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Cork U-18s in bid for fourth Munster title on the trot

WHILST Cork continues to bask in the success of the senior side's victory in last weekend's All-Ireland camogie final, the county U-18 team are busy preparing for their opening championship game against Limerick today.

The U-18 grade is always a keenly contested one and Cork have had a marvellous record of success.

This year they are striving to make it four-in-a-row of Munster titles and will be hoping today to take their first steps towards ultimate honours.

The team can call on several of the junior side who contested last Sunday's All-Ireland final. Goalie Sandra Ricken, Caoimhe Harrington, Criona Harte and Minor players Sabrina Buckley, and Mary Ennegues.

A doubt surrounds the availability of Karen Riordan who injured her ankle mid week and the selectors will wait to decide until later today if she is fit to play. However, its a strong Cork side and in form one would favour them to advance over a relatively young Limerick side.

In the Junior A Championship quarter final, St. Vincent's and Watergrasshill will clash at Watergrasshill tomorrow and here the St. Vincent's side, who are favoured by many to take the honours this year, will look to Donna O'Leary and Orla O'Shea to guide them.

In the B championships St. Finbarr's clash with Courcy Rovers while Glen Rovers take on St. Catherine's and here one would expect Courcys and St. Catherine's to advance. In the remaining Junior B game Bishopstown will be expected to beat Carrigtwohill.

Cork girls are good winners

DESPITE being involved in a road traffic accident en route to Bruree from which thankfully no serious injuries were incurred by any members by the Cork camogie party, the U-18 side had a fine 2-14 to 1-8 victory over Limerick.

A Criona Harte goal in the 20th minute gave the Cork side a 1-8 to 0-6 cushion at the break. However, a lapse in concentration allowed Limerick to edge back into the game and when a 15 metres free from Eileen O'Brien 18 minutes into the second-half put Limerick just three points behind they had all to play for.

However, Cork regained their composure and with Caoimhe Harrington, Criona Harte and Senior Star Sinead O'Callaghan getting on top Cork soon were back in the driving seat. Points from O'Callaghan, Harrington and Harte saw Cork edge six points ahead and a Nuala O'Donoghue goal four minutes from time finished the game.

Limerick fought hard and were rewarded with points from Rose Collins and Angela Sheehy but they couldn't get through the Cork defence.

Score: Cork: C Harte 1-6 (3 frees, 2 30s); S Buckley 0-2; S O'Callaghan 0-3; C Harrington 0-2; N Nash 0-1; U O'Donoghue 1-0. Limerick: E O'Brien 1-3; V Sheehan 0-1; R Collins 0-2; A Sheehy 0-2.

Cork's minors get their day in the sun

CAMOGIE

THE focus this coming weekend on the camogie front will be on the Cork U-18 Team when they take on Limerick in the semi final of the Munster Under 18 Championship.

This game is scheduled for Bruree at 2 p.m. today.

At club level there are a number of interesting clashes listed pick of which should be the first round of the Senior 'B' Championship involving Killeagh and Aghabullogue and this game goes ahead on Thursday night next at Caherlag at 6 p.m.

In other games listed the Junior 'A' Championship continues with a number of first round games tomorrow.

The Cork u-18 team have thirteen of the junior panel available for selection as well as a number of last years successful panel.

The selectors will certainly have a difficult choice to make.

However while the team has not yet been announced it is certain to include players like Emer O'Sullivan, Kilbrittain, Caoimhe Harrington and Paula O'Connor, Newtownshandrum. Sinead O'Callaghan a member of last Sunday's successful senior team, Deirdre Healy from Eire Og, Tina Roche, Aghabullogue and Sandra Ricken, St Vincents.

Difficult

All these girls are very experienced performers and on form it is difficult to see them being halted on this occasion.

At club level the clash of Aghabullogue and Killeagh in the Senior 'B' Championship has all the

ingredients of a thrilling contest.

Aghabullogue who have been so successful at underage level in recent years must start as favourites to advance but they can expect a very strong challenge from the East Cork side who are always very strong campaigners.

Young

Aghabullogue will basically be a very young side and will be spearheaded by the experienced Eileen Buckley and Patay Walsh as well as their up and coming young stars in Sinead A Buckley, Mary Ennaguss, Tina Roche, Linda Ronan and Sheila Crowley.

On the other hand Killeagh have been going through a rather lean period in the past few years but will be hoping that the experience of Mary O'Connor who played a major part in Cork's victory over Galway last weekend, as well as Sinead Cahalane, Karen O'Sullivan and Therese Gould will carry them through.

FIXTURES TOMORROW

Junior 'A' Championship: St Vincents v Watergrasshill at Watergrasshill, 12.30pm (Ref: Sarsfields); St Finbarrs v Courcy Rovers at Courcy Rovers, 12.30pm (Ref: Newcestown).

Junior 'B' Championship: St Catherine's v Glen Rovers at St Catherine's, 12.30pm (Ref: St Fanahan); Bishopstown v Carrigtwohill at Carrigtwohill, 12.30pm (Ref: Killeagh/Fr O'Neills).

THURSDAY

Senior 'B' Championship: Killeagh v Aghabullogue at Caherlag, 6.15pm (Ref: Tra-cey Sheehan).



Marie Santry presents her trophy to Louise O'Regan, Douglas, following their u-11 win over St. Finbarrs.

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AIB All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie Championship

Camogie

By P.J. Fulham

On Sunday September 21st the A.I.B. All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie Championship final for An Corn Puirseil takes place. Old rivals Clare and Tipperary will battle it out for the title as they did in 1995 when Clare emerged winners by the minimum score 1-10 to 1-9. The competition was inaugurated in 1992 and has fallen into place. There are now four graded Intermediate team Cork, Galway, Down and Tipperary. They are joined by seeded senior teams, if defeated in the first round of the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior championship. They are Armagh, Dublin, Clare and Limerick.

The meeting of near neighbours Clare and Tipperary should be an interesting tussle. Tipperary have been trying hard for a number of years to reach senior ranks. Clare have the experience of playing in the Bord na Gaeilge senior championship when they went under to Cork 3-13 to 1-9.

In the quarter-final stages Tipperary defeated Cork 4-9 to 1-4 while Clare accounted for Limerick 1-15 to 0-11. In the semi-finals Clare proved too strong for Down in this game played at Shannon. The first half was an entertaining affair with little separating the sides at any time. Clare held a one point advantage at the break 2-5 to 2-4.

Despite some good displays by Down in the second half it was Clare who stamped their authority to run out winners on a score of 5-14 to 4-5.

Scorers: Clare: Deirdre Murphy 3-3, Noelle Cummins 1-3, Ann Keane 1-1, Moira McMahon 0-4, Edel Arthur 0-2, Marie Collins 0-1. Down: Mairín McAlleenan 2-2, Edel Mason and Joan Henderson 1-0 each, Jennifer Braniff 0-3, Referee: John Morrissey, Tipperary. Tipperary had a 4-15 to 3-11 win over Armagh in this tie played at Ballymaenab. A flurry of goals in the first half by Jovita Delaney, Caitriona Hennessy and Deirdre Hughes gave the winners a 3-4 to 1-7 lead at the interval. Armagh came more into the game in the second half with goals by Mary Black and Ursula McGivern but a goal by Ciara Gaynor put the icing on the cake for Tipperary.

Scorers: Tipperary: Caitriona Hennessy 1-8, Ciara Gaynor 1-4, Jovita Delaney and Deirdre Hughes 1-1 each, Therese Brophy 0-1.

Armagh: Mary Black 1-6, Ursula McGivern 1-1, Aine French 1-0, Patricia McEvoy 0-2, Mary Donnelly and Gerakline Haughey 0-1 each.

This final points to a classic affair between two sides who are capable of producing the best. Tipperary will be going all out for revenge of 1995. They will have in mind that they led by 0-7 at half time in that game and the great finish by Clare. It should be a close event going down to the wire. Tipperary have the venue.

UNA PURSELL

An Corn Puirseil is in memory of the late Una Pursell who was a native of Ballingarry, Limerick. She played with both Limerick and Dublin. In 1936 she played with Limerick against Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final, a match which was played in Ballingarry. Una went on to win an All-Ireland medal with Dublin in 1938. She was Uachtaran of Cumann Camogaiachta na nGael from 1976 to 1979.

Galway retained the All-Ireland Minor Camogie Championship title when they defeated Cork in excellent fashion at Paire Uí Rinn. Cork missed many scoring chances from placed balls. Galway was a well balanced side and got off to a good start and were 0-6 to 0-0 ahead before Cork got into their stride.

Rachel Moloney opened the Leesiders account with 0-1 from a free on the 12th minute. Cork had cut the leeway to four points at the break Galway 0-9 Cork 0-5.

Veronica Sweeney and Therese Maher laid Galways foundation four success at Midfield, also in excellent form was Lourda Kavanagh who was having a good game as wing forward. Cork's defence were under severe pressure for most of the game.

Final score: Galway 2-14 Cork 1-6.

Scorers: Galway: Elaine Kearns 1-3, Lourda Kavanagh 0-4, Orla Kilkenny 1-0, Mairead Meehan 0-3, Siobhan Cummins and Therese Maher 0-2 each.

Cork: Elaine Burke 1-1, Rachel Moloney 0-2, Sabrina Buckley and Ciara Healy 0-1 each.

Galway team: Fiona Gahery, Susan O'Regan, Donna Burke, Ailbhe Kelly, Siobhan Hardiman, Therese Maher (Capt), Mairead Moloney, Veronica Sweeney, Siobhan Cummins, Lourda Kavanagh, Mairead Meehan, Elaine Kearns.

Subs: Colette Glennon for D. Burke, Orla Kilkenny for S. Cummins, Sherrie Mannion for M. Meehan.

Cork team: Geraldine Casey, Amanda O'Regan, Sinead Buckley, Julie Anne Kingston, Sarah Hayes, Sabrina Buckley, Elaine Burke, Mary Ennequess (Capt), Rachel Moloney, Sinead Kelly, una O'Donoghue, Liz Power. Subs: Mary O'Connell for M. Ennequess, Ciara Healy for S. Kelly.

Referee: Biddy Phyllips, Tipperary.

Veronica Sweeney was selected 'Player of the Match' and was presented with a piece of Armagh Crystal.

Armagh Crystal sponsor the 'Player of the Match Awards' in Minor, Junior and Intermediate.

Intermediate Championship Roll of Honour:

1992	Dublin	4-11	Down	4-4
1993	Clare	1-8	Dublin	1-5
1994	Armagh	7-11	Kildare	3-11
1995	Clare	1-10	Tipperary	1-9
1996	Limerick	2-10	Down	1-6

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Camogie World

Bord na Gaeilge

by PJ Fulham

Clare proved too strong for Down in this All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie Championship semi-final played at Shannon. The first half was an entertaining tussle with little separating the sides at any time, Clare held a one point advantage at the break 2-5 to 2-4. Despite some good displays by Down in the second half it was Clare who stamped their authority to run out easy winners on a score of 5-14 to 4-5.

Scorers: Clare: Deirdre Murphy 3-3, Noelle Cummins 1-3, Anne Keane 1-1, Moira McMahon 0-4, Edel Arthur 0-2, Marie Collins 0-1.

Down: Mairin McAleenan 2-2, Edel Mason and Joan Henderson 1-0 each, Jennifer Braniff 0-3. Referee: John Morrissey, Tipperary.

Tipperary will be Clare's opponents in the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship final when they had seven points to spare over Armagh in this semi-final played at Ballymacnab. A flurry of goals in the first half by Tipperary's Caitriona Hennessy, Jovita Delaney and Deirdre Hughes gave the winners a 3-4 to 1-7 lead at the interval. Armagh came more into the game in the second half with goals by Mary Black and Ursula McGivern. However, the Premier County finished the stronger. A goal by Ciara Gaynor put the icing on the cake. Final Score: Tipperary 4-15 Armagh 3-11.

Scorers: Tipperary: Caitriona Hennessy 1-8, Ciara Gaynor 1-4, Jovita Delaney and Deirdre Hughes 1-1 each, Therese Brophy 0-1.

Armagh: Mary Black 1-6, Ursula McGivern 1-1, Aine French 1-0, Patricia McEvoy 0-2, Mary Donnelly and Geraldine Haughey 0-1 each.

Camross, Laois are through to the Leinster senior club championship final when they got the upperhand of St Ibar's Wexford in this semi-final replay at Camross.

Once again it was a close encounter but a great achievement for Camross who came through the junior section. The winners led 0-7 to 0-4 at the break and after a closely contested second half the Laois club emerged winners with four points to spare. Final score: Camross 0-13 St Ibars 0-9.

Scorers: Camross: Therese Keenan 0-11, Marie Dowling and Yvonne Keenan 0-1 each. St Ibars: Kate Kelly 0-5, Mags Kelly 0-4.

Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin
Kilkenny booked their place in the Leinster under-18 championship final with this semi-final win over Dublin at Danesfort. Kilkenny led 2-4 to 0-4 at the break and finished on a score of 3-7 to 2-4.

Scorers: Kilkenny: Margaret Costelloe 2-2, Marie Maher 1-1, Pauleen Commerford 0-4. Dublin: Eve Tolbot 1-1, Shauna Keagh 1-0, Paula Malcolmson 0-3.

Referee: Oliver Ryan, Laois
Westmeath got off to a good start in the Leinster League with a convincing win over Louth at Turin. Westmeath led by six points at the break 2-3 to 0-3.

Final score: Westmeath 5-7 Louth 1-10

Scorers: Westmeath: Annette

Heffernan 2-4, Yvette Cully 2-0, Mary Henry 1-1, Olive Weir and Celeste Dermody 0-1 each.

Louth: Ann McDonald 1-4, Donna Crehan 0-3, Caroline Lynch 0-2, Theresa Bates 0-1.

Referee: Jimmy Donnelly, Kildare

On Saturday next the Leinster inaugural Under 18 takes place between Wexford and Kilkenny. On the path to the final Wexford got a walkover from Carlow in the first round and defeated Kildare in the semi-final 2-19 to 2-2. Kilkenny overcame Laois in the first round and Dublin in the semi-final.

The sides met in the minor (under 16) final two years ago when Wexford were victorious 5-10 to 2-4. Wexford went on to win the All-Ireland minor that year.

Both sides have many senior county players on board and it promises to be an exciting final.

