourites. But they could be hampered by the long journey and early start against a side which marched through Ulster.

A number of parents have been asking if transport could be made available. County chairman, Liam Dunne has arranged a bus to accommodate people wishing to travel.



Back row: Sarah Walsh, Kate My Donald, Michelle Mulhall, Edwina Keane, Ann Marie Walsh, Roisin Byrne, Anna Farrell, Amy Maher. Front row: Niamh Quinlan, Michelle Quilty, Elizabeth Kavanagh, Marie Dargan, Mariga Nolan, Sinead Long, Leanne Fennelly (captain).

People interested should contact Liam Dunne, Stephen Dormer, Kathleen Corrigan or any county camogie officer.

The charge is €20. The bus will leave with the team on Sunday (8am).

**Kilkenny minor panel** - Paula Butler (Mullinavat), Sarah Byrne (Emeralds), Rita Cody (Paulstown), Claire Connan (Lidowney), Noelle Corrigan (St Lachtain's), Niamh Cullen (Piltown), Ann Dalton (St Lachtain's), Mary Dalton (St Lachtain's), Marie Dargan (Lidowney), Collette Doermer (Paulstown), Aoife Drennan (Paulstown), Nessa Farrell (Young Ireland), Siobhán Fahey (Emeralds), Lorna Fennelly (Shamrocks), Naomi Fogarty (James Stephens), Nicola Foley (Piltown), Lucinda Gahan (Mullinavat), Laura Galvin (Clara), Lisa Hanrick (Dickbore), Carol Kavanagh (St Lachtain's), Laura Kavanagh (Emeralds), Orla McCormack (James Stephens), Sarah McCarthy (Windgap), Regina Madigan (Mullinavat), Hannah Maher (St Martin's), Marie Murphy (Clara), Noreen O'Keefe (St Martin's), Elaine O'Shea (Windgap), Ann Marie Phelan (Windgap), Carol Phelan (Mullinavat), Lisa Phelan (Windgap), Kay Ryall (St Brigid's), Sarah Shree (St Martin's).

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## Seniors in action

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Kilkenny were impressive in the first round against Antrim. They fell by the wayside when they faced Galway in Nowlan Park.

The task of making the concluding stages is tough against the best team in the

land. Kilkenny welcome back Gillian Dillon-Maher, one of the best defenders the county has produced.

Whether or not her experience will be enough to seal the gaps which showed a fortnight ago only time will tell.

The Kilkenny senior hurlers showed what a help vociferous support can be. The camogie girls deserve support in what amounts to their final chance of All-Ireland senior success this year.

## Camogie on the Web

Kilkenny Camogie Board will mark Centenary Year by submitting photographs of all finals and major fixtures to the new camogie Website.

The site - [www.camogie.ie](http://www.camogie.ie) - will be updated on Wednesday to co-incide with reports in the *Kilkenny People*.

All finals and major matches reported in the *Kilkenny People* will have photographs from that game added to those already on the Website. Simple search for [www.camogie.ie](http://www.camogie.ie) and go to the photo album.

## Results

JJ Kavanagh and sons senior - St Brigid's 0-8, Shamrocks 1-4; Freshford 6-22, St Anne's 1-0.

JJ Kavanagh and sons intermediate - James Stephens 5-15, Thomastown 2-6.

JJ Kavanagh and sons under-21 B - Paulstown 3-1, Carrickshock 2-10.

JJ Kavanagh and sons under-16 A - Mullinavat 3-6, Freshford 1-1.

JJ Kavanagh and sons under-12 - St Brigid's 7-8, Dickbore 1-1; O'Loughlin's 3-1, Lidowney 1-0;

O'Loughlin's 6-2, St Lachtain's 0-0; O'Loughlin's 5-2, James Stephens 1-0; Glenmore 9-0, Carrickshock 1-0; Windgap bt Blacks and Whites; Piltown 1-1, Ballyhale 2-1; Young Ireland 6-4, Tullagher 0-0.

## Fixtures

Wednesday (7.30 p.m.), JJ Kavanagh and sons under-12, Ballyragget v St Martin's; St Brigid's v Castlecomer; Dickbore v Emeralds; O'Loughlin's v James Stephens; Lidowney v Clara; St Anne's v St Lachtain's; Carrickshock v Blacks and Whites; Piltown v Windgap; Ballyhale v Glenmore; Young Ireland v Mullinavat; Thomastown v Mooncoin; Rower-Inistioge v Tullagher.

Monday (7.30 pm), JJ Kavanagh and sons under-21 A - Ballyhale v St Brigid's at Ballyhale; Clara v Mullinavat at Mullinavat; James Stephens v St Martin's at Larchfield; Lidowney v St Lachtain's at Lidowney.

JJ Kavanagh and sons under-21 B - St Anne's v Emeralds at Johnstown; Carrickshock v Dickbore at Hugginstown.

# REBEL GIRLS SHOW THE WAY IN KILLARNEY

**I**T was very much a case of get us to the match on time for the Cork senior camogie team on Saturday last as long traffic tailbacks almost caused panic on the journey to Killarney.

With the team coach stuck in traffic outside Macroom and no prospects of movement the 2.15p throw in for the Forais na Gaeilge All Ireland championship versus Limerick was looking grim, however thanks to the wonderful Gardaí in both Macroom and Killarney, John Considine and his squad arrived safely admittedly a little later than planned to the Killarney Tower's for a quick cup of tea and another Garda escort to the stadium.

Many thanks to our good friend from the Bishopstown GAA club Superintendent Mick O'Loughlin who when called upon made the vital telephone calls which got the show literally on the road, thanks

also to the Gardaí in both Macroom and Killarney for their help to the team.

When the action began, a close opening half saw Cork lead 1-8 to 1-6 at the break after playing against the strong wind, on the resumption Cork played superb hurling and that proved to much for the Limerick girls to handle.