Wexford panel:

Linda Byrne, Aine Codd, Bernie Holohan, Claire O'Connor, Eileen Handrick, Tina Bergin, Rosemary Breen, Michelle O'Leary, Evelyn Quigley, Esme Murphy, Jenny Holohan, Marie Butler, Anne Cousins, Noelle Doran, Siobhan Gaham, Noelle Murphy, Antoinette Murphy, Kate Kelly, Sandra Carr, Emma Carroll, Margaret Kelly.

Kilkenny Panel: Orla Phelan, Mary Ellen Butler, Deirdre Treacy, Kelly Long, Emma Fitzpatrick, Miriam Lyster, Pauleen Commerford, Mary Ryan, Deirdre Brennan, Maread Costelloe, Oonagh Hennessy, Jennifer Dillon, Martina Maher, Linda Crinnion, Bronagh Neary.

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Camogie All-Ireland:

Confident Tipperary Wary of Clare

The All-Ireland Senior hurling final fever may have abated somewhat, but, for the intermediate camogie players of the county the excitement is only starting with the countdown on to their national final clash with Clare on Sunday next.

A week after the hurlers doing battle the camogie players of the respective counties will be locked in combat in a repeat of the '95 All-Ireland final. It will be remembered that the Banner ladies snatched a sensational one point victory on that day in Toomevara, and Sunday's clash is expected to be every bit as close.

Tipperary are bidding for their first title in the grade, and if they can achieve that goal they would qualify for the senior grade. It is hard to believe that Tipp's last appearance in a senior final was as far back as 1984 when they lost to Dublin by a point. All associated with the game in the county have striven might and main to try make the eagerly awaited return to the senior grade, and they earnestly hope that Sunday's match will be a stepping

stone to that achievement.

The chances of a Tipp victory are more than realistic. With a nice blend of experience, and youth, in their ranks they have come through the championship series impressively, and, are not in the least over-awed by the challenge facing them. Tipp beat Cork and Armagh decisively, and have already beaten Sunday's opponents in the league by four points. But the final is bound to be a different matter and Clare are very determined to put "two" over Tipp.

Since 1992 when Tipp won the Junior crown the main focus is on equalling the achievement in the intermediate series. Eight of the '95 side help comprise the present squad and coach Biddy Phillips (Thurles) and Sheila Delaney (Borrisoleigh), and Liam Hogan (Burgess) have put in a huge effort with the side in an effort to make the breakthrough.

Biddy, who had the distinction of refereeing the All-Ireland senior final at Croke Park, recently, has been involved in the promotion of the game in the

County for many years. She is very enthusiastic concerning their chances on Sunday, based on the fact that they have strength and skill aplenty. With experienced campaigners such as Claire Madden, Noelle Kennedy, Neadbh Stokes, Deirdre Hughes, Kaiffe Moloney and Jovita Delaney teaming up with young players of the calibre of Emily Hayden, Ciara Gaynor (daughter of Len), Sinead Nealon daughter of Donie Nealon, to mention but a few, Tipp look a very formidable side.

Biddy Phillips said that Tipp have prepared very well and are very determined to make amends for '95. "We feel confident enough that we can do it, but not over-confident. After all Clare will remember '95, and they have already given a very serious challenge to Cork Seniors who, of course, went on to win the All-Ireland", said Biddy. Home advantage will boost Tipp's chances, but, as Biddy states - It's all down to how the girls fare out when the ball is thrown in on Sunday. Thankfully, we have no injury problems and they are rearin' to

go", she said. Biddy appeals for huge support on Sunday. "We appeal to all GAA followers to come out in great numbers. We need every support and encouragement", she said.

The Tipperary Intermediate team to play Clare in the All-Ireland final at The Ragg G.A.A. Grounds at 1.30 on Sunday is -

Nora Dwan (Toomevara).

Emily Hayden (Cashel).

Sinead Nealon (Burgess), Suzanne Kelly (Toomevara), Claire Madden (Portroe).

Meadbh Stokes (Cashel), Ciara Gaynor (Kilruane McDonaghs), Theresa Brophy (Burgess).

Noelle Kennedy (Toomevara), Helen Kiely (Drom/Inch), Jovita Delaney (Cashel).

Deirdre Hughes (Toomevara) captain.

Subs - Una O'Dwyer (Cashel), Kaiffe Moloney (Cashel), Helen Campion (Cashel), Sinead Collins (Burgess), Aine Hogan (Burgess), Niamh Bonar (Burgess), Helena Frawley (Burgess), Cathriona Hennessy (Drom/Inch).

Aghabullogue on song

MID-CORK side Aghabullogue advanced to meet Killeigh in the Senior B Camogie championship when they had just one point to spare - 2-7 to 3-3 - over Killeigh in an exciting encounter at Caherlag last evening.

Played in heavy mist, Aghabullogue had wind advantage in the opening half and a Helena Moynihan goal opened their account.

Points from Eileen Moynihan and Eileen Buckley further stretched their lead before Killeigh replied when Tracy Gould flicked a Mary O'Connor long range free to the Aghabullogue net.

Aghabullogue had points from Helena Moynihan, Eileen Buckley and Marie McSweeney to give them a 1-5 to 1-0 advantage at the break.

A determined Killeigh upped the pace in the second half and two goals from Sinead Cahalane and Karen O'Sullivan put them into the lead.

However, Aghabullogue regained their composure with a Marie McSweeney goal. But back came Killeigh with two from their top player Mary O'Connor. Aghabullogue's reply was instant with points from Eileen Buckley and Helena Moynihan.

Mary O'Connor pointed for Killeigh to cut the deficit to just one and with time running out.

Rovers set to continue victory march

THERE'S a full programme of Cork championship games fixed for this weekend, with the top game being the intermediate county final between Eire Og and Valley Rovers at Ballynaly.

For Rovers it's a dramatic step forward when one considers that in 1995 they won the Junior B Championship and last year took the Junior A championship.

They are an excellent side captained by goalie Sharon Shields. They also include Cork minor stars Elaine Burke, Finula Callinan and Bernie Shields.

An ironic feature of tomorrow's game is that Nancy O'Donovan, who lines out at corner-forward on the Valley Rovers side, is the former Cork and Eire Og stalwart who would have been better known as Nancy O'Driscoll. Nancy won senior and intermediate honours with Eire Og but tomorrow will be hoping to play a big part in their downfall.

Eire Og are basically a young side. However, they have the experience of former inter-county goalie Marian McCarthy and Marian Reck.

They have also gained the services this season of former Kilkenny All Ireland medalist Frances O'Keeffe (nee Rothwell) and she is a major asset. Young players Deirdre Healy and Ellen O'Herlihy will give it their all to take the first intermediate title since 1987 back to Eire Og.

However, one has to favour the Innishannon

side to continue their winning sequence.

Preceding the final is the senior B championship game between Newcestown and Newtownshandrum.

Newtown, playing in Cork this year following a few years competing in the Limerick championship, look the stronger side.

At Delany's grounds it's an all-northside clash when Brian Dillons and Na Piarasigh meet in the second senior B championship round game of the day. The Dillons Cross girls look the stronger side to advance to meet St. Finbarr's.

In the Junior A championship Watergrasshill, following their marvellous win over St. Vincents last week end will be fancied to continue on their winning ways against Tracton.

The junior B championship will see Erins Own and Barryroe clash at Barryroe, St., Cathrines travel to meet Bandon. Grenagh travel to Togher where they meet the Barrs and Ballygarvan will be fancied to advance at Courcys Rovers' expense.

Weekend fixtures:

Today: Junior B Championship, Barryroe v Erins Own, Barryroe, 6 p.m.

Tomorrow: Intermediate Co. Championship final, Eire Og v Valley Rovers, Ballynaly, 3.30. Senior B Championship, Newcestown v Newtownshandrum, Ballynaly 2 p.m. Brian Dillons v Na Piarasigh at Delany's 5.15. Junior A Championship, Watergrasshill v Tracton, at Tracton, 12.30. Junior B, St. Finbarrs v Grenagh, St. Finbarrs 12 noon. Ballygarvan v Courcys Rovers, Ballygarvan, 12 noon. Sarsfield v Aghabullogue, at Aghabullogue, 12 noon. Bandon v St. Cathrines, Bandon, 12.30.



Hoping to bring about Clare's downfall in next Sunday's intermediate camogie All-Ireland final are selectors (l. to r.) - Sheila Delaney (Drom-Inch); Bridget Phillips (Thurles) and Liam Hogan (Burgess).

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Craobhchomórtas Idirmheánach

AN CLÁR

v.

TIOBRAID ÁRANN

Captaein Cháiliúla

Is iad siúd a leanas na captaein a glac le Com Phuirseil:

1992:	Cathy Walsh, Áth Cliath
1993:	Frances Phelan, An Clár
1994:	Mary Black, Ardmhacha
1995:	Sinéad O'Brien, An Clár
1996:	Helen Clifford-McCarthy, Luimneach.

An Craobhchomórtas Idirmheánach, 1997

An Clár	1-15	Luimneach	0-11
An Dún	6-17	An Ghaillimh	2-03
Tiobraid Árann	4-09	Corcaigh	1-04

Na Cluichí Leathcheannais

An Clár	5-14	An Dún	4-05
Tiobraid Árann	4-15	Ardmhacha	3-11



Ellen O'Herlihy of Eire Og.

Interesting tie at Ballyanly

Camogie

THE coming weekend will be a busy one on the camogie front with a number of vital clashes listed. Top of the programme will be the clash of Valley Rovers and Eire Og in the Intermediate Championship Final and this game is scheduled for Ballyanly at 3.30 on Sunday while at the same venue in the Senior "B" Championship Newtownshandrum will be in action at 2 o'clock in a first round game. In the second Senior "B" game Na Piarsaigh and Brian Dillons clash at Delany's grounds at 5.15 also on Sunday while in remaining fixtures the Junior "A" and Junior "B" championship continues with a number of interesting games down for decision.

it comes to championship the Ovens side are always strong campaigners and always play their best camogie when the odds are against them. Because of this we can expect a very competitive game on Sunday. In direct contrast to Valley Rovers, Eire Og are no strangers to finals and contested the Intermediate Final two years ago. They will still have the experience of former Cork goalkeeper Marian McCarthy in their line out and these together with Deirdre Healy, Marian Reek, Helen Walsh, Carol O'Callaghan and Ellen O'Herlihy must surely combine to form a very experienced outfit. In the Senior "B" Championship there are two clashes listed.

Senior "B" Championship - Newtownshandrum V Newtownshandrum at Ballyanly at 2pm.

Brian Dillons V Na Piarsaigh at Delany's at 5.15.

Intermediate Championship final - Valley Rovers V Eire Og at Ballyanly at 3.30. Ref. Patricia Murphy.

Junior "A" Championship - Watergrasshill V Tracton at Tracton at 12.30.

Junior "B" Championship: St Finbarrs V Grenagh at St Finbarrs at 12 noon. Ref. Bishopstown.

Sarsfields V Aghabullogue at Aghabullogue at 12 noon. Ref. Inniscarra.

Ballygarvan V Courey Rovers at Ballygarvan at 12 noon. Ref. Carrigaline.

Camogie World

Bord na Gaeilge

by PJ Fulham

Wexford are the Leinster under 18 champions when they got the better of Kilkenny in this inaugural final played at Danesfort. It was an excellent tussle. After a low scoring first half, Wexford led 0-5 to 0-3 at the break. A second half goal by Rosemary Breen and some well taken points by Kate Kelly put Wexford on the path to victory. Despite some great play by the Kilkenny girls they found it hard to get through the Wexford staunch defence. Final score: Wexford 1-10 Kilkenny 0-5.

Scorers: Wexford - Rosemary Breen 1-0, Kate Kelly 0-3, Lenny Holohan, Michelle O'Leary and Esme Murphy 0-2 each, Sandra Carr 0-1.

Kilkenny - Pauleen Commerford 0-5.

Wexford team - Linda Byrne, Aine Codd, Claire O'Gorman, Emma Carroll, Bernie Holohan, Sandra Carr, Rosemary Breen, Michelle O'Leary, Esme Murphy, Kate Kelly, Lenne Holohan, Evelyn Quigley. Subs - Eileen Hendrick for B Holohan, Mags Kelly for E Quigley.

Kilkenny team - Orla Phelan, Mary Ellen Butler, Mairead Costello, Emma Fitzpatrick, Mary Ryan, Pauleen Commerford, Siobhan White, Jennifer Dillon, Martina Maher, Oonagh Hennessy, Miriam Lyster. Subs - Deirdre Brennan for O Hennessy, Deirdre Treacy for M Lyster.

Referee - Breda Byrne, Wicklow.

Westmeath are through to the final of the Leinster League when they recorded a convincing win over Meath at Killyon. The winners led 1-5 to 0-3 at the break and stepped up a gear in the second half to win on a scoreline of 4-9 to 0-4.

Scorers: Westmeath - Annette Heffernan 1-8, Eileen Smith, Celeste Dermody and Catherine Glynn 1-0 each, Yvette Cully 0-1. Meath - Christine O'Brien 0-4.

Referee - John Pender, Kildare.

The Whirlpoo Kilmacud Sevens took place as usual in Glenalbyn on the eve of the All-Ireland camogie finals in Croke Park. This was the 24th annual event and involved 48 teams from all over the country and from England.

Buffers Alley. Wexford became the first winners of the Frank Cronin Cup in 1974 and went on to win three in a row in 1984, '85 and '86. The only other club to achieve this was St Pauls, Kilkenny in 1978, '79 and '80. In the '90s no club has retained the title. Toomevara, Tipperary won the Shield last year and the Cup this year.

Two Ulster clubs contested the Shield F i n a l Leitrim/Fontenoy's, Down and Castletara, Cavan. The former became the second

Ulster club to win the Shield. The first was St Patricks, Keady, Armagh in 1994.

Results in full:

Cup semi-finals:

St Brigids, Kilkenny 2-6 Eire Og, Clare 2-2

Toomevara, Tipperary 1-7 Celtic, Dublin 2-2

Final:

Toomevara 3-6 St Brigid's 2-8

Shield Semi-Finals:

Leitrim/Fontenoy's, Down 7-3 Broadford, Kildare 1-2

Castletara, Cavan 3-5 Leighlinbridge, Carlow 2-2

Final:

Leitrim/Fontenoy's 3-5 Castletara 0-6

Mairin McAleenan, Leitrim/Fontenoy's was the recipient of the Player of the Tournament Award.

It is with deep regret we record the death of Lily Furlong (nee Parle) Wexford, aged 63 years. Lily was one of the camogie greats back in the '50s and early '60s. At the time of her death she was President of Wexford Camogie Board.

As a member of St Johns club she won six county championship medals and was a prominent member of the county senior team for 13 years. Lily played from 1956 to 1962 for Leinster and captained the '62 team to defeat Ulster in the final at Casement Park.

Two of her prized possessions were the 1964 Powers Award for the Best Camogie Player and the 1971 Powers Award for the Outstanding Player of the Past. An ardent supporter of Wexford hurling who, despite her illness insisted on travelling to the Leinster Final this year.

Lily was widely known and will be sadly missed by all who knew her. The large attendance at her funeral bore testimony of the esteem in which she was held.

Ar Dheis Dhe go raibh An Anam.



Left to right: The late Lily Furlong (nee Parle), M Synott, J Murphy, M Hearne, all from Wexford, who played on the Leinster Gael Linn team in 1962.

Aghabullogue has one point to spare over East Cork side

**Aghabullogue 2 - 7
Killeagh 3 - 3**

AGHABULLOGUE advanced to meet Kilbrittain in the second round of the Senior B Camogie Championship when they had one point to spare over East Cork side Killeagh at Caherlag on Thursday evening last.

Played in miserable conditions for hurling both teams are to be complimented on the excellent display given on an excellently prepared Caherlag venue. Playing with the advantage of the wind Aghabullogue got off to an excellent start when Helena Moynihan goaled to open their account. Points from Moynihan and Eileen Buckley had further stretched their lead when a long range Mary O'Connor free was connected on by Tracy Gould and flicked to the Aghabullogue net, however their response was immediate and points from Moynihan, Buckley and Maria McSweeney steadied the Mid Cork side and gave them an interval lead 1-5 to 1-0.

A determined Killeagh side set about decreasing the deficit

from the throw in and they were rewarded with goals from Sinéad Cahalane and Karen O'Sullivan to put them in the lead for the first time. Aghabullogue sensing the game slipping upped the pace and a Marie McSweeney goal six minutes from time steadied their challenge. However a mighty Killeagh effort saw Mary O'Connor pop over two points to leave the minimum between the two sides. With the last puck of the game Killeagh were awarded a close in free but a miss-hit effort saw their last chance to save the game and put Aghabullogue into the next round.

**Intermediate Final
Éire Óg 1 - 11
Valley Rovers 1 - 6**

Éire Óg took the Intermediate title for the 3rd time when in an excellent game at Ballyanley they defeated Valley Rovers. The winners led 5 points to 2 sixteen minutes into the game and were looking comfortable when a lapse in concentration allowed Elaine Burke score Valley Rovers goal, a long free into the square looked to be

going wide but was flicked back into play and the alert Burke crashed it to the net, the same player had her side level one minute later and on the stroke of half time Maria Hurley had Valley Rovers in front when she pointed a free to leave it 0-6 to 1-4. The Innishannon girls increased their lead with a pointed free a minute into the second half. This was answered by Carol O'Callaghan to leave the minimum between the teams. Éire Óg pressed continuously and their persistence paid off when Deirdre Healy goaled from close range to give Éire Óg the lead. They added points from Frances Rothwell, Helen Walsh, Elanna McKenna and Ellen Herlihy to ensure victory. A word of praise must go to Marion McCarthy and Marion Reck (née McCarthy) both who won Senior County Championship honours with Éire Óg in the 70's and who contributed in no small way to Sunday's victory. Their commitment to their club and to it's younger players has been outstanding and

many of the players who they coached over the last few years stood tall with them on Sunday last when the need was greatest. Special words also to Éire Óg trainer Con Malone who over the years has worked hard to ensure his clubs success on Sunday. To Valley Rovers it was hard luck, however, Ger Crowley and his fellow selectors can be proud of their team.

Éire Óg Scorers:-
Frances Rothwell- O'Keeffe 0 - 5, Deirdre Healy 1 - 2, Carol O'Callaghan, Helen Walsh, Elanna McKenna, Ellen Herlihy 0 - 1 each.

Valley Rovers Scorers:- Elaine Burke

1 - 2, Maria Hurley 0 - 4.

Éire Óg Team:-
Marion McCarthy, Yvonne O'Leary, Marion Reck, Ann O'Regan, Frances O'Keeffe, Emily Foley, Elanna McKenna, Helen Walsh, Deirdre Healy, Yvonne Corkery, Ellen Herlihy, Carol O'Callaghan, Louise O'Leary, Yvonne Malone, Siobhan Foley, Clodagh Crowley, Lorraine Cooney, Claire Sheehan, Sandra Reck.

Valley Rovers:-
Sharon Shields (Captain), Lynda Quirke, Claire O'Mahony, Maria Hurley, Caroline O'Riordan, Finola

Callanan, Bernie Shields, Michelle Helena Kiely, Nancy O'Donovan, Elaine Burke, Dolores Crowley, Johanna Coughlan, Bernice Lynch, Catherine Shields, Elizabeth Bugler, Grace Murphy and Sinéad Hallahan. **Reiteoir:-** Padragin Ní Mhurchú, Fanaithe an Ghleanna.

Senior 'B' Championship Games
Newtownshandrum 2 - 8

Newcestown 0 - 5
In the opening game at Ballyanley the Newcestown girls fitness and determination in the

end wore down the Newcestown challenge. At half time the sides were level 2 but goals in the 2nd and 23rd minute from Caoimhe Harrington and Newtownshandrum on the road to victory. **Brian Dillon 1 - 11**
Na Píarsaigh 0 - 4
In this all City Senior Championship clash as Delaneys Brian Dillon never looked in danger having led 0-7 to 0-3 at the interval. A Niamh O'Regan goal early in the second half killed off the Na Píarsaigh challenge and saw Brian Dillon run out deserving winners.

CAMOGIE

LEINSTER CLUB FINAL - Lisdowey 5-17 (Marina Downey 2-11, Angela Downey 3-3, AM Hughes 1-1, Ann Downey and A Dunne 0-1 each). **Camross 2-7** (P. Mosnier 2-5, N. Dowling, T. Cuddy 0-2 each, T. Keenan and N. Ryan 0-1 each).

Loughgiel blitz levels Liatroim

Ulster Club camogie final from Liatroim

Liatroim 2-6 Loughgiel 6-11

Loughgiel Shamrocks recaptured the Ulster Club title in emphatic style in Liatroim yesterday.

Turning round at half-time facing into a stiff breeze with only a four-point lead, they tore the holders' defence apart and fired home four goals and five points.

It looked so different in the first half with Mairin McAleenan ramming home a goal for the holders in the third minute.

However, by the end of the first quarter Ursula Cuthbertson and Claire McGarry had tied the scores when Grace McMullan picked up a poor puck-out and fired to the net.

Liatroim were still playing well against the breeze and were unlucky to concede a second goal to Clara McGarry in the 25th minute.

However, they should have been comfortable only having to make up a four-point deficit in the second half.

The turning point came in the opening minutes of that half when a goalbound effort by Liatroim came off a post and was swept down the field for Ursula Cuthbertson to double overhead a Grace McMullan centre to the net.

From then on Loughgiel took complete control. Claire McGarry's free taking was immaculate, and before the end all four forwards had scored goals. Caitriona Higgins finished off good work by Rosie

Watson in the 12th minute. Rosie herself picked up on some hesitancy in the Liatroim defence a minute later while Grace McMullan appropriately finished with a goal in injury time.

Loughgiel on the day were much the better side, well organised in defence, strong in midfield and brilliantly accurate in attack.

And this all despite the fact that they had to start without Mary Connolly who had broke her wrist in Croke Park a fortnight ago.

Tactically they were superior to Liatroim and only in the first half did their defence look dodgy with the forays of Majella Murray and Mairin McAleenan.

Player of the match award went to Ursula Cuthbertson, but in truth any one of five or six Loughgiel players could have taken it on the day.

Loughgiel: Imolda Gilan, Carmel McGarry, Siobhan McCloskey, Nuala McCloskey, Colette Traynor, Clara McGarry (1-0), Claire McGarry (capt) (0-6), Rosie Boyle, C Higgins (1-3), Rosie Watson (1-0), Ursula Cuthbertson (1-2), Grace McMullan (2-0). **Subs:** Helena Connolly for Rosie Watson (50 mins), Joanne McKendry for Clara McGarry (58 mins).

Liatroim: Joan Brown, Maureen O'Higgins, Teresa Burns, Donna Greeran, Anne Morgan, Bernice Kelly, Monica Rooney, Brenda Gullagher, Grainne McCrickard (0-1), Mairin McAleenan (capt) (2-2), Monica Doherty, Majella Murray (0-3). **Subs:** Roisin O'Higgins for Grainne McCrickard (38 mins), Nuala Magee for Monica Doherty (50 mins).

Referee: Geraldine Clarke (Monaghan).



The referee meets the captains - Moira McMahon (Clare captain), Aine Derham (referee - Dublin), Deirdre Hughes (Tipperary captain).

Éire Óg triumph in great decider

Éire Óg 1-11
Valley Rovers 1-5

SPIRIT, determination, courage and great camogie by the girls of Éire Óg saw them defeat a fancied Valley Rovers side in this Intermediate County Final at Ballyanley on Sunday last. Éire Óg made the water start against the wind and were two points to the good after 10 minutes, with their midfielders of Helen Walsh, Alanna McKenna and Emily Foley dominating. Marvellous long range points from frees by Frances O'Keeffe (5) and Deirdre Healy (1) and two points from frees by Maria Hurley, and an exceptional

work rate by Yvonne Corkery left Éire Óg on top. Éire Óg's backline of Marian Reck, Anna O'Regan and in particular Yvonne O'Leary and Francis O'Keeffe were rock solid. Then in the 17th minute a somewhat lucky Valley Rovers goal put them right back in the game. A high delivery that appeared to be going wide hit off Marian Reck's head and came back into play and was blasted to the Éire Óg net by Elaine Burke. The same player had her sides equalising point and on the stroke of half time Maria Hurley gave them the lead with a point and to see them 1-4 to 6 points

ahead.

Within a minute of the restart Maria Hurley put Valley Rovers ahead by two points when

point between the sides. Éire Óg were beginning to gain the upperhand at this stage of the game Valley Rovers defence came under

pressure from Éire Óg and Deirdre Healy's goal put them very much on the road to victory. Éire Óg with the breeze at their back had an excellent point from Captain Helen Walsh to stretch their lead to three points. What was now an Éire Óg monopoly began to show, Yvonne O'Leary, Marian Reck and Frances O'Keeffe continued to dominate and as Ellen O'Herlihy, Alanna McKenna, Deirdre Healy and Frances Rothwell scored four excellent

save and fine clearance.

Despite the best efforts of Elaine Burke, Finnola Callanan, Maria Hurley and former Éire Óg star Nancy O'Driscoll it was not Valley Rovers day, but they can take solace in their contribution to a smashing game.

At the conclusion of a sporting game Helen Walsh accepted the trophy, amid great jubilation, from Sheila Golden, County Board Cathaoirleach to seal a perfect day. This heroic win over Valley Rovers was something to be savoured by every Éire Óg person, and I could not let the occasion pass without paying tribute to Éire Óg's trainer Con Malone on a job well done, the hard work, the huge amount of time, the advice, the hard decisions, the nerves and worry, all worth the effort.

Éire Óg Team:
Marian

McCarthy, Yvonne O'Leary, M. Reck, A. O'Regan, F. O'Keeffe, E. Foley, H. Walsh, A. McKenna, Y. Corkery, C. O'Callaghan, E. O'Herlihy, D. Healy. Subs: L. Cooney.

Valley Rovers: S. Shields, L. Quirke, C. O'Mahony, M. Hurley, C. O'Riordan, F. Callanan, B. Shields, M. Shields, H. Kiely, N. O'Donovan, E. Burke, D. Crowley. Referee: Patricia Murphy, Glen Rovers.



she converted a free. Deirdre Healy replied for Éire Óg to only leave a



Sheila Golden presents the Intermediate Camogie Championship trophy to Helen Walsh, Captain Éire Óg following their victory over Valley Rovers at Ballyanley on Sunday.



The victorious Éire Óg team celebrate their Intermediate Camogie Championship victory over Valley Rovers.



Valley Rovers who lost to Éire Óg in the County Intermediate Camogie Final.

points, the cup looked to be destined for the 'beautiful Lee Valley.' In fairness to Valley Rovers they never gave up and had two points before the final whistle sounded. Five points ahead Éire Óg maintained control safely for the remainder of the game with Carol O'Callaghan coming into her own up front, Anna O'Regan tidying up at the back, and the experience of the 'old'

campaigner Marian McCarthy wrapped it up with a magnificent

Helen Walsh, Éire Óg Captain is chaired off the field following their Intermediate Camogie Championship victory over Valley Rovers.



Glen Rovers officials at the Intermediate Camogie Final were Tricia Murphy, Referee; Anthony O'Leary, Orla Murphy, Yvonne McCarthy, Theresa Kenny and Declan Lynch. (Pics: Mike English)



Rival captains Helen Walsh, Éire Óg and Sharon Shields, Valley Rovers with Referee, Tricia Murphy, Glen Rovers prior to the Intermediate County Final won by Éire Óg.

Couple's future is bright

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By RACHEL McDONALD

MEET the love-struck Romeo and Juliet of the world of GAA.

Danny Murphy (20) and Cora Keohane (21) are a match made in heaven.

He is the captain of Cork's U-21 hurling team and she is goal-keeper with Cork's camogie team.

In a double victory, they brought home All-Ireland trophies in hurling and camogie a few weeks ago.

Danny's team defeated Galway in the hurling final and Cora's camogie team co-incidentally defeated a Galway team as well.

Met

The couple met one and a half years ago, at the Washington Inn pub, in Cork city.

They knew each other vaguely because both were studying engineering in UCC and were involved in the GAA activities in college.

"We started seeing each other regularly after that, and we got on well with each other."

"We had common interests," explains Cora from Ballinroe in West Cork.

Both were awarded scholarships due to their commitment to GAA and this is one team that won't lose their love match.



The happy and sporting couple: Danny Murphy and Cora Keohane.

Clare v Tipperary

All Ireland camogie intermediate final

The Raggs, 1.30

An appetising aperitif for Semple Stadium-bound spectators and a rematch of 1995 which Clare shaded by a point. They're senior as a consequence, here by unvirtue of a loss to Cork in the first round of said championship. Ladies with famous relatives abound: Len Gaynor's daughter Ciara, Donie Nealon's daughter Sinead, Sean McMahon's sister Sinead, Liam Doyle's fiancée (you guessed it) Sinead. To even things up a smidgin in the circumstances, Tipperary to win by the minimum margin.