Certainly as the stadium began to fill up the wonderful atmosphere started to filter across the pitch, what a pity a lot of supporters missed what was an entertaining game.

With qualification to the semi-final now guaranteed Cork travel to Wexford on Sunday week for their last game in the group but it now looks that the four teams advancing will be Cork, Galway, Wexford and Tipperary with the semi-finals pairings to be drawn an interesting few weeks are certainly ahead.

It was disappointing from the

players and indeed the camogie association's perspective given that the game was the curtain raiser to such an important fixture that most of the media chose to largely ignore its existence...what a pity lads because these superb sports women would only be to glad and more that willing to talk to any of you after a championship game.

In stark contrast to the curtain raiser the hype before the hurling game was awesome to watch at very close quarters.

Leaving the pitch a few minutes after the camogie game the frenzy and excitement was something I would associate with more with premiership action, certainly to stand back and observe at such close quarters was in itself an experience, maybe some day the same hype and excitement will come before inter-county camogie games, I live in hope.

## Munster crown for superb juniors

**O**N Wednesday evening last a superb performance from the junior team saw the first title of Centenary year come to the county.

From the throw-in Cork showed their determination and first half goals from Sarah O'Donovan, Miriam Deasy and Emer O'Farrell gave Limerick no chance of recovery.

The second-half totally belonged to Cork and picking off scores at will they ran out convincing winners.

Well done to captain Val O'Keefe and team coach Lillian Zinant certainly an All-Ireland title is now well within the sides reach and with the semi-finals down for decision on Sunday, August 15 it promises to be all systems go from here on in.

## Senior championships continue

**I**N the O'Leary Brothers Builders Senior 'B' championship the opening games saw Eire Og overcome the challenge of Ballinhassig to book their place in the semi final on a 3-6 to 2-2 score line, meanwhile Carrigaline and Newcestown will have to do it all again after they finished level 3-5 to 2-8.

A date has of yet to be arranged for the replay but as is customary in championship it's more than likely that the game will go ahead within the week.

Already last evening either Milford or Barryroe will have made their exit from the Senior Championship and thoughts now turn to the remaining quarter-finals.

Tomorrow evening in Ballinlough it's the turn of St. Finbarrs and Carrigdhoun to meet at 7.45p.m. This is a game not to be missed as both sides have been tipped for ultimate honours and on paper look evenly matched.

On Monday it's a repeat of last years county final when county champions Fr O'Neills and Inniscarra meet in Ballinlough at 8p.m., followers have only to think back to the excitement both sides generated in last year final and no doubt another close one is on the cards.

Tuesday its Courcy Rovers and Imokilly in action in the last quarter-final at a venue to be announced for the game which will start at 7.45.

Another busy week ahead so be sure to catch some of the action along the way.

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# Carrig conquer Barrs to reach last four

Carrigdhoun  
St Finbarr's

3-10  
2-6

by Mary Newman

A HIGHLY-entertaining O'Leary Brothers Builders Senior Camogie Championship quarter-final at Ballinlough last evening saw Carrigdhoun book their place in the last four.

The heavy rain failed to dampen the determination of two lively teams who served up an exciting contest.

Barrs can have no complaints as they were guilty of shooting no fewer than 13 wides over the hour, while Carrigdhoun, who were much more economical, had only three.

Barrs opened the scoring with a Valerie Maher point, but it was the divisional side that got the dream start

when level after four minutes — Marian Jagoe setting up Elaine Burke for the game's opening goal.

Stamping their authority on proceedings, they added four points without reply from Catriona Kelly, Elaine Burke, Emer Dillon and Liz Bugler before Ber Maher scored the Barrs' second point.

Ber Maher and Liz Bugler exchanged points before the Barrs got the break they needed, when Jenny Duffy kicked to the net after winning Gemma O'Connor's well-struck line ball. Two minutes later, Sarah O'Donovan scored Carrigdhoun's second goal when she got the better of Ellen Clifford, who had denied them twice. Gemma O'Connor kept the Barrs in contention with two points, but again, Sarah O'Donovan broke their hearts on the stroke of half-time

when she struck for Carrigdhoun's third goal to put seven points between the sides at the break.

Both sides tore into the game from the restart and this time it was the Barrs who got the better start with Orla O'Sullivan pointing, before the lively Ber Maher crashed to the net all inside three minutes.

Remarkably, the Barrs were not to score again until the 30th minute, as from here on, the divisional side upped the ante.

Five points without reply from Burke (2), Kelly, O'Donovan and Bugler saw Carrigdhoun open up an eight-point lead. Barrs did enjoy ample possession through the half, but shooting eight wides — six from play — and two from scorable frees, saw them give themselves a mountain to climb. Gemma O'Connor pointed on

the 30th minute but despite severe Barrs pressure in the two minutes' injury-time that remained, the Carrigdhoun defence held firm.

For Carrigdhoun, goal-keeper Gillian Harrington, Amanda Murphy, Lucy Hawks and Marian Jagoe were superb. For the Barrs, the hard-working O'Connor and Jenny Duffy gave it their all to the finish.

Scorers: Carrigdhoun - S. O'Donovan 2-1, E. Burke 1-3, C. Kelly 0-3 (2 frees, 1 45), L. Bugler 0-2, E. Dillon 0-1.  
St Finbarr's - B. Maher 1-1, J. Duffy 1-0, G. O'Connor 0-3 (2 frees), V. Maher, O. O'Sullivan 0-1.