Enda McEvoy

Éire Óg rally to capture third intermediate title in club's history

Éire Óg Valley Rovers

1-11

1-6

ÉIRE ÓG took the Cork County Intermediate Camogie Championship title for the third time in their club's history when they defeated Valley Rovers in an exciting final yesterday.

Sixteen minutes into the game the winners led 0-6 to 0-2 and were looking comfortable. However, Elaine Burke struck for a Valley Rovers goal, when a free that looked to be dropping wide was batted across the goal and into the roof of the Éire Óg net by the alert Burke.

The same player had her side's equalising point three minutes later and Maria Hurley gave them the lead with a point on the stroke of half time

They continued to dominate centre field and, with Francis Rothwell-O'Keefe and Marian Reck disrupting every Valley Rovers' attack, they pressed forward.

With four unrepaid points from Rothwell, Hurley, McKenna and Herlihy, and with the defence holding the Valley Rovers' attack to just two points in the second half, Éire Óg ran out convincing and worthy champions.

Words of praise must go to former Cork senior inter-county stars, Marian McCarthy and Marian Reck (Éire Óg) and Nancy O'Donovan (Valley Rovers), all whom won All-Ireland medals with Cork in the 70's and whose displays for their respective sides yesterday was excellent. In addition, former Kilkenny star Francis Rothwell, Elana McKenna

and Deirdre Healy gave excellent displays for Éire Óg.

Scorers — Éire Óg: F Rothwell-O'Keefe 0-4, D Healy 1-2, C O'Callaghan, H Walsh, E Herlihy, E McKenna 0-1; Valley Rovers: M Hurley 0-4, E Burke 1-2. **Éire Óg**: M McCarthy, Y O'Leary, M Reck, A O'Flanagan, F O'Keefe, E Foley, E McKenna, H Walsh, B Healy, V Conery, E Herlihy, C O'Callaghan, Sula, L Cooney for E McKenna 45. **Valley Rovers**: S Shields, L Oulke, C O'Mahony, M Hurley, C O'Riordan, F Cahan, B Shields, H Kelly, Shields, N O'Donovan, E Burke, D Crowley. **Referee**: Patricia Murphy (Glen Rovers).

Newtownshandrum 2-8
Newcestown 0-5

IN the opening game at Ballyanley, goals in the second and 23rd minute from Ursula Troy and Caoimbe Harrington guided Newtownshandrum to victory in a senior B championship tie.

At half time, the sides were level two points a piece, but in the second half Newtownshandrum upped the pace and their goal in the second minute settled them. Newcestown, to their credit, fought hard but on the day could not curtail a fitter and stronger Newtownshandrum.

Scorers — Newtownshandrum: C Harrington 1-6 (3F, 130), U Troy 1-1, P O'Connor 0-1; Newcestown: H Kennally 0-2, A O'Connell, C Long, E Kennally 0-1. **Newcestown**: E Twobig, D Holland, J Wilson, J Murphy, E Holland, R Desmond, L Crowley, C Long, H Kennally, A O'Connell, E Kennally, S Dasey. **Newtownshandrum**: G Coleman, M Harrington, C Harrington, F Kellner, C Gittinan, K Hickey, L Kelleher, H Kellner, P O'Connor, A Mulcahy, U Troy, C Carroll.

IN the senior B Championship game played at Delaney Rovers last evening, Brian Dillon's side had a comprehensive 1-11 to 0-4 victory over Na Piaraisaigh.

The winners never looked in danger of losing, having led at the break 0-7 to 0-3 and a Niamh O'Regan goal seven minutes into the second half killed the game as a contest. Na Piaraisaigh tried hard, but could not contain a Brian Dillon's side who had excellent contributions from Sabrina Buckley and Trease Drummond.

Scorers — Brian Dillon's: N O'Regan 0-3, S Buckley 0-3 (2F), T Drummond 0-3 (2F), S Kelly 0-2, Na Piaraisaigh: JP Kent 0-4 (2F). **Na Piaraisaigh**: A Martin, P Martin, M Sheehan, P Goggin, M Collins, T Carney, JP Kent, D Scannell, E Healy, M Marshall, A Healy, M Field, Suba, E O'Connell for P Marshall. **Brian Dillon's**: V O'Mahony, C O'Mahony, A Dwyer, J O'Sullivan, J O'Connell, L Flannery, A O'Brien, T Drummond, F Buckley, N O'Regan, B Kelly, G Flannery, Suba, A Berry and T Deane for S Kelly and G Flannery. **Referee**: P Joyce (Kilkeigh).

Now its the turn of the ladies

ALL supporters of Clare camogie will be hoping that history will repeat itself on Sunday when Clare will take on Tipperary in the All-Ireland intermediate camogie championship final. Two years ago the same sides met in the final, one week after Clare had won the All-Ireland hurling title. On that occasion Sinead O'Brien captained Clare to the title.

Newmarket's Moira McMahon is the team captain this year and she will be hoping to accept the trophy on this Saturday at about 3 p.m. at the Ragg. Two years ago the final was played in

Toomevara.

This will be the third meeting of the sides this season and the score at this point is a victory eacy. In a league tie very early in the season, Tipperary were victorious.

Two months later they met in the Munster close championship and Clare came out on top. Both games were played at the Ragg (near Thurles) which again houses Sunday's meeting.

While the Clare team for Sunday's final had not been chosen at the time of writing, its expected to be similar to that which defeated Down in the semi-final in Shannon. There is concern in the Clare camp about the fitness of Joanne Frost who has a leg injury.

In the semi-final goalie Aine Ni Chormaic was replaced at half time by Pauline O'Brien. Aine is presently out of the county on holidays but she will be back in time for the game. Its thought likely that the selectors will give the nod to the Bodyke girl on this occasion.

The team is manged by Clarecastle man Bernie Ryan and the players have trained very hard for this final. Bernie is joined on the selection committee by Sixmilebridge player Patricia O'Grady who hails from Newmarket.

Tipperary will be extremely determined to win this one and get some measure of revenge for last Sunday's All-Ireland final result. Amongst the players they will be look-

ing to are Ciara Gaynor, daughter of hurling manager, Len, Noelle Kennedy, Caitriona Hennessy, Shiena Loughnane and Helen Kiely.

Amongst the regulars Clare will be calling on are Sinead O'Brien, Noelle Comyns, Catherine O'Loughlin, Marie Collins, Orla Slattery and team captain Moira McMahon. Clooney's Deirdre Murphy who was the scoring star in the semi-final will be in the forward line while the line up will also include Anne Keane, Edel Arthur and Debbie McDonagh. Sinead McMahon from the St. Josephs club is understood to be very much in contention for a place in the starting line up for this one.

It promises to be a cracking contest and one which should attract a bumper crowd to the Tipperary venue. On the evidence of the form they showed in the semi-final and especially in the second half of that game, Clare must be given an excellent chance of bringing home the honours.



Members of the Clare intermediate camogie panel take a break from training for Sunday's All-Ireland final.

Inspirational Kennedy leads Tipperary to victory over Banner girls

Tipperary 2-19
Clare 2-12

TIPPERARY'S intermediate camogie team, inspired by sharpshooter Noelle Kennedy, turned the tables on the Banner girls and achieved what their male counterparts could not when they stormed to victory in the All-Ireland final at The Ragg, yesterday.

Clare have become the stumbling block for the Premier County's hurlers but the Tipp girls fought hard and battled through a difficult second half to emerge victorious.

Playing with the aid of the breeze in the first half, Tipp led by 0-13 to 1-6 at the interval, with 12 of their points coming from the irrepressible Noelle Kennedy.

Clare had a Catherine O'Loughlin goal in the eighth minute to give them a great boost.

Points from O'Loughlin (2), Ann Keane (2), Moira McMahon (2), left the Banner girls trailing by just four points at the interval.

Tipp battled hard against the breeze and when captain Deirdre Hughes goaled in the 18th

minute they were on their way to victory.

Noelle Kennedy, who contributed a massive total of 1-18, grabbed Tipp's second goal six minutes from time while Marie Collins netted for Clare at the end.

However this was only as a consolation score and Tipp were on their way to victory at this stage.

For Tipperary Captain Deirdre Hughes was inspirational as was the very accurate Noelle Kennedy, Ciara Gaynor, daughter of Tipp senior hurling manager Len, Clare Madden, Emily Hayden, Maeve Stokes, Sinead Nealon and Helen Kiely were also impressive for Tipp. Aine McCormack, Moira McMahon, Ann Keane, Catherine O'Loughlin, Sinead O'Brien and Maire

Collins were best for Clare.

Scorers - Tipperary: N Kennedy 1-18; D Hughes 1-0; S Nealon 0-1.
Clare: C O'Loughlin 1-4; m McMahon 0-5; A Keane 0-3; m Collins 1-0.
TIPPERARY: N Dwyer; E Hayden; S Nealon; S Kelly; C Madden; M Stokes; C Gaynor; T Brophy; N Kennedy; H Kiely; J Delaney; D Hughes. Sub: U O'Dwyer for T Brophy.
CLARE: A McCormack; D McDonagh; M Collins; O Slattery; S McMahon; M McMahon; S O'Brien; E Arthur; N Comyns; D Murphy; A Keane; C O'Loughlin.
Referee: A Derham (Dublin).

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Camogie All-Ireland Final-

Tipperary triumph in classic final

Tipperary..... 2-19
Clare..... 2-12

FIVE years of hard graft, sweat, blood and determination, finally came to fruition for the Tipperary intermediate camogie side as they brushed aside the attention of the famed Banner women to claim the title at The Ragg on Sunday afternoon last and perhaps, more importantly, earn a place in the senior grade next year.

Yes, indeed, it was a very special day for the Camogie Board who have battled hard through some very difficult times but their hour of glory will be remembered for some time to come as they celebrated wildly on the pitch in the immediate aftermath of the game. Players and supporters, mentors and well-wishers embraced openly as the enormity of the achievement for the Premier County began to set in and it was clear and very evident to see exactly what this victory meant to Tipperary.

Clare, as always, had come in their droves to support their side but this time it was to be the blue and gold that stood tall rather than the saffron and blue as the Tipperary girls reversed the result of the mens senior All-Ireland of a week previously much to the delight of the Tipperary supporters.

While the senior All-Ireland carried much baggage, the camogie was much more low key but what a game it was. If Ger Loughnane thought the senior All-Ireland was the best he had ever seen, he would surely have claimed the same about this camogie All-Ireland. This game had it all - hard hitting, ferocious intensity, tremendous passages of play and some great skill too. It was indeed a classic All-Ireland.

While the 'win at all costs' motto might be the order of the day for quite

a number of teams throughout the country there is a lot to be said for winning with style and Tipperary certainly did that on Sunday. They played some great stuff and the home crowd certainly appreciated their efforts as they cheered them on to victory. Clare, too, proved that they are quite a good side and had luck been with them in might well have been a different story. Nevertheless, Tipperary did have the slight edge on their Clare counterparts and they showed in particular when playing against the breeze that they had the character to battle on and achieve their result.

Going in at half time, Tipperary held a 0-13 to 1-6 lead having played

by
Noel Dundon

with the aid of a strong breeze and the question was being asked if the four point lead was enough. Another worrying factor was that Noelle Kennedy has struck twelve of the Tipperary scores with Sinead Nealon grabbing the other. Only one point came from play in the first half for Tipperary and if the frees dried up they could have been in trouble.

Credit where credit is due, though, Kennedy was in top form as a marksman and her unerring accuracy kept the Premier County's nose in front all through.

Tipperary started well in the game and Clare goalkeeper Aine McCormack was forced to save from Deirdre Hughes in the first minute. This was to set the trend for a personal battle between the two players as McCormack denied Hughes time and again in the game before the Toomevara girl finally netted in the second half.

Noelle Kennedy had three points struck inside

five minutes and Tipperary seemed to be in good form. However, they were dealt a body blow in the 8th minute when Clare full-forward Catherine O'Loughlin got inside the Tipperary defence to score a goal leaving the sides level. It was just what Tipperary didn't need. Kennedy and O'Loughlin traded pointed frees and Kennedy then went on to strike three more before the end of the first quarter.

It was nip and tuck at this stage as Catherine O'Loughlin caused problems for Tipperary while, at the other end, Tipperary's captain Deirdre Hughes was also causing Clare her fair share of headaches. The defence had no answer to her and Kennedy was benefitting from the fouls on Hughes.

Anne Keane and Moira McMahon nipped in for nice Clare scores before the half-time break and huge free from Sinead Nealon in injury time extended Tipperary's lead to four after Noelle Kennedy had proved her accuracy time and again.

Talking point

For most spectators the talking point at the break was whether or not Tipperary could hold out against the strong breeze with just a four point cushion at the half way mark. It was a tall order for Tipperary and when Moira McMahon set the ball rolling for Clare with a fine point from long range the Tipperary hearts began to flutter. Noelle Kennedy, however, didn't feel the pressure as she had three pointed frees inside the first eleven minutes to extend the Tipperary lead and again it was Deirdre Hughes who provided the ammunition for the frees. Indeed, Hughes was denied again by Aine McCormack from point blank range after Una O'Dwyer had worked hard and a goal at that

range would have set Tipperary up for victory.

Instead Clare came fighting back and points from Catherine O'Loughlin (2) and Moira McMahon left just three between the sides. McMahon was beginning to get a grip on the left hand flank for Clare while Tipperary substitute Una O'Dwyer was doing very well and linking purposefully with Ciara Gaynor.

Inspirational score

The decisive score of the game came in the 18th minute when Tipperary goalkeeper Nora Dwan launched a huge puck-out downfield. Deirdre Hughes plucked the ball from the sky despite the attentions of numerous hurleys and raced through the defence to crash the ball to the net. It was an inspirational score and Tipperary forged ahead once more. Kennedy added two more points and when she goalled six minutes from time the game was over as a contest.

In all fairness to Clare they never gave up fighting and they were rewarded for their persistence when Marie Collins had a consolation goal in the final moments of the game.

Victory was no more than Tipperary deserved

and they had many heroines on the day. Deirdre Hughes led by example while Noelle Kennedy was razor sharp all through. Una O'Dwyer made a big difference when introduced for Tipperary while, in defence, Emily Hayden, Sinead Nealon and Claire Madden supported and protected Nora Dwan well.

Ciara Gaynor drifted in and out of the game but was effective from her midfield berth as was the newly wed Meadhbh Stokes, Helen Kiely and Jovita Delaney tried hard all though while Burgess girl Theresa Brophy also played her part.

For Clare it was a disappointing end but they will be the first to acknowledge that they met a fiercely determined Tipperary outfit. Catherine O'Loughlin was their leader along with Ann Keane and Moira McMahon, sister of Clare senior hurling centre-back Sean, Marie Collins and Sinead O'Brien. Aine McCormack kept them in the game with vital saves at crucial times while Orlagh Slattery did all she could at centre back.

Tipperary will play in the senior grade next year and it is a position that they have battled hard for. The fruits of their labours were plain to see on Sunday and it was a



Noelle Kennedy won the Player of the Match award for the intermediate camogie final. Noelle who is a member of the Toomevara Club is pictured here with her prize Armagh Crystal. Noelle scored an amazing 1-18 of her side's total.

victory not just for the team but for the Camogie Board and all its officials as well. Biddy Phillips, Sile Delaney and Liam Hogan are to be commended for the team's performance as well and they had the team jumping out of their skins for the occasion.

Tipperary scorers - N. Kennedy 1-18; D. Hughes 1-0; S. Nealon 0-1.

Clare scorers - C. O'Loughlin 1-4; W. McMahon 0-5; A. Keane 0-3; M. Collins 1-0.

Tipperary - N. Dwan (Toomevara), E. Hayden (Cashel), S. Nealon (Burgess), S. Kelly (Toome-

vara), C. Madden (Portroe), M. Stokes (Cashel), C. Gaynor (Ki-ruane MacDonagh's), T. Brophy (Burgess), N. Kennedy (Toomevara), H. Kiely (Drom-Inch), J. Delaney (Cashel), D. Hughes (Toomevara).

Substitute - U. O'Dwyer (Cashel) for T. Brophy.

Clare - A. McCormack, D. McDonagh, M. Collins, O. Slattery, S. McMahon, M. McMahon, S. O'Brien, E. Arthur, N. Comyns, D. Murphy, A. Keane, C. O'Loughlin.

Referee - A. Derham (Dublin).



Tipperary intermediate camogie panel which won their first ever intermediate title by defeating Clare in the final at The Ragg GAA Grounds.

Back Row (left to right) Sheila Delaney (selector), Biddy Phillips (coach), Kaiiffe Moloney, Meadhbh Stokes, Suzanne Collins, Helen Kiely, Suzanne Kelly, Nora Dwan, Claire Madden, Jovita Delaney, Helena Frawley, Niamh Bower and Liam Hogan (selector).

Front - Una O'Dwyer, Helen Campion, Aine Hogan, Ciara Gaynor, Noelle Kennedy, Emily Hayden, Theresa Brophy, Deirdre Hughes and Sinead Nealon.



Fíleas Ní Bhreaslain, Uachtarán Camann Camogaiachta na nGael presents the cup to Tipperary captain Deirdre Hughes after Tipperary defeating Clare in the AIB Intermediate camogie final.



Ours at last - Noelle Kennedy, Una O'Dwyer, Meadhbh Stokes, Deirdre Hughes, Claire Madden, Suzanne Kelly and Ciara Gaynor in a jovial mood with the All-Ireland Cup.

Delighted to be in top flight - Biddy

By Noel Dundon

THE scenes of joy that greeted the final whistle in The Ragg on Sunday afternoon last as Tipperary claimed the Intermediate All-Ireland title in camogie will hardly be matched for some time to come. Emotions spilled over as the camogie fraternity rejoiced in what was for them a super victory. It had been a long time in coming but fortune favours the brave and at the end of the day persistence paid off.

Indeed persistence was what it was all about in the final analysis and that never say die attitude had catapulted Tipperary, the Premier County, back to the top of the pile and into the senior grade once more. What an All-Ireland title will do for the game in Tipperary will be seen in the years to come as girls of all ages take to the fields again. After five years of hard work and preparing for this day, Tipperary finally came of age and the blend of youth and experience was vital in the closing minutes.

Indeed, the oldest member of the team is just 24 years of age, so it is clear to see that this Tipperary team can be together for some time. If they can adjust to the senior grade who knows?

Naturally enough there was an overwhelming joy amongst the players and mentors. Selector Biddy Philips was overjoyed as she spoke to **The Tipperary Star** immediately after the game. "We are absolutely thrilled to have come through. We were worried at half time having to play against the breeze but we knew that if we could get a grip we would hold out. Things went well for us in the second half and the girls really hurled well to win the title," she said.

The Thurles woman went on to say that all the work down through the years have been worth it and have finally paid off. "We have been looking forward to this day for the last five years and we will now be back in the senior grade next year. That's where we want to be but we know that it will be a different kettle of fish altogether. It might take a few years before we can be serious contenders because it takes time to adjust but we'll get there. For now we are just delighted to be back at the top."

Biddy was full of praise for the team and their will to win. She was equally as delighted with the huge volume of support the team received on the day and in the past. "There was great support here today and that helped a lot. I think the game has really taken off in the county in the last few years and a win like this can only help as well," she said.

GREAT WIN

Clara Gaynor, daughter of Tipperary senior hurling Manager Len was on a high as she spoke enthusiastically about the victory and the manner it was achieved. "It was a great game to win and we are delighted to

have done it at last. It was a very physical game and we knew that we would have to battle hard if we were to win but we managed to get the spirit going and the things just seemed to come right for us. It was a great win and we will enjoy ourselves now," she said.

As straight talking as her father, Clara was certain that it would take guts and commitment to win the All-Ireland title and she is looking forward to competing in the senior grade next year.

Tipperary's inspirational captain Deirdre Hughes who claims to be the oldest member of the squad at 24, admitted to being frustrated as the game went on due to the fact that Clare 'keeper Aine McCormack was having a blinder and denied her on a number of occasions. "Thank God I eventually managed to get the goal. We knew that this was going to be a tough game because Clare had won it two years ago and they had the experience of the big day. We had our noses in front for most of the game and we managed to stay there until the end. It just seemed to come right in the last quarter for us," she said.

Deirdre paid tribute to clubmate Noelle Kennedy who hit 1-18 of the side's total and said that she was a tremendous player who does not get the credit for her achievements. Speaking about the senior grade next year Deirdre is looking forward to it and said that they will have as good a chance as any.

Tipperary's star midfielder Meadhbh Stokes had played her second big match in just two days. On Saturday last she was married while less than 24 hours later she squared up the the Banner women. She can now go ahead and enjoy her honeymoon.

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TIOBRAID ÁRANN

Dathanna: Gorm agus Órga



Ionadaithe:

- (13) Una Ní Dhuibhir
Una O'Dwyer
Cashel
- (14) Kaiffe Ní Mhoolamhaigh
Kaiffe Moloney
Cashel
- (15) Léan Chaimpion
Helen Compian
Cashel
- (16) Sinéad Ní Choileáin
Sinéad Collins
Burgess
- (17) Áine Ní Ógáin
Áine Hogan
Burgess
- (18) Niamh Ní Chóimhisi
Niamh Bonar
Burgess
- (19) Aoileann Ní Fhreaghaile
Helena Frawley
Burgess
- (20) Caitríona Ní Aonghusa
Cathriona Hennessy
Drom/Inch

(1)
NÓRA NÍ DHUÁIN
Nora Dwan
Toomevara

(2)
EIMÍLE NÍ ÉIDEÁIN
Emily Hayden
Cashel

(3)
SINÉAN NÍ NIALLAÍN
Sinéad Nealon
Burgess

(6)
MEADHBH STÓC
Meadhbh Stokes
Cashel

(9)
NOLLAIG NÍ CHINNÉIDE
Noelle Kennedy
Toomevara

(4)
SIOBHÁIN NÍ CHEALLAIGH
Suzanne Kelly
Toomevara

(7)
CIARA NIG FHIONNBHAIRR
Ciara Gaynor
Kilruane McDonagh's

(10)
LÉAN NÍ CHADHLA
Helen Kiely
Drom/Inch

(12)
DEIRDRE NÍ AODHA
Deirdre Hughes
Toomevara
Captaen

(5)
CLÁR NÍ MHADÁIN
Claire Madden
Portroe

(8)
TREASA NÍ BHRÓIDE
Theresa Brophy
Burgess

(11)
JOVITA NÍ DHUBHLÁINE
Jovita Delaney
Cashel



Ionadaithe:

- (13) Páilín Ní Bhriain
Pauline O'Brien
Bodyke
- (14) Máiread Ní Thuama
Mairead Twomey
Sinnabridge
- (15) Siobhán an tSeoia
Joanne Frost
Davitts, An Ghaillinn
- (16) Michelle Ní Coimara
Michelle McManara
Bodyke
- (17) Páilín de Rosfort
Pauline Rochford
Bodyke
- (18) Síl Ní Níghill
Shelia Níghill
Tragh
- (19) Damhnaith Ní Chillin
Dympna Kileen
Kilmaley
- (20) Marion Ní Ceisteala
Marion Costello
Wolfe Tones

AN CLÁR

Dathanna: Gorm agus Ór

(1)
ÁINE NÍ CORMAIC
Áine McCormack
Wolfe Tones

(2)
GOBNAIT NÍ DHONNCHA
Debbie McDonagh
Wolfe Tones

(3)
MÁIRE NÍ CHOILEÁIN
Marie Collins
Bodyke

(6)
MOIRA NÍ MHATHÚNA
Maira McMahon
Wolfe Tones
Captaen

(9)
NOLLAIG NÍ CHUIMÍN
Noelle Comyns
Tulla

(4)
ORLAGH NÍ SHLATAIRE
Orlagh Slattery
Bodyke

(7)
SINÉAD NÍ BHRIAIN
Sinéad O'Brien
Bodyke

(10)
DEIRDRE NÍ MHURCHÚ
Deirdre Murphy
Clooney

(12)
CAITRÍONA NÍ LOCHLAINN
Catherine O'Loughlin
Kilnamona

(5)
SINÉAD NÍ MHATHÚNA
Sinéad McMahon
St. Joseph's

(8)
EDEL NÍ ARTÚIR
Edel Arthur
Newmarket-on-Fergus

(11)
ÁINE NÍ CATHÁIN
Ann Keane
Kilnamona

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FIRST INTERMEDIATE TITLE FOR TIPP

Tipperary won their first AIB All-Ireland Intermediate Championship title with a good win over a fancied Clare side in this final, played at The Ragg, Thurles.

Noelle Kennedy was the Premier County's scoring ace with a personal tally of 1-18 (1-16 from frees). It was a power packed encounter from start to finish with little separating the sides at any time. Tipperary led 0-13 to 1-6 at the break, the Clare goal coming from Catherine O'Loughlin.

The second half continued to be a ding dong battle with further points from Clare's Catherine O'Loughlin and Moira McMahon. It was a brace of goals by Noelle Kennedy and Deirdre Hughes that made the difference at the finish.

Final score: Tipperary 2-19 Clare 1-12

Scorers: Tipperary - Noelle Kennedy 1-18, Deirdre Hughes 1-0, Sinead Neilan 0-1.

Clare - Catherine O'Loughlin 1-4, Moira McMahon 0-6, Marie Collins 1-0, Ann Keane 0-2.

Tipperary - Nora Dwan, Emily Hayden, Sinead Neilan, Suzanne Kelly, Claire Madden, Meadhbh Stokes, Ciara Gaynor, Therese Brophy, Noelle Kenny, Helen Kiely, Jovita Delaney, Deirdre Hughes. Rest of panel: Una O'Dwyer, Kaiffe Moloney, Helen Campion, Sinead Collins, Aine Hogan, Niamh Bonner, Helena Frawley, Caitriona Hennessy.

Clare - Aine McCormack, Debbie McDonagh, Marie Collins, Orlagh Slattery, Sinead McMahon, Moira McMahon, Sinead O'Brien, Edel Arthur, Noelle Comyns, Deirdre Murphy, Ann Keane, Catherine O'Loughlin. Rest of panel - Pauleen O'Brien, Mairead Twomey, Joanne Frost, Michelle McNamara, Pauleen Rochford, Shiela Nichol, Dympha Killeen, Marion Costello.

Referee - Aine Derham, Dublin.

Noelle Kennedy, Tipperary received the Player of the Match award which was sponsored by Armagh Crystal.

Lisdowney, Kilkenny are the new Leinster senior club champions when they proved too strong for Camross, Laois at Camross. The Laois county champions' dream of becoming the first junior club to win the senior title was completely shattered. However, they put in a good performance against a star studded side. Angela Downey-Browne and Marina Downey were in great scoring form for Lisdowney, having a tally of 5-11 between them. The game was not five minutes old when Angela Downey had her side in front with a goal and a point. Camross responded immediately with a goal by Paula Mortimer and a point by Therese Keenan to put the sides level. Lisdowney drew away with further goals by Angela Downey and Aine Dunne to leave the half time score, Lisdowney 3-9 Camross 1-4.

In the second half the Camross rearguard could not close down the anxious Lisdowney forwards, who showed their mettle to run out winners on a score of 6-17 to 2-7.

Scorers: Lisdowney - Angela Downey 3-4, Marina Downey 2-7, Aine Dunne 1-3, Ann Marie Hughes 0-3.

Camross - Paula Mortimer 2-1, Niamh Dowling and Therese Keenan 0-2 each, Nicky Ryan and Trish Cuddy 0-1 each.

Lisdowney - Miriam Holland, Brigid Barnaville, Olivia Donnelly, Fran Shore, Kelly Long, Ann Donnelly, Marina Downey, Catherine Dunne, Angela Downey, Aine Dunne, Anna Whelan, Ann Marie Hughes. Subs - Claire Tallis for A Whelan, Lizzie Fogarty for A Dunne, Sandra Gleeson for AM Hughes.

Camross - Sarah Dunphy, Margaret Dowling, Sharon Palmer, Mary Moore, Sinead Collier, Therese

Keenan, Niamh Dowling, Trish Cuddy, Yvonne Keenan, Sandra Culleton, Marie Dowling, Paula Mortimer. Subs - Nicky Ryan for M Dowling, Karen Cuddy for Y Keenan, Trish Bergin for S Culleton. Referee - Aine Derham, Dublin.