CARRIGDHOUN: G. Harrington (Valley Rovers); S.A. O'Halloran (Ballygarvan), M. Hallahan (Ballygarvan), L. Hawks (Valley Rovers); E. O'Sullivan (Ballinacorney), J. Browne (Ballygarvan), M. Holland (Ballinacorney); E. Dillon (Ballygarvan), A. Murphy (Ballygarvan); D. Daly (Ballygarvan), C. Kelly (Ballygarvan, captain), L. Bugler (Valley Rovers); E. Burke (Valley Rovers), S. O'Donovan (Ballygarvan), M. Jagoe (Tracton).  
ST FINBARR'S: E. Clifford; L. Kelleher, Colette



St Finbarr's Dara Banks is challenged by Carrigdhoun's Jennifer Browne.

Kirby, G. O'Sullivan; K. Buckley, L. O'Connell, Clare Kirby; V. Harris, G. O'Connor (capt); B. Maher, D. Banks, J. Duffy, R. Myers, O. O'Sullivan, V. Maher. Subs: D. Clarke for Rachel Myers, M. McCarthy for D. Banks.

Referee: P. Downey (Inniscearra).

## Milford pushed all the way by Barryroe

Milford  
Barryroe

1-10  
1-9

by Mary Newman

MILFORD advanced to the semi-final of the O'Leary Brothers Builders Cork Senior Camogie championship but not before being tested by battling Barryroe.

Barryroe opened up a seven point advantage before Milford

sprung to life. Milford had to wait until the 19th minute for their opening score with Emer Watson pointing. Carol Dineen replied for Barryroe but until half time, it was all Milford and four points without reply from Emer Watson (2), Sinead O'Reilly and Maria Watson cut the deficit to one goal by the break.

Inside 28 seconds of the restart, Milford were level through an

Emer Watson goal, eight minutes later they hit the front when Lelia Long pointed, but Jenny O'Leary had Barryroe level.

Milford opened up a two point advantage but Barryroe battled back with points from Elaine McCarthy and Jennifer O'Leary, until Anna Geary pointed a free.

Scorers: Milford: E. Watson 1-4 (0-4 frees), A. Geary 0-3 (0-2 frees), M. Watson, S. O'Reilly, L. Long 0-1 each. Barryroe: J.

O'Leary 0-5 (0-4 free, 0-1 45), J. Calahane 1-0, C. Dineen 0-2, R. Dineen, E. McCarthy, 0-1 each.

MILFORD: N. O'Riordan, D. Hayes, E. O'Riordan, L. Healy, S. Sexton, R. Curtin, C. O'Gorman, A. Geary, S. O'Reilly, L. Long (capt.), J. Sheehy, A. Watson, M. Watson, E. Watson, E. O'Neil.

BARRYROE: C. Keohane, E. Carroll, R. Holland, N. O'Driscoll, AM Flemming, E. Griffin, K. McCarthy, E. McCarthy (capt.), G. Collins, R. Dineen, J. Calahane, Isla Dineen, J. O'Leary, C. Dineen.

Referee: Cathal Egan (Glen Rovers).

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# Barrs rue so many wides

Carrigdhoun  
St Finbarr's

3-10  
2-06

By PJ AHERN

Senior camogie championship

CARRIGDHOUN went through to the semi-final of the O'Leary Brothers Builders Cork Camogie Senior Championship, after defeating St Finbarr's at Ballinlough.

St Finbarr's were left to rue their wasted chances after hitting a total of 13 wides during the course of the game.

It was not the cracker everyone expected but it still had a high entertainment value.

The standard of camogie was high despite the miserable conditions.

St Finbarr's Vivienne Harris and Gemma O'Connor set about their task immediately in midfield and they supplied Valerie Maher to open the scoring in the first minute.

The sides were level after three minutes with a free from Catriona Kelly.

Carrigdhoun raised the green flag a minute later when Marian Jagoe delivered a great ball into the hand of Elaine Burke.

Burke turned her marker and buried the ball in the net.

The goal rocked the Barrs and they missed a brace of scoreable frees.

The Carrigdhoun goalkeeper, was putting her back-line under enormous pressure as she opted to hit short puck outs.

St Finbarr's struggled to deal with Carrig's firepower and the lead became more impressive with points from Emer Dillon, Elaine Burke, and Liz Bugler.

The southsiders got their second point of the match, mid way through the first half.

Carrig's Amanda Murphy in midfield, was doing a terrific job limiting Vivienne Harris's contribution, while at centre-forward, Catriona Kelly continued her impressive form through the championship into this match.

With the game starting to lose some of its life, it needed a goal from the Barrs to resurrect their challenge and it came.

Jenny Duffy collected a sideline cut taken by Gemma O'Connor, and she kicked the ball to the net.

At the other end, Sarah O'Donovan was through on goal was pulled down by Colette Kirby but the referee dismissed the penalty claim.

In the same move, Ellen Clifford pulled off two fine saves, but O'Donovan gained justice as she scored a goal after claiming a loose ball.

After Orla O'Sullivan missed a close range free, her team-mate, Harris made no mistake with her effort.

Carrigdhoun dealt a killer blow, on the stroke of half-time, after Clifford lost the ball and Jagoe teed up O'Donovan to finish to the net.

The second half began with St Finbarr's pressurising and they got off to a positive start with an O'Sullivan point.

Carrig failed to play in the early stages and were duly punished with a superb goal by Ber Maher to leave just a goal between the sides.

Elaine Burke settled her side with a point.

A great save prevented O'Donovan grabbing a hat trick for Carrig.

O'Donovan was denied again by Clifford, who pulled off a remark-

able reflex stop to deflect the ball over the bar.

The Carrig defence was not as tight as it should have been, with many players having a tendency to stand off the on-coming forwards. Their clearances only fell to the Barrs players cuing up to shoot for goal.

Lucky for the divisional side, the Barr's were very wasteful in front of goal.

St Finbarr's did fight all the way till the end but the required goals never came.

Carrigdhoun ensured their passage to the semi-final with a Liz Bugler point.