Loughgiel Shamrocks, Antrim are the Ulster senior club champions when they coasted to victory over Leitrim/Fontenoy's, Down at Leitrim. The Loughgiel girls were in great scoring form while Fontenoy's, having home venue gave a rather disappointing display. They really never got going. The first half was evenly enough contested. Goals by Grace McMullan and Caitriona Higgins helped the visitors to a 2-6 to 1-5 lead at the break, with Fontenoy's goal coming from Mairin McAleenan. In the second half the Down champions defence could not close down Loughgiel forwards, six of whom registered scores.

Final score: Loughgiel 6-11 Leitrim 2-6

Scorers: Loughgiel - Grace McMullan 2-0, Claire McGarry 0-6, Caitriona Higgins 1-3, Ursula Culberston 1-2, Rosie Watson and Ciara McGarry 1-0 each.

Leitrim/Fontenoy's - Mairin McAleenan 2-2, Majella Murray 0-3, Grace McCrickard 0-1.

Referee - Geraldine Clarke, Monaghan.

Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael have designated Sunday next as a National Camogie Skills day as part of the "Get Active, Get Alive" programme. This skills day is designed to encourage players to practice their individual skills. The emphasis should be on participation and enjoyment. All clubs and county boards should make a special effort to take part.

GRANAGH/BALLINGARR Y got their dream start at Toomevara on Sunday last when Eileen O'Brien scored their first goal after five minutes to set them on course for victory against Tipperary champions Toomevara, in an exciting Munster Final Clash.

With just five minutes played, Toomevara gave away possession on the 30 yd line, the ball was sent in for goal but blocked down by the goalie into the waiting hands of Eileen, who took the opportunity to bury the ball in the back of the net, to give Granagh-Ballingarry a 2 point lead.

Two further points from Eileen and Kay Bourke pushed Granagh further ahead with a score of 1-4 to 0-3. Toomevara came back into the game at this stage and scored three points without reply. Granagh-Ballingarry responded to this pressure and with seven minutes to half-time Ber Chawke sent in the ball from the sideline to the unmarked Eileen O'Brien, who landed the ball in the back of the net, to put her team ahead again by four points. Granagh-Ballingarry scored another two points in this first half, while Toomevara added a point to their tally. The score at half time was Granagh-Ballingarry 2-6, Toomevara 0-7.

Toomevara were the first to score in the second half, with a point from centre field player Miriam Maxwell but Granagh-Ballingarry replied with a point from Eileen from a placed ball. The next few minutes of the game were vital, Granagh-Ballingarry were fighting hard to build on their lead but the Toomevara defence were holding out well. Granagh/Ballingarry's opportunity came 10 minutes into the second half when the Toomevara goalie blocked down the ball into the path of Ber Chawke who put the ball between the posts and score the third goal for Granagh-Ballingarry.

The game was not over yet, Toomevara stepped up a gear and the pressure was not on the Limerick defence to clear their lines. The backs played with great determination and conceded only five points during this rally by the Tipperary girls.

Granagh/Ballingarry forwards came back into the game and scored a further four points and thus secure the game for their club, before the final whistle. Toomevara scored a further two points. The final score was Granagh/Ballingarry 3-11, Toomevara 0-13.

Scorers for Granagh-Ballingarry were Eileen O'Brien 2-5; Ber Chawke, 1-0; Vera Sheehan, 0-2; Kay Bourke, 0-2; Laura Lesley, 0-1 and Deirdre Sheehan, 0-1. Scorers for Toomevara were Noelle Kennedy 0-7, Deirdre Hughes, 0-2, Cora Kennedy, 0-2, Grainne Shanahan, 0-1 and Miriam Maxwell 0-1.



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CLASH OF THE ASH: Carol O'Callaghan, Eire Og, has her shot blocked by Valley Rovers Claire O'Mahony.

Barrs face Dillons in camogie semi

THE Cork Senior B camogie championship continues this weekend with one semi-final, St Finbarr's v Brian Dillons, and two quarter-finals scheduled.

At Newcestown, last year's defeated finalists, Kilbrittain, face Aghabullogue, who had just one point to spare over Killeagh in last week's opening round.

The clash of Barryroe and Newtownshandrum will draw a large crowd to Ballincollig and in this game its hard to predict a winner.

An interesting tussle is on the cards at Delaney's, where St Finbarr's take on Brian Dillons. Brian Dillons had a great win over Na Piarsaigh last Sunday in their opening game.

On the Junior B front five Championship games are on the cards.

Camogie maestro dies in car crash

ONE of the men who masterminded Galway's first ever All-Ireland senior Camogie success last year, was tragically killed yesterday morning in a head on collision in Craughwell in the South of the county.

Thirty-eight year old John Keane, who was a selector on the team which defeated Cork in the historic final last year, died when the car he was driving collided with another car at 2 a.m. yesterday.

The crash took place in the village of Craughwell, not far from Colesgrove where Mr Keane operates a mushroom farm.

Mr Keane is survived by his mother, Mary, and his sister Maureen. A meeting of the County Camogie Board scheduled for last night was cancelled as a mark of respect.



Helan Walsh, captain Eire Og, receives the Intermediate Camogie Championship Trophy from Sheila Golden, Chairperson Cork Camogie Board.

Strong win for St. Finbarrs

St Finbarr's 3-7
Brian Dillons 0-8

TWO goals by former Cork senior Colette O'Mahony set up the Barr's for a place in the Senior B camogie final. Playing with the aid of the strong wind the sides were evenly matched in the opening 15 minutes then the Barrs pulled a master stroke with the switching of O'Mahony from centre to full forward, she caused all sorts of problems for the Dillons defence the first goal coming in the 20th minute when a ball into the Dillons square was grabbed and palmed to the net, Dillons had points from Sabrina Buckley and Gail Fleming to keep in touch but a Colette O'Mahony goal on the stroke of half time saw the blues in front 2-4 to 0-4 at the half time break. Turning against the wind the Barrs meant business and a point from newcomer Orla O'Sullivan, making her debut with the club following her transfer from Ballygarvan put the Barr's 7 points ahead, Sinéad Kelly and Therese Drummond pointed for Dillons but an Orla O'Sullivan goal 5 minutes from time sealed it for the Barrs, Dillons to their credit fought hard and were rewarded with points from Sabrina Buckley and Therese Drummond but on the day the Barrs fully deserved their win and a place in the final.

Newtownshandrum

0-13

Barryroe 0-8

In the quarter final

of the Senior B championship a superb display by Cork Junior Caoimhe Harrington was a major factor in Newtown advancing to the semi-final, at half time the sides were level 0-4 apiece in the second half Newtown continued to feed Caoimhe Harrington and this ploy worked a treat as she constantly caused trouble for the Barryroe defence who were forced to commit fouls which the accurate Harrington converted.

For Barryroe Geraldine Collins and 13 year old Jennifer O'Leary making her senior debut tried hardest, but on the day the excellence of Caoimhe Harrington who scored 11 points from her sides total was the difference.

Aghabullogue 2-7
Kilbrittain 0-8

Last year's defeated finalists Kilbrittain were knocked out by

Aghabullogue in the second quarter final played last weekend at Newcestown. Leading by a goal at half time 1-4 to 0-4 the mid Cork side found the going tough against a determined Kilbrittain side, two points separated the sides going into the last minutes of the game but a goal from Cork minor captain Mary Enneguess clinched it for Aghabullogue. So the stage is now set with Aghabullogue a n d Newtownshandrum meet on Sunday next in Ballincollig at 12 noon to decide who takes on St Finbarr's in this year's final.

Other Results

Junior B Championship
Eire Og 2-3 Mayfield 0-5
Cobh 2-4 Grenagh 1-2
Under 16 A Championship
Cloughduv 7-10 St Vincents 0-1.

by Mary Newman

CAMOGIE fixtures

Saturday October 4

U16 B Championship
Kilbrittain V Carrigrohilly, Kilbrittain, 3pm, Ref. Courcy Rovers; Killeagh V Kildorrery, Killeagh, 3pm, Ref. Fr O'Neill's; Youghal V Grenagh, Youghal, 4.30pm, Ref. Killeagh; Ballinascarty V Sarsfields, Sarsfields, 5pm, Ref. Watergrasshill.

U16 A Championship

Ballygarvan V Inniscarra, Ballygarvan, 3pm, Ref. Tracton.

U16 B Championship

Valley Rovers V Ballyphehane, Ballyphehane, 11.30, Ref. St Finbarrs; Douglas V Watergrasshill, Watergrasshill, 11.30, Ref. Erins Own.

Sunday October 5

Senior B Championship Semi Final
Aghabullogue V Newtownshandrum, 12 noon, venue to be arranged.

Junior B Championship

Ballygarvan V Cobh, Ballygarvan, 11.30, Ref. Tracton.

Kilbrittain V Eire Og. If Kilbrittain V Eire Og at Kilbrittain, Ref. Barryroe.

Senior clash tops packed programme

BIG game on the camogie front this weekend will be the clash of Newtownshandrum and Aghabullogue in the senior "B" Championship semi final.

In other games the Junior "A" and "B" championships continue with a number of interesting clashes while in the U-16 "B" championships there are no fewer than 6 games.

The clash of Newtownshandrum and Aghabullogue promises to be a close one.

Both teams have been in action over the past two Sundays in preliminary rounds and, on form, there should be very little between the sides.

Aghabullogue reached the semi final, having defeated Killeagh and Kilbrittain. In these games they struggled before eventually coming good but should have gained very valuable experience.

Aghabullogue have had a lot of success at underage level in recent years and, consequently, will field a young side.

However they have a couple of experienced performers in the side in goalkeeper Evelyn Tarrant and Cork Senior panellist Eileen Buckley.

On the other side Newtownshandrum are competing in Cork competitions for the first time.

They have con-

tested Senior "A" finals in Limerick without success but have won the Senior "B" championship.

They are a strong all round side, powered by the Harrington sisters, Caoimhe and Muireann, Helen and Lisa Kelleher, goalkeeper Geraldine Coleman and Ann Mulcahy.

Fixtures

SATURDAY October 4th

Senior "B" Championship semi final.

Newtownshandrum Aghabullogue at Grenagh, 2.30.

U-16 "B" Championship

Kilbrittain V Carrigrohilly at Kilbrittain 3 p.m. (Courcy Rovers); Killeagh V Kildorrery at Killeagh 3 p.m. (Fr. O'Neill's); Youghal V Grenagh at Youghal 4.30 (Killeagh); Ballinascarty V Sarsfields at Sarsfields 5 p.m. (Watergrasshill); Valley Rovers V Ballyphehane at Ballyphehane 11.30 (St. Finbarrs); Douglas V Watergrasshill at Watergrasshill 11.30 (Erins Own).

SUNDAY OCTOBER 5th

Junior "B" Championship

Ballygarvan V Cobh at Ballygarvan 11.30 (Tracton); Kilbrittain V Eire Og at Kilbrittain 11.30 (Barryroe).

Junior "A" Championship

Newtownshandrum V Ballinascarty at Newtownshandrum 11.30.

O'Mahony shines for 'Barrs as Dillons outclassed

St Finbarrs
Brian Dillons

3-7
0-8

SWITCHING Colette O'Mahony from centre forward to full forward after 12 minutes was a master move by St. Finbarrs, as she palmed home two goals to give her side the upper hand at the break, in a highly entertaining Cork County Senior B camogie championships semi-final at Delany's yesterday.

For St. Finbarrs, O'Mahony with a personal tally of 2-5, Linda O'Connell at corner back and Rachel Myers at centre field were superb. While for Brian Dillons, Gail Flemming and Sabrina Buckley tried hardest.

St. Finbarrs: C. O'Mahony 2-5, O. O'Sullivan 1-1, C. Kirby 0-1, Brian Dillons 0-4, (1 from a 30), T. Drummond 1-0 (from free), S. Kelly 0-1, Gail Flemming 0-2, 1 from free. ST FINBARRS: M. O'Sullivan, Clare Kirby, L. O'Connell, C. Barry, Colette Kirby, O. O'Sullivan, M. McCarthy, R. Myers, R. O'Donovan, C. O'Mahony, J. Duffy, B. Maher. Subs: N. Nash for J. Duffy, E. Clifford for B. Maher.

BRIAN DILLONS: V. O'Mahony, J. O'Sullivan, G. O'Connell, A. Dilworth, L. Flemming, C. O'Mahony, T. Drummond, A. O'Brien, S. Buckley, G. Flemming, N. O'Regan, S. Kelly, Subs: A. Cotter, A. Barry and T. Dean for S. Kelly, G. Flemming and C. O'Mahony.

Newtownshandrum
Barryroe

0-13
0-8

A superb display by Cork junior Caoimhe Harrington, helped Newtownshandrum reach the semi-final of the Cork County Senior camogie B Championship at Ballincollig yesterday.

The opening half was a tight affair with the sides level, at four points at the break. The second half continued much the same as the first, with both defences making it extremely difficult for the forwards and giving them little chance to score.

And 17 minutes into the half, the sides were deadlocked at seven points. Then Newtownshandrum upped the pace and had four points

from Harrington and one from Anne Mulcahy. For Barryroe, 13-year-old Jennifer O'Leary had an excellent senior championship debut and she can look forward with confidence to the future.

But it was the outstanding Caoimhe Harrington who contributed 11 points of her side's total, who sparkled brightest on the day.

Newtownshandrum: C. Harrington 0-11, four from free, P. O'Connor and A. Mulcahy 0-1 each. Barryroe: G. Collins 0-5, four from free, G. O'Leary, M. Flemming and D. Walsh 0-1 each. Referee: Tracy Sheehan, Mayfield.

Aghabullogue
Kilbrittain

2-7
0-8

In the first of the two Senior B Championships played yesterday, Aghabullogue advanced at the expense of Kilbrittain at Newcestown. Leading by one goal at half time, 1-4 to 0-4, thanks to a Marie McSweeney goal in

the fourth minute, Aghabullogue found the going tough in the second half against a Kilbrittain side who pressed hard for victory.

Two points separated the sides with a minute remaining, when a well-taken M. Enneguess goal clinched the issue for Aghabullogue.

For Kilbrittain, Cork Senior Miriam Deane and Valerie O'Keeffe tried hardest but could not get through an Aghabullogue defence for which goalie Evelyn Tarrant and Sinéad Buckley were superb.