Scorers: Carrigdhoun: E. Burke 1-4, S. O'Donovan 2-0, C. Kelly 0-3, E. Burke 0-2, A. Murphy 0-1.

St. Finbarr's: B. Maher 1-1, J. Duffy 1-0, G. O'Connor 0-2, V. Harris V. Maher and O. O'Sullivan 0-1 each.

CARRIGDHOUN: G. Harrington, S.A. O'Halloran, M. Hallahan, L. Hawks, E. O'Sullivan, J. Browne, M. Holland, E. Dillon, A. Murphy, D. Daly, C. Kelly, L. Bugler, E. Burke, S. O'Donovan, M. Jagoe.

ST FINBARR'S: E. Clifford, L. Kelleher, C. Kirby, G. O'Sullivan, K. Buckley, L. O'Connell, C. Kirby, V. Harris, G. O'Connor, B. Maher, D. Banks (M. McCarthy), J. Duffy, R. Myers (D. Clarke), O. O'Sullivan, V. Maher.

Referee: Peter Downey, (Inniscearra).





The Barrs' Laura Kelleher and Carrigdhoun's Marian Jagoe battle for the ball during their Cork Senior Camogie Championship game at Ballinlough last night.

Picture: Gavin Browne

#### CAMOGIE

**Minor Championship:** Antrim 4-7 Meath 1-5

**Antrim:** S. Mc Auley, M. Mc Auley, R. O'Boyle, B. Orchin, E. Connolly, J. Mc Carry, E. Lavery, C. Dallat, J. Campbell, O. Mc Caul, C. Lavery, C. Quinn, R. Mc Carry, E. Connor, L. Mc Alessio.

**Meath:** N. Brady, S. Heary, D. Fitzsimons, A. Sheridan, K. Matthews, L. Donaghue, L. Delaney, J. Dolan, K. Ni Cholláin, C. Ashe, D. Wigglesworth, M. Finn, K. Hackett, E. Mangan, S. Doherty.

**Roscommon 1-10 Waterford 2-7**

**Roscommon:** R. Connaughton, B. Kelly, F. Feeley, L. Mee, L. Killian, J. Beattie, T. Murray, E. Daly, N. Coyle, C. Curley, S. Spillane, D. Sweeney, M. Brandon, J. McDermott, H. Kenny.

**Subs:** A. Crehan for M. Brandon, L. Lafferty for B. Kelly.

**Waterford:** A. O'Brien, C. Hartery, P. Broderick, Z. Power, A. O'Sullivan, T. Morrissey, C. Brennan, E. Tallon, V. Gaffney, K. Heneghan, A. Breathnach, C. O'Callaghan, P. Jackman, K. Sutton, J. Hourigan.

**Referee:** K. Kelly, Galway.

# Player burn-out is nothing new

I WATCHED the sports section of the news last Tuesday with interest as the topic arose regarding senior inter-county players and the demands on their lives and bodies.



Linda Mellerick

It's amazing how they fit it all in. Work, training, travel, play, rest and then repeat it all again day after day.

There is no doubt the sport is professional in its preparations and we wouldn't have it any other way. It is this approach which has made GAA the top sport it is today.

However, the demands both mentally and physically are energy sapping. These same people get up every morning and do a full day's work.

They are also expected to prepare as a pro in every aspect of their life, from eating, to sleeping, to training, etc.

Life is one long rush particularly in peak season as you juggle your working and personal life (if you have one) around your sport.

It's the same for camogie players.

The topic being discussed was player burn-out and how, in order to maintain the development of the GAA, it has to be addressed.

A survey of nine counties is being carried out to assess the situation. But the result won't change a thing.

A player may get fed up every now and then with the demands placed upon them but they still wouldn't have it any other way.

The talented underage player suffers the most. A good minor hurler could well find himself playing minor, U21 and senior with both club and county.

Throw in the fact that many of these guys also play football with their club and they end up playing minor, U21 and senior football too.

A chance of a night off, a chance to recover, forget it.

It's the same for women.

The talented Cloughdun player Breige Corkery is one such example. Two weeks ago she captained the Cork minor football team to victory in Galway.

That same evening she toggled out with her club in the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship.

The following day training with the senior camogie team in preparation for their Championship game against Limerick last Saturday.

She is only one of many. Never a complaint, because this is their life.

It is easier while you're younger. Apart from the obvious like the physical ability to cope with this, the demands on your life shouldn't be as great.

For years camogie players have been doing this. We all did it. We might not have been playing two codes but if you have a successful club and successful County then you are training at least five nights a week for 10 months of the year.

Player burn-out? Yes we had it because in some crazy way inter-county camogie players rarely get excused from club training.

It is better now in that players speak up when they are exhausted but it's not done too often.

In camogie the clubs need their inter-county players.

During the 90s, when the Glen were successful, six of us were also on the

inter-county team.

Many nights we left Cork training in our gear and rushed to make training with the club. Absolute madness but it was expected.

The game at the time was 12-a-side so I suppose if six of us were missing then how could the rest of the team train properly?

True, but crazy all the same.

I hear many people today speak about how the game has changed, the speed, the skill level, the fitness required, etc.

It does seem to look that way but at times I wonder is it just that memories fade with time and you forget how great such a game was and how fast it was and how hard you trained.

Because if I was to look back I can honestly say that some of the toughest and greatest games I ever played in were as far back as 10 years ago and some of the best players I ever played with and against were from that era also.

I can also remember being dizzy and feeling sick after pushing ourselves so hard at training.

Players are retiring a lot younger that's for sure, but it has a lot to do with the lifestyle we lead today more so than just the sport itself.

Players burn out quicker and don't maintain the energy levels needed as they reach their late 20s and early 30s but again a lot of that may be down to an individual's occupation and how sapping that is.

Wouldn't it be great to train for two or three hours every day and then go home and put your head down?

Professionals do it and that's why the longevity of their playing careers far out lives ours. But professionalism is another issue!



Coláiste Bride camogie captains, Ursula Jacob (Senior) and Una Leacy (Junior), receive the April award from Phyllis Wilson of Permanent-TSB.

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## Tipperary and Galway bag places in All-Ireland semi-finals

ALL-IRELAND camogie champions Tipperary were made fight all the way in the third round of the Foras na Gaeilge championship match when Kilkenny ran them to one point (3-8 to 2-10) in Callan on Saturday. Tipperary were ahead 3-6 to 1-4 at the break following a hat trick of goals from Deirdre Hughes, Eimear McDonnell and Jill Horan with Caitriona Carey, sister to DJ scoring the opening

goal of the game with just fourteen minutes gone.

Unfortunately the second Foras na Gaeilge third round encounter between Antrim and Galway became totally one sided as Galway cruised to victory 9-26 to Antrim's 0-0. Like Tipperary, Galway have now earned themselves a place in the All-Ireland semi-finals on August 21st which will be televised live for the very first time

on RTE.

Meanwhile Navan and Páirc Tailteann in particular was in great celebratory mood at the weekend when Cumann Camógaisíochta na nGael celebrated one of the major centenary events of the year — a re-enactment, complete with long black skirts and white blouses, of the first public game ever played there in 1904.

Uachtarán, Miriam O'Callaghan

unveiled a plaque outside Páirc Tailteann, alongside Education Minister Noel Dempsey who spoke of the ground breaking achievement that the pioneers of 1904 created by playing that very first game.

Tipperary scorers: E. McDonnell, J. Horan 1-2 each, D. Hughes 1-0, C. Grogan 0-2, E. Hayden, N. Kennedy 0-1 each.

Tipperary: J. Delaney, S. Kelly, U. O'Dwyer, S. Howard, S. Naalon, C. Gaynor, T. Brophy, A. McDermot, T. O'Halloran, N. Kennedy, E. Hayden, C.

Grogan, E. McDonnell, D. Hughes, J. Horan.

Subs: P. Fogarty for E. Hayden, J. Kirwan for S. Naalon, P. Bullin for T. O'Halloran.

Kilkenny scorers: S. Millea 0-5 (0-2F), M. O'Connor, C. Carey 1-0 each, B. Mulally 0-1.

Kilkenny: C. Ryan, D. Minogue, M. Costelloe, C. Delaney, K. Kinahan, A. Neary, E. Lyng, S. Millea, E. Aylward, J. Frisby, B. Mulally, L. Lyng, C. Doherty, C. Carey, M. O'Connor.

Subs: J. Dillon Maher for A. Neary, injured.

Referee: A. Derham, Dublin.



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# Historic day for Inniscarra club

by Brendan Larkin

SUNDAY next will be a red letter day for the Inniscarra Camogie club when they officially open their own playing field in Ballynaly.

Camogie President Miriam Uí Cheallacháin will perform the ceremony which will be followed by a senior inter-county challenge game between Cork and Kilkenny.

This will be the culmination of an extraordinary feat for the Inniscarra Club in this historic Centenary Year of Camogie as this is the first pitch in Co Cork and only the third in the country to be dedicated solely to camogie.

Great credit must go to the present chairperson Con Hayes for his foresight and his great attention to detail and Joan O'Leary chairperson in 2001 and 2002 who courageously guided the club to take on such a huge project.

Camogie has been played in Inniscarra since the early 1940s but it was not until 1967 that the present club was formed and a great debt is owed to the people that along the way have guided the club to eight county titles and two

Feile na Geal titles. The founder members must be very proud of the progress the club made over the last 37 years.

On and off the field Inniscarra people have made a great contribution to the game of camogie. Mary O'Callaghan R.I.P. was National President, Sheila Golden is a former County Chairperson, and County President at present. Con Hayes and Tim Buckley were officers of the Juvenile County Board.

One of the most famous players is Irene O'Keeffe who won five Senior All Ireland Medals with Cork.

Another senior All Ireland medal winner was Ger Casey who along with Marie O'Connell, Criona Harte, Trish Murphy, Leona Nolan, Margaret McCarthy and Rena Buckley, Margaret N. O'Sullivan, Nicola Buckley, Evelyn Moynihan, Catherine O'Leary, Elizabeth Hayes and Eadaoin O'Mahony have all made their mark with club and county.

Hardworking committees under the chairmanship of Con Hayes have put together a programme or a Festival of Camogie for this week leading up to the official opening ceremony. It is envisaged that each club in the county will have played camogie at some grade on the pitch in Ballynaly during camogie festival week.

## First dedicated camogie pitch in Cork

## Navan reeling in 100 years

Máire Uí Scolai

THE ROYAL county of Meath will play host to one of the biggest events in the centenary celebrations of Cumann Camógaiochta na nGael this Saturday at Páirc Tailteann for a re-enactment of the first ever camogie match along side two very attractive inter-county games.

Back in 1904, the then Navan Agricultural Society Grounds played host to the first ever match which involved two Dublin clubs, Keatings and Cúchulainn (both no longer in existence), but on Saturday the Meath intercounty team will don the long black skirts and white shirts to re-kindle that game of 100 years ago.

The day's festivities will begin at 1pm with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque in Páirc Tailteann. That will be followed by the minor All-Ireland 'B' semi-final between Meath and Antrim.

Meanwhile, Galway senior manager Noel Finn will be hoping for his side to overcome Antrim in the third round of the Foras na Gaeilge championship (Navan, 4.0).

While they opened their campaign with a loss to Tipperary they made up for it when they defeated Kilkenny in Nowlan Park but with Antrim without a victory to date the Tribeswomen should advance. e.