KILBRITTAIN: R. Hayes, M. Brennan, T. Coughlan, A. O'Leary, O'Sullivan, E. O'Brien, V. O'Keeffe, C. Hurley, M. Deane, Murphy, E. O'Neill, S. Sexton. AGHABULLOGUE: E. Tarrant, M. Twomey, P. Walsh, Twomey, S. Buckley, L. Ronan, T. McCullough, T. Roche, E. Kelly, H. Moynihan, S. Buckley, M. McSweeney, D. Twomey, Ronan and M. Enneguess for S. Buckley. Scores: Aghabullogue: H. Moynihan 0-6, 3 from free; McSweeney and M. Enneguess 1-0 each; T. Roche 0-1. Scores: Kilbrittain: V. O'Keeffe 0-6, All from free, M. Deane one from free.

Senior 'B' Championship semi final

Newtownshandrum
Aghabullogue

3 - 13
1 - 6

Newtownshandrum continued on the road to what they hope will be ultimate honours when they defeated Aghabullogue at Grenagh on Saturday. Newtown set about their task from the throw in with a point from Caoimhe Harrington.

The same player stretched their lead a minute later and a Crona Carroll point saw them three ahead before Helen Moynihan opened the Aghabullogue account. Harrington and Moynihan swapped points before Newtown hit a purple patch with goals from Ann Mulcahy and a gem from Caoimhe Harrington when she collected a Ursula Troy

delivery, avoided three defenders and crashed to the net from the 15 metre line. Aghabullogue were struggling and with their defence under constant pressure they conceded a further goal one minute from the half time whistle to leave them with an enormous second half task. To their credit they fought hard and the moving of Eileen Buckley to centre field

livened up the Aghabullogue challenge and ensured a steady supply to the inside line. A goal from substitute Sile Marie Crowley twelve minutes into the second half and a Helena Moynihan point saw the gap down to 1 - 5 to 3 - 7 but try as they could, Aghabullogue could not penetrate a Newtownshandrum defence in which Caroline Giltinane, Muireann Harrington and goalie Geraldine Coleman were excellent. Newtown added further points from Karina Carroll, Paula O'Connor, Ursula Troy and Caoimhe Harrington

to put the result beyond doubt. So the scene is set for next Sunday's final which will see St Finbarr's, who previously contested the final in 1995 when they were defeated by Fr O'Neill's, and Newtownshandrum, who will be participating in their first final in Cork competition following their participation for several years in Limerick Championship and League competitions. It promises to be an exciting final.

Aghabullogue Team:- Evelyn Tarrant, Patsy Walsh, Margaret Twomey, Sinéad Buckley, Mary Twomey, Linda Ronan, Tracy McCullagh, Tina Roche, Mary Ennaguess, Marie McSweeney, Eileen Buckley and Helena Moynihan.

Newtownshandrum Team:- Geraldine Coleman, Muireann Harrington, Kim Hickey, Caroline Giltinane, Fiona Kelleher, Lisa Kelleher, Helen Kelleher, Paula O'Connor, Ann Mulcahy, Ursula Troy, Caoimhe Harrington and Karina Carroll.

Newtownshandrum Scorers:- Caoimhe Harrington 1 - 5, Ann Mulcahy 1 - 2, Paula O'Connor 1 - 3, Ursula Troy 0 - 1, Karina Carroll 0 - 2.

Aghabullogue Scorers:- Helena Moynihan 0 - 3, Mary Ennaguess 0 - 1, Eileen Buckley 0 - 1, Sinéad Buckley 0 - 1, Sile Crowley 1 - 0.

The weekend ahead will see the Senior 'B' Championship reach its conclusion when St Finbarr's clash with Newtownshandrum in what promises to be an exciting encounter.

With neither clubs having previously won the title they will both be determined to make it a first. St Finbarr's previously contested the 'B' Final in 1995 when they were defeated by Fr O'Neill's. The club has had great success at underage level over the years but a senior title has eluded them. It would put the icing on the cake and be a just reward if the title were to come to Togher on Sunday next. They are captained by Claire Barry who has given great service to the club over a long number of years. They also have the very experienced Colette O'Mahony who had an outstanding game in their semi-final outing against Brian Dillon's. Colette was their top scorer on the day contributing 2 - 6 of her side's total. They have excellent players in Cork Minor Bernadine Maher, Natasha Nash, and Janice Duffy, whilst the transfer to them of Orla O'Sullivan from the Ballygarvan Club has added to their power up front. She is a big asset to them and scored 1 - 1 in their semi-final outing. The Barr's are trained by Derek McCarthy, a son of former Cork hurling star Gerald. Derek coached the Cork Under 18 side to victory last season but a win on Sunday would be a major boost for him and to the club in general. Newtownshandrum however, will be a tough side to beat in what is their first final in Cork competitions. Over the last number of years they have been affiliated to the Limerick Intermediate title and losing out in

the Senior decider to champions Grenagh/Ballingeary. This year their joining ranks within Cork has been a tremendous boost to the county, with players of the calibre of the Kelleher sisters Lisa and Helen, the Harringtons Caoimhe and Muireann, Ursula Troy, all lining out in the red and white. They are a strong side built around the above mentioned players whilst the ever reliable Geraldine Coleman better known as Geraldine O'Brien who won All-Ireland honours with Limerick in the 70s is their reliable goalie. They have an excellent player in Paula O'Connor, a sister of the Newtown hurling twin brothers Ben and Gerry O'Connor. The team is trained by former Newtown hurling star Seamus Kelleher who has three daughters on the team. It promises to be a top class contest not to be missed.

Results

St Finbarr's 3 - 7
Brian Dillon's 0 - 8

Two goals by former Cork Senior Colette O'Mahony set up the Barr's for a place in the Senior B Camogie Final. The sides were evenly matched in the opening 15 minutes. Then the Barr's pulled a master stroke with the switching of O'Mahony from centre to full forward. She caused all sorts of problems for the Dillon's defence, the first goal coming in the 20th minute when a ball into the Dillon's square was grabbed and palmed to the net. Dillon's had points from Sabrina Buckley and Gail Fleming to keep in touch but a Colette O'Mahony goal on the stroke of half time saw the blues in front 2 - 4 to 0 - 4 at the half time break. Turning against the wind the Barr's meant business and a point from newcomer Orla O'Sullivan, making her debut with the club following her transfer from Ballygarvan, put the Barr's seven points ahead. Sinéad Kelly and Therese Drummond pointed for Dillon's but an Orla O'Sullivan goal five minutes from time sealed it for the Barr's. Dillon's to their credit fought hard and were rewarded with points from Sabrina Buckley and Therese

Drummond but on the day the Barr's fully deserved their win and a place in the final.

Newtownshandrum 0 - 13
Barryroe 0 - 8

In the quarter final of the Senior B Championship, a superb display by Cork Junior Caoimhe Harrington was a major factor in Newtown advancing to the semi-final. At half time, the sides were level 0 - 4 apiece at the interval. In the second half Newtown continued to feed Caoimhe Harrington and this play worked a treat as she constantly caused trouble for the Barryroe defence, who were forced to commit fouls which the accurate Harrington converted. For Barryroe Geraldine Collins and 13 year old Jennifer O'Leary making her Senior debut tried hardest, but on the day the excellence of Caoimhe Harrington who scored 11 points of her sides total was the difference.

Aghabullogue 2 - 7
Kilbrittain 0 - 8

Last year defeated finalists Kilbrittain were knocked out by Aghabullogue in the second quarter final played last weekend at Newcestown. Leading by a goal at half time 1 - 4 to 0 - 4 the Mid Cork side found the going tough against a determined Kilbrittain side. Two points separated the sides going into the last minutes of the game but a goal from Cork Minor Captain, Mary Ennaguess clinched it for Aghabullogue.

Other Results to hand

Junior 'B' Championship
Éire Og 2 - 3, Mayfield 0 - 5; Cobh 2 - 4, Grenagh 1 - 2; Kilbrittain 3 - 7, Éire Og 0 - 1; Ballygarvan 0 - 4, Cobh 0 - 2.
Under 16 'A' Championship
Cloughduv 7 - 10, St Vincent's 0 - 1; Ballygarvan 4 - 7, Inniscarra 2 - 5;
Under 16 'B' Championship
Douglas 4 - 4, Watergrasshill 3 - 1; Cloyne 2 - 4, Castlelyons 0 - 0; Kilbrittain 3 - 5, Carrigtwohill 1 - 4; Grenagh 2 - 2, Youghal 1 - 2.

By Mary Newman.

Newtown shine in excellent game

NEWTOWNSHANDRUM defeated Aghabullogue 3-13 to 1-6 in the Cork Senior B Camogie final in Grenagh on Saturday, but the scoreline does not reflect the picture of this entertaining game.

Newtown opened the scoring with a Caoimhe Harrington point in the first minute, and by the ninth minute they led 0-4 to 0-1, thanks mainly to their hardworking midfield duo of Lisa and Helen Kelleher.

Aghabullogue kept in touch with a Helena Moynihan point, but then disaster struck. Newtown hit two goals inside a minute: one from Ann Mulcahy, and a gem from Caoimhe Harrington that put them in the driving seat. The third, from Paula O'Connor, then gave them a 3-5 to 0-3 interval lead.

Eileen Buckley's move to midfield benefited Aghabullogue, and 12 minutes into the half sub Sheila Marie Crowley goaled and a Helena Moynihan point saw the deficit reduced to just seven.

However, Newtown regained control — and they will now meet St Finbarr's in next week's final.

Scorers — Newtown: C Harrington 1-4, K Carroll 0-2, A Mulcahy 1-2, P O'Connor 1-3, L Kelleher, U Troy 0-1.

Aghabullogue: H Moynihan 0-3, SM Crowley 1-0, E Buckley, S Buckley, M Ennaguess 0-1.

NEWTOWN: G Coleman, M Harrington, K Hickey, C Giltinane, S Kelleher, L Kelleher, H Kelleher, P O'Connor, A Mulcahy, U Troy, C Harrington, K Carroll.

AGHABULLOGUE: A Tarrant, P Walsh, Mgt Twomey, M Twomey, S Buckley, E Buckley, L Ronan, P McCullough, P Roche, M Ennaguess, M McSweeney, H Moynihan.

CAMOGIE fixtures

Saturday October 11

U16 'A' Championship:- at Cloughduv, Cloughduv v Ballygarvan, 3pm.

U16 'B' Championship:- at Sarsfield, Sarsfield's v Ballinascorthy, 5pm. At Cobh, Cobh v Éire Og, 4.30pm.

Sunday October 12

Senior 'B' Championship Final:- at Ballinlough, St Finbarr's v Newtownshandrum, 3pm.

Junior 'A' Championship Semi Finals:- at Redmond's, Glen Rovers v Coursey Rovers, 12 noon. At Caherlag, Watergrasshill v Ballinhassig, 12.30pm.

Junior 'B' Championship:- at Carrigtwohill, Carrigtwohill v Barryroe, 12 noon.

U16 'B' Championship:- at St Fanahan's, St Fanahan's v Delaney's, 2.30pm. At Mayfield, Mayfield v Na Piarsaigh, 12 noon. At Grenagh, Grenagh v Valley Rovers, 12 noon. At Enniskeane, Kilbrittain v Enniskeane, 12 noon. At Fr O'Neill's or Kildorrery, Killeagh or Kildorrery v Fr O'Neill's, 2.30pm.

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GRANAGH/BALLINGARRY RETAIN MUNSTER SENIOR CLUB TITLE

Granagh/Ballingarry, Limerick retained the Munster senior camogie club championship title when they fought off a strong challenge from Toomevara, Tipperary at Toomevara. It was an excellent sporting game that produced plenty of flair and determination. Granagh, who reached the All-Ireland club championship final last year, showed their experience. However, Toomevara put up a star performance.

First half goals by Eileen O'Brien and Bernie Clarke gave the Limerick club a 2-6 to 0-8 cushion at the break. The second half continued to be a ding dong battle, with Noelle Kennedy and Deirdre Hughes notching off some valuable points for Toomevara. It was Eileen O'Brien's second goal that put the winners on the path to victory.

Final score: Granagh/Ballingarry, Limerick 3-11 Toomevara, Tipperary 0-13

Scorers: Granagh - Eileen O'Brien 2-5, Bernie Clarke 1-0, Laura Leslie and Kay Burke 0-2 each, Vera Sheehan and Deirdre Sheehan 0-1 each.

Toomevara - Noelle Kennedy 0-6, Deirdre Hughes 0-3, Cora Kennedy 0-2, Grainne Shanahan and Ann Gleeson 0-1 each.

On Sunday next Granagh/Ballingarry will travel to London to take on the London club champions London/Irish in an All-Ireland quarter final tie. No London club has ever advanced beyond this stage of the competition. They will come up against a formidable force in their opponents who will be hoping to go all the way this year, having been defeated by Pierces, Galway in the All-Ireland final last year. Nevertheless, it should be an interesting affair. London/Irish have eight Irish girls who have played with the London county team in the All-

Ireland Junior Championship: Gabrielle Hussey-McGloin, Niamh Mulhern, Roscommon, Ciara Burns, Cait O'Dwyer and Michelle Bullin, Tipperary, Brid Ronagne and Adrienne Hannigan, Donegal and Angela Woods, Clare.

Granagh will be looking for a good performance from Jean Cullinane, Kay Burke, Patsy McKenna, Ida Quaid, Eileen O'Brien and Marie O'Brien to take them into the semi-final.

The winners of Sunday's encounter will meet the Leinster champions, Lisdowney, Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi final. Lisdowney is the club of former Kilkenny county star Angela Downey-Browne. Angela is in top form notching off 3-5 against Camross, Laois in the Leinster Final.

All-Ireland club champions, Pierces of Galway, the club of Galway's scoring ace Sharon Glynn, had an easy passage into the Connacht final when they accounted for Oran, Roscommon. They are pitted against the Ulster champions Loughgiel, Antrim in the other semi-final. Both semi-finals will take place on November 2nd.

Also on Sunday the quarter finals of the Milk Cup Tournament are down for decision. This is a competition in Leinster that involves the senior championship finalists from the following counties: Kildare, Louth, Meath and Westmeath.

Louth champions, Kilkerley, the holders, host Meath runners-up Killyon in what should be an entertaining tie between two evenly matched sides.

Westmeath champions St Munna's travel to play Kildare beaten finalists Sarsfields. Kildare winners St Laurences', will host Louth's runners up St Kevin's, while Meath champions Trim, are away to Westmeath's beaten finalists Raharney.

The semi-finals and final will be hosted by St Laurence's on the Bank Holiday weekend.



Roisin O'Donovan, Claire Barry and Colette O'Mahony who will be in the Barr's team for tomorrow's County final.