Meanwhile, All-Ireland champions Tipperary will travel to Callan to take on Kilkenny also in the third round.

## Meath's ton of fun

ONE hundred years ago, on July 17, the first public camogie match was played in what was known then as the Meath Agricultural Society Grounds, now better known as Páirc Tailteann, Meath.

That game was re-enacted on Saturday last when Meath inter-county players donned the long black skirts and white blouses with green and gold sashes.

### Stars

It was then time for Meath and Antrim's minor stars in the All-Ireland Minor 'B' semi-final which the Saffrons won, 4-7 to 1-5. Antrim will meet Roscommon in the final on August 8.

Meanwhile Kilkenny nearly beat reigning All-Ireland champions

### CAMOGIE ROUND-UP

Tipperary, 3-8 to 2-10, in the third round of the Foras na Gaeilge championship also on Saturday in Callan.

Tipperary are through to the All-Ireland semi-final on August 21.

Elsewhere Galway cruised to the All-Ireland semi-final after their white-washing of Antrim, 9-26 to 0-0.

The Galway minor 'A' team overcame Clare, 5-8 to 1-5, in the Minor semi-final.

Galway will meet Kilkenny who had an emphatic win of 8-12 to Down's 1-2 in the other semi-final played yesterday.

The Minor 'A' All-Ireland final will be played on August 8.

# Niamh the star as Cork clinch title

by Catherine Ketch

THE annual All-Ireland James Hurley Under 14 Inter-County Camogie Blitz was won by the hosts, Cork Colleges, at Ballynaly recently with local girl Niamh Dilworth contributing 13 goals in four matches.

Emer Dillon, Cork Senior Camogie centre forward, presented the girls with their medals at a function at Ballynaly this week. The girls also received medals for the Co Clare Blitz, won by the girls earlier in the year.

Present on the night were Cork Colleges Camogie Chairman John Joe Breen and Cork Senior Camogie Coach and 1990 hurling All-Star, John Considine.

Ms Dillon congratulated the girls on their achievement and

stressed the importance of commitment, dedication as well as enjoyment of the game. Team Manager Rob Lott, introducing the players reminded them once again of the team motto and the key to their success 'No lapse allowed in training'.

Twenty-four games were played with Armagh defeating Carlow 2-6 to 1-3 in the plate final. Over 10 teams competed in a round robin blitz with Cork defeating Armagh, Waterford and Limerick before disposing of champions Galway 5-5 to 1-4, aided by a five goal scoring spree from Dilworth, in the first semi-final.

Fiona O'Connell, Maire McCarthy, Roseanne Byrne and Marie Walsh performed well for Cork with Marguerite Vaughan shackling Galway's elusive Tara

Rutledge quite effectively.

Kilkenny, who had narrowly beaten Cork in the last of the round robin games, easily beat Clare 5-1 to 1-0 in the other semi-final.

Selector John Joe Breen utilised each player from the panel of twenty five for the six matches intelligently. The tournament organisers were delighted with the outcome and complimented the U14 development squad sponsor Coillte for their support.

Ten counties participated in the event.

Cork Colleges Panel: M. Hawkes, S. O'Callaghan, C. O'Neil, A. O'Riordan (Bandon), E. Murphy (Buttevant), L. Ryan (Carrigaline), D. Luby (Carrigrohane), C. Galvin, A. Thompson, M. Walsh (Charleville), R. Byrne, M. O'Donovan, N. O'Donovan, L. O'Shea (Christ King), N. Dilworth, M. Healy, M. McCarthy, M. Vaughan (Coachford), M. O'Callaghan, N. O'Keeffe (Coláiste An Phiarais), C. Ryan (Coláiste Choilm), R. De Faoite (Coláiste Daibhéid), M. Foley (C) (Glanmire), K. Hickey (Mount Mercy), A. Kavanagh (St. Aloysius), F. O'Connell (St. Angela's).

Results: Group A: Cork 3-4 Armagh 0-0, Kilkenny 1-5 Waterford 0-0, Limerick 3-4 Armagh 0-1, Cork 5-2 Waterford 0-0, Cork 2-5 Limerick 3-0, Kilkenny 1-5 Armagh 0-0, Armagh 4-0 Waterford 1-0, Kilkenny 0-3 Limerick 1-0, Limerick 5-3 Waterford 1-1, Kilkenny 3-3 Cork 2-4.

Group B: Tipperary 1-0 Clare 1-2, Wexford 0-3 Galway 2-4, Carlow 0-0 Clare 3-6, Tipperary 1-2 Galway 1-2, Tipperary 5-3 Carlow 0-1, Wexford 1-3 Clare 3-0, Galway 1-3 Clare 0-0, Wexford 2-1 Tipperary 2-2, Galway 7-5 Carlow 1-0, Wexford 3-4 Carlow 0-0.

Plate Final: Armagh 2-6 Carlow 1-3 Blitz Semi-finals: Cork Colleges 5-5 Galway 1-4, Kilkenny 5-1 Clare 1-0.

Final: Cork Colleges 3-3 Kilkenny 1-4.



Members of the Cork team that won the All Ireland U-14 camogie blitz: Niamh Dilworth, Maire McCarthy, Fiona O'Connell and Aoife Kavanagh, all from Inniscarra.

Picture: Ketch



Fiona Cotter dons the new Juvenile jersey sponsored by Cork Builders Providers in the presence of Brigid Cotter, representing the sponsors and Ann Galvin, Chairperson, St. Catherine's Camogie Club



Liatroim's Kelly O'Higgins in the Ulster premier league final.



# Harte stars as Inniscarra dethrone champs O'Neill's

**Inniscarra** 2-10  
**Fr O'Neill's** 2-5

by Mary Newman

CHAMPIONS Fr O'Neill's were dethroned by lively Inniscarra last evening in the O'Leary Brothers Cork County Senior Camogie Championship quarter-final at Ballinlough.

Inniscarra laid the foundations for victory with a flawless opening 30 minutes which saw them lead 1-7 to

0-3 at the interval.

But in the true spirit of champions, O'Neill's battled to the finish with Fiona O'Driscoll getting all of their scores, and made Inniscarra work for their semi-final spot.

Inniscarra had five points on the scoreboard inside the opening five minutes from Marie O'Connell, Karina Harte (3) and Ger Casey before O'Driscoll pointed a Fr O'Neill's free.

With Harte enjoying the freedom of the field, Inniscarra held the upper

hand and her points in the 10th and 14th minutes stretched Inniscarra's advantage.

O'Driscoll pointed to keep Fr O'Neill's in touch, but when Liz Hayes finished to the roof of the net in the 19th minute Inniscarra threatened to run riot.

O'Driscoll pointed on the stroke of half-time but it was Inniscarra who turned over holding all the aces.

On the resumption, Fr O'Neill's improved their game considerably and

indeed, it was they who made all the early running. Two O'Driscoll points inside 10 minutes gave them renewed enthusiasm. O'Neill's laid siege to their opponents' goal but with a stellar defence closing down the threat poised by O'Driscoll and Nora Ahern, Inniscarra once again regained their composure.

It was 16 minutes before they had their first score of the second-half - a Karina Harte point. But 30 seconds later Ger Casey had a second. Harte

## Walsh hat-trick helps Imokilly to semi-final at Courceys expense

**Imokilly** 6-11  
**Courcey Rovers** 1-10

A HAT-TRICK of goals from Angela Walsh plus superb play from Denise and Deirdre Twomey helped Imokilly advance to the semi-final of the O'Leary Bros Builders Cork Senior Camogie Championship at the expense of Courcey Rovers in Ovens last night.

First-half goals from Denise Twomey and Angela Walsh helped the divisional side enjoy a 2-8 to 0-7 interval lead.

Twomey's early goal opened up a four point advantage but Rachel Moloney with two points, kept Courceys in touch.

Just when Courceys looked to be settling, Angela Walsh struck for Imokilly's second goal and once again gave them the advantage.

Four times the sides exchanged points but it was Imokilly who maintained their advantage and had the last say of the opening half with an Angela Walsh point.

On the resumption Mary O'Connor stretched the advantage further with a point but the boost Courcey Rovers needed came when Clare Murphy goaled, however the celebrations were short-lived when Angela Walsh quickly replied with a similar score at the other end.

Twice the sides again exchanged points but the killer blow came for Courceys when Angela Walsh and Deirdre Twomey goaled twice. Rachel Moloney pointed for Courceys but when Mary O'Connor kicked to the net for Imokilly's sixth goal, the game was over as a contest.

Imokilly now meet Carrigdhoun in the semi-final while the second se-

mi-final will see Inniscarra play Milford.

Imokilly: A. Walsh 3-3, M. O'Connor 1-1, O. Cotter 0-3, Denise Twomey 1-1, Deirdre Twomey 1-0, M. O'Neill 0-2, L. Higgins 0-1.

Courcey Rovers: R. Moloney 0-9, C. Murphy 1-0, S. Quinn 0-1.

IMOKILLY: Y. O'Neill, N. Barry, E. Power, M. Dorgan, A.M. Walsh, M. O'Connor, N. Mulcahy, S. Crowley, O. Cotter, A. Walsh, M. O'Neill, L. Higgins, Denise Twomey, E. O'Farrell, Deirdre Twomey. Substitutes: C. Walsh for S. Crowley; G. O'Donoghue for A.M. Walsh; C. O'Connell for Denise Twomey.

COURCEY ROVERS: J. Hayes, J. Murphy, Cora Murphy, G. Twomey, S. Downing, M. O'Donovan, K. Keohane, S. Hayes, M. O'Regan, Clare Murphy, S. Quinn, U. Quinn, Claire Murphy, R. Moloney, C. O'Neill. Substitute: S. Ryan for C. O'Neill.

Referee: K. Creedon

## in quarter-final

and Fiona O'Driscoll exchanged goals in the 19th and 24th minutes, with Harte striking over Inniscarra's 10th point three minutes from the full-time whistle. Fiona O'Driscoll showed her class for the champions when she struck a close in free to the net.

However, with the puck-out came the full-time whistle and with it went the champions' title.

All credit to Inniscarra who on this display will be favoured to advance and possibly be crowned champions.

Scorers for Inniscarra: K. Harte 1-7, 0-2 (free), L. Hayes 1-0, G. Casey 0-2, M. O'Connell 0-1.

Fr O'Neill's: F. O'Driscoll 2-5, 1-5 (free).

INNISCARRA: P. Goggins, E. Dineen, E. O'Mahony, E. O'Keefe, M. Buckley, R. Buckley, T. Murphy, M.N. O'Sullivan, M. O'Regan, M. McCarthy, K. Harte, M. O'Connell, L. Hayes, I. O'Keefe, G. Casey. Subs: T. McCarthy for O'Regan, C. O'Connell for I. O'Keefe.

FR O'NEILL'S: M. Kenefick, A. O'Neill, L. Sweetnam, A. Corcoran, C. Flavin, G. Kearney, N. Ahern, V. O'Sullivan, S. Cahalane, S. Kearney, F. O'Driscoll, U. Day, K. Ahern, M. Finn, K. O'Sullivan. Subs: D. O'Leary for K. Ahern, M. O'Brien for S. Kearney.

Referee: C. Egan (Glen Rovers).

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## Inniscarra topple Fr O'Neill's to County Senior Camogie Championship Inniscarra 2-10 Fr O'Neill's 2-5

A superb first half display by the challengers Inniscarra in this O'Leary Brothers Cork County Senior Camogie Championship quarter final played at Ballinlough on Monday night last saw them knock out the holders Fr O'Neill's in a repeat of last season's County Final that saw Fr O'Neill's claim the title for the very first time.