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MISSION IMPOSSIBLE FOR EXILES
THE camogie players of the London Irish club face a mission impossible on Saturday when they play host to Munster club champions Granagh-Ballingarry of Limerick in the quarter-final of the All-Ireland Club Championship, writes PJ Fulham.

No London club has ever got over this stage of the competition and they are unlikely to fare much better against the Limerick side who were beaten by Pierces of Galway in last year's All-Ireland final. Gabrielle Hussey-McGloin and Niamh Mulhern of Roscommon, Ciara Burns, Cait O'Dwyer and Michelle Bullin (Tipperary), Brid Ronagne, Adrienne Hannigan (Donegal) and Angela Woods (Clare) are the leading lights on the London team. However, they are unlikely to pose too many problems for the likes of Jean Cullinane, Kay Burke, Patsy McKenna, Ida Quaid, Eileen O'Brien and Marie O'Brien on the Granagh team.

Saturday — All Ireland Senior Camogie Championship quarter-final: London Irish v Granagh-Ballingarry, Limerick, Parnell Sports Centre, Kingsbury, 2.30.

Stage set for the B final

NEWTOWNSHANDRUM playing in Cork competitions for the first time this season will be favourites to take the County Senior "B" Championship title when they meet St. Finbarrs.

Camogie

The game is at Ballinlough on Sunday at 3 p.m. in a final that has all the ingredients of a great contest.

En route to the final the North Cork side defeated Newcestown, Kilbrittain and last weekend had a fine victory in the semi final.

During these games they played with great determination and appear strong in all sectors.

Most of the players would have been members of the successful St. Mary's Secondary School teams of Charleville who have won All Ireland honours on numerous occasions in the past few years.

Consequently these girls will certainly not be overawed by the big occasion on Sunday.

While they are overall a very balanced side they have some marvellous individual performers in the Harrington sisters Caoimhe and Muireann, the Kelleher sisters Lisa, Helen and Fiona, Paula O'Connor a sister to Cork minor hurler Ben and long time serving goalkeeper Geraldine Coleman.

If these girls play to form then they will be difficult to halt.

However I am sure the Barrs will have other ideas about this. Despite competing in senior ranks since 1983 the Blues have yet to taste success at this level.

As a result they will no doubt be anxious to do well on this occasion.

Their path to the final included victories over Sarsfields and Brian Dillons.

During these games they played exceptionally well and won convincingly on both occa-

sions but on Sunday next they will have to up their performance another gear if they are to be successful and this is certainly not beyond the capabilities of this present Barrs squad.

They have a combination of youth and experience in their side with marvellous performers in Colette O'Mahony, Claire Barry who captains the side, the Kirby sisters Clare and Colette Kirby and these together with the younger members of the team Linda O'Connell, Ber Maher and Rachel Myers must surely combine to form a formidable outfit.

If these girls can repeat their performances of the last two games then they will be in there with every chance of success.

Whatever the outcome it should be a cracking contest.

Pick of the remaining games of the weekend will be the semi-finals of the Junior 'A' Championship and these involve Courcy Rovers and Glen Rovers and this game goes ahead at Redmonds on Sunday at 1 o'clock while the second semi final is timed for Caherlag at 12.30 p.m. and will see Ballinhassig and Watergrasshill in opposition.

In these games Courcy Rovers who have fine performers in the Moloney sisters Rachel and Shirley, Cora and Claire Murphy and Sarah Hayes should have the edge over Glen Rovers while Ballinhassig will be fancied to overcome Watergrasshill.

Cork hope to continue winning sequence

THE Cork U-18 camogie team will be hoping to continue the county's winning sequence tomorrow when they meet Clare in the Munster Championship semi-final at St Finbarr's.

Following their victory over Limerick in the opening round Cork will be confident.

They are a strong side who will be hoping to go a step further in achieving a four-in-a-row of Munster U-18 titles.

Cork seniors Sinead O'Callaghan and Eimear O'Sullivan

form the backbone of the team, while Cork junior star, Caoimhe Harrington, has shown throughout the year that she is an exceptionally talented player.

The selectors also have at their disposal the experience of Cork juniors, Criona Harte and Sandra Ricken.

Clare will be anxious to atone for the loss of the All-Ireland to Tipperary by their intermediate side and will be going all out tomorrow to reach the U-18 decider. Apart from a place in the final, an

added incentive for the Clare girls is that they will also face Tipperary.

They are a young side and will not have had the advantage of an opening-round game as they received a bye into the semi-final.

While Cork can expect a mighty challenge, they will be expected to advance to the final.

For the Cork juniors, the rest is over as the 1997-1998 junior national league begins with a home game against Kilkenny tomorrow.

Cork will be without their Under-18 players, who will line out in the Munster Championship later that day, but they will have the experienced Alison Dilworth, Leonie Nolan and Emma Harte at their disposal. The selectors are also sure to give several new players a chance to stake a claim for a place for the season ahead.

Kilkenny recently had several players regraded from senior to junior, including Mairead Costello, Martina Maher and Ca-triona Carey. These will

strengthen the side considerably and Cork are in for a tough contest in this, their opening game.

On the Cork club scene, the junior B championship continues with Ballygarvan and Barryroe meeting in the semi-final stage in Tracton. This promises to be a lively game. In the quarter-final, St Catherine's will travel to Kilbrittain to take on the home side.

The top game of the Under-16 A championship will see Newtownshandrum take on Ballinhassig at Newtown.

Cork bring off camogie double

by Tom Higgins.

CORK recorded an inter-county camogie double at home yesterday. Both games, due to be played at Ballinacollig, were transferred to different venues.

Cork	3-20
Clare	3-8

CORK will be seeking their fourth Under 18 Munster title in a row when they face Tipperary in the final next Monday, following their comprehensive win over Clare at St. Finbarr's Ground.

They turned over leading 1-10 to 1-6 at the interval, thanks to an excellent display from senior player Sinead O'Callaghan.

Clare forwards looked dangerous but the Cork backs were in tremendous form and gave them little scope to get back into the game.

Scorers: C. Harte 2-3 (1-0 free, 0-2 30's), S. O'Callaghan 1-8, E. Burke 0-4, S. Hayes 0-2, U. O'Donoghue 0-2, R. Moloney 0-2, C. Barrett 0-1, Clare: D. Murphy 1-5 (0-1 free, 0-1 30'), P. Walsh 1-0, L. McElroy 1-0, E. Minogue 0-3.

CORK: S. Ricken, D. Healy, S. Buckley, P. O'Connor, E. O'Sullivan.

van: M. Emmegues, S. Hayes, K. Riordan, E. Burke, S. O'Callaghan; U. O'Donoghue; C. Harte. Subs: T. Roche (half-time) for K. Riordan; R. Moloney for E. Burke (54th minute); C. Barrett for U. O'Donoghue (54th minute). CLARE: N. McInerney; C. Lynch; E. Murphy, D. Corcoran, C. Moloney; A. Collieran, M. Madden, J. Flynn; O. Fitzgerald, P. Walsh, E. Minogue; D. Murphy. Subs: M. McNamara for J. Flynn (23rd minute); A. O'Regan for C. Moloney (41st minute); L. McElroy for M. Madden (52nd minute). Referee: M. Twomey.

Cork	1-11
Kilkenny	1-4

AT the Tank Field, Cork had a good win over Kilkenny in the first series of the National Junior League.

The home side led at half-time by 0-8 to 0-2 but Kilkenny put in a spirited effort to reduce the deficit to a point, 0-8 to 1-4 in the 45th minute.

However they were reduced to eleven player after that, as one of their side was put off for a second bookable offence, and Cork finished the stronger.

Scorers: Cork: S. Cahalane 0-7 (0-3 frees, 0-2 30's), E. Harte 1-2, N. O'Regan 0-1, K. O'Sullivan 0-1, Kilkenny: P. Comerford 1-2 (0-1 30'), O. Ryall 0-1, M. Maher 0-1.

Newtown too good for Finbarrs

THE Cork Senior B camogie championship final was a fitting finale to the competition at Ballinlough yesterday with Newtownshandrum beating St Finbarrs by 4-5 to 1-8.

Newtownshandrum opened the scoring with a Lisa Kelleher goal in the fourth minute. Natasha Nash and Ann Mulcahy swapped points before Collette O'Mahony had four points on the trot without reply to edge St Finbarrs ahead 20 minutes into the game.

With play swinging from end to end both defences were under pressure but a lapse in concentration by the St Finbarrs defence saw Ursula Troy slip through for a vital goal. Orla O'Sullivan pointed for St Finbarrs to leave it 2-1 to 0-6 at the break.

Three unanswered points by Caoimhe Harrington saw Newtownshandrum slip into a 2-4 0-6 lead and looking comfortable and they went on to take the laurels.

Scorers: Newtownshandrum - C Harrington 2-3 (0-2 frees); U. Troy 1-1; L. Kelleher 1-0; A. Mulcahy 0-1. St Finbarrs: C. O'Mahony 1-6 (0-4 frees 0-1 30'); O. O'Sullivan N. Nash 0-1. NEWTOWNSHANDRUM: G. Coleman, M. Harrington, K. Hickey, C. Gittinane, F. Kelleher, H. Kelleher, P. O'Connor, A. Mulcahy, U. Troy, L. Kelleher, C. Harrington. ST FINBARRS: M. O'Sullivan, C. Barry, M. McCarthy, L. O'Connell, Collette Kirby, Clare Kirby, R. Myers, R. O'Donovan, O'Sullivan, C. O'Mahony, N. Nash, B. Maher, E. Clifford For B Maher. Referee: T. Sheehan (Mayfield).

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Camogie team feted at City Hall function

WOMEN are going to take over the council chamber of Cork's City Hall tonight.

The All-Ireland winning senior camogie team will attend a civic reception to mark their recent success.

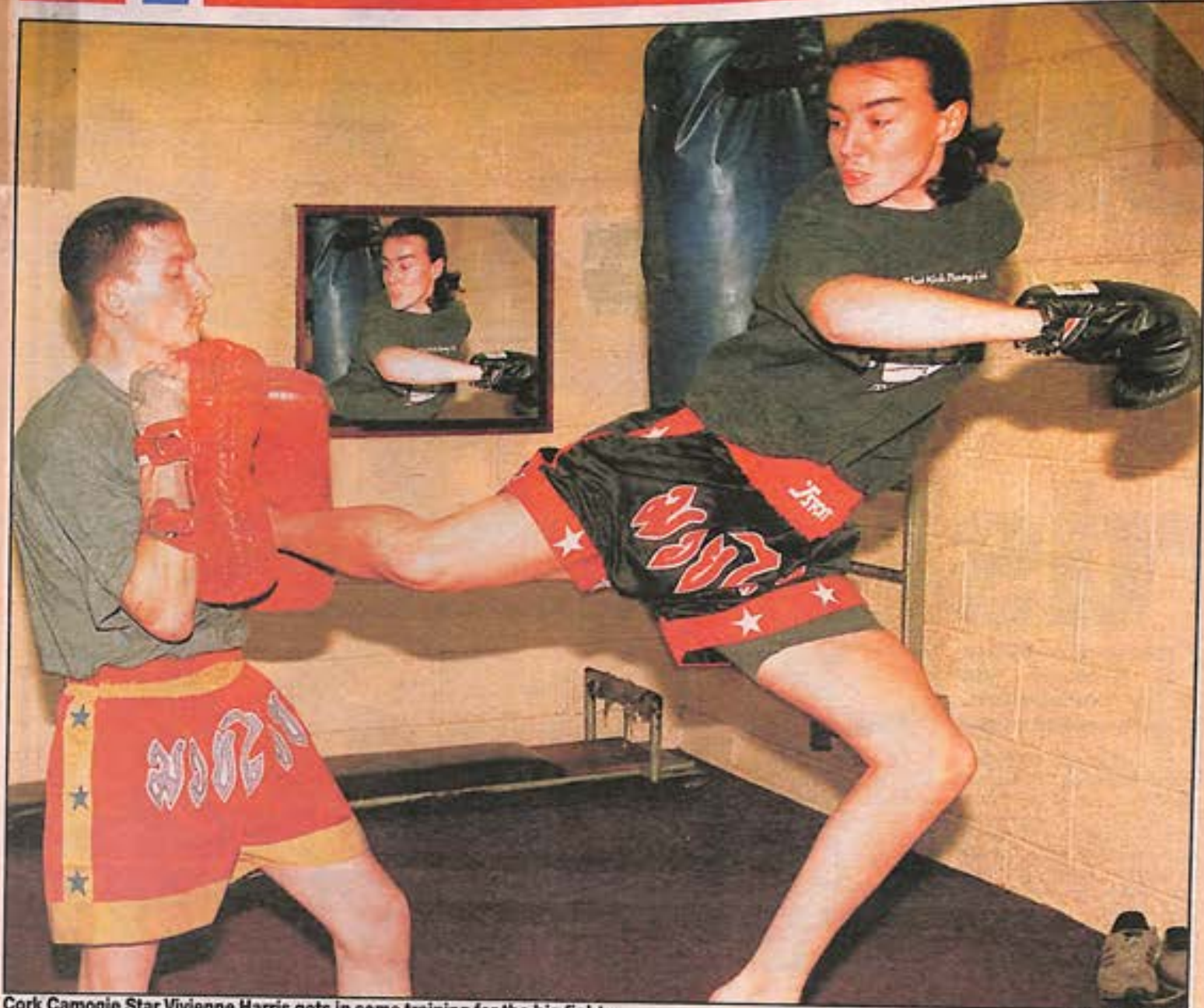
Lord Mayor Dave McCarthy won't be there to congratulate the team, as he is in Paris for the launch of the Tour de France. But Deputy Lord Mayor, Tom O'Driscoll will host reception, which takes place at six o'clock.

The Cork camogie team defeated Galway in the O'Duffy cup final last month. Captained by Linda Mellerick, they gained sweet revenge for their surprise defeat by the Galway side 12 months earlier when Cork were the reigning champions.



Cllr Tom O'Driscoll, deputising for the Lord Mayor, making a presentation to Cork camogie captain, Linda Mellerick, at a civic reception for the All-Ireland champions at City Hall, Cork. Also included is Sheila Goldin, chairperson, Cork Camogie Board. Picture: Dan Linehan

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Cork Camogie Star Vivienne Harris gets in some training for the big fight.

Picture: Des Barry

Vivienne's new Pairec Ui Ring

By KIERAN SHANNON

FIRST she won an All-Ireland camogie medal for Cork