This time round however it was Inniscarra that held most of the aces and in Karina Harte they had a match winner as she popped up all over the field to get scores for the challengers who had other superb performances from Ger Casey now in an outfield role for club and county and Marie O'Connell who opened the scoring. Inniscarra were in devastating form early on and had five points scored in as many minutes before Fiona O'Driscoll opened the scoring for the champions with a pointed free. It was Inniscarra how-



ever who were dominating and with Karina Harte who had shot three of the opening points again finding the range with minors in the 10th and 14th minutes the challengers were now six points clear at the end of the opening quarter.

Fr O'Neill's, at this stage, were having to battle very hard to stay in touch as Claire Flavin, Nora Ahern and Gearoidin Kearney fought hard in defence with Val O'Sullivan trying hard at midfield but in attack only Fiona O'Driscoll seemed capable of scoring for them as she pulled a point back but on twenty minutes Inniscarra struck for their opening goal with Liz Hayes crashing the ball to the net and now the champions had it all to do as O'Driscoll again pointed before the break to leave them facing an uphill battle as they trailed by 1-7 to 0-3 at the break. On the resumption, Fr O'Neill's showed their battling qualities and they upped their game considerably. With Nora Ahern coming more into the game they began to get a few breaks as Fiona O'Driscoll pointed twice in the opening ten

minutes to give them renewed hope. Fr O'Neill's were now applying serious pressure to the Inniscarra defence but it held firm and there were no further scores in the third quarter as Elaine O'Mahony and Regina Buckley were superb for Inniscarra.

Inniscarra finally lifted the siege when Karina Harte again pointed and when Ger Casey added another the writing was on the wall for a gallant Fr O'Neill's outfit. A second Inniscarra goal from star Karina Harte looked to have sealed Fr O'Neill's fate but even when staring defeat in the face they fought back as their great servant Fiona O'Driscoll goaled with six minutes remaining and when she repeated the dose from a free with time almost up it showed just how gallant a side they are. Inniscarra however had done enough in the opening half to fully deserve their win and on this display they will now be favourites to go on and capture their first title also. Fr O'Neill's have been wonderful champions and if they had to lose then they lost with dignity as

they fought to the bitter end to hold onto their title. It was not to be for them on this occasion however as the evening belonged to Inniscarra and Karina Harte who scored 1-7 for them. That contribution, however, was bettered by Fiona O'Driscoll who claimed all of her sides scores on this occasion.

Inniscarra: K. Harte 1-7, L. Hayes 1-0, G. Casey 0-2 and M. O'Connell 0-1.

Fr O'Neill's: F. O'Driscoll 2-5.

Inniscarra: P. Goggins, E. Dineen, E. O'Mahony, E. O'Keefe, M. Buckley, R. Buckley, T. Murphy, M.N. O'Sullivan, M. O'Regan, M. McCarthy, K. Harte, M. O'Connell, L. Hayes, I. O'Keefe and G. Casey. Subs used T. McCarthy and C. O'Connell.

Fr O'Neill's: M. Kenefick, A. O'Neill, L. Sweetnam, A. Corcoran, C. Flavin, G. Kearney, N. Ahern, V. O'Sullivan, S. Cahalane, S. Kearney, F. O'Driscoll, U. Day, K. Ahern, M. Finn and K. O'Sullivan. Subs used D. O'Leary and M. O'Brien.

Referee: C. Egan, Glen Rovers.



■ Mary Leacy helped Oulart-The Ballagh to a big victory.



■ Lennie Holohan's scores were in vain for Rathnure.



■ Aoife O'Connor gave her all in Duffry Rovers' defeat.





Action from Ballinlough G.A.A. grounds on Monday last which saw a repeat of last year's final between Fr. O'Neill's and mid Cork side Inniscarra in the County Senior Camogie Championship, with victory going to Inniscarra



## NEW SELECTORS APPOINTED

Liam Hogan

After the resignation of the Tipperary Intermediate Camogie selection committee, both Stephen Fitzgerald and Biddy Philips will take on the role of selecting the Tipperary Intermediate camogie team on a temporary basis for the rest of 2004.

The new selectors met with the panel on Tuesday evening.

"Twenty seven players turned up for the meeting," Stephen Fitzgerald told the Tipperary Star. "Three players were unavoidably absent. They are one hundred per cent dedicated and want to return to the training field as soon as possible," he said.

At the meeting where the outgoing selectors Bernie O'Dowd, Martin Browne and Brendan

Murphy handed in their resignations the clubs decided that the officers of the County Board should be entrusted with the task of appointing new selectors.

Biddy Philips is no stranger to selecting Tipperary teams. She was a selector with the Junior team in the early nineties culminating the All-Ireland victory in 1992 when Tipp defeated Galway. Biddy was manager of the team and after Tipp were promoted to Intermediate grade, she managed of the side that won the All-Ireland in 1997 when Tipp defeated Clare.

Biddy continued in the managers role following promotion to senior grade in 98. Tipp reached the All-Ireland semi final that year but lost. Then the dream of winning the All-Ireland senior final soon became a reality the fol-

lowing year.

In 2000, Biddy stepped down as manager but retained the selector portfolio under the stewardship of Michael Cleary. She retained that position as Tipp won part two and part three of their three in a row.

Alas Tipp lost in the final to Cork in 2002 before Biddy stepped down after a long and fruitful innings.

After a two year rest period she hopes to repeat the 1997 intermediate success once more.

Stephen Fitzgerald coached Fethard to win a County Junior championship and league double in 1999. Two years later he was at the helm when Fethard defeated Portroe in the County intermediate league final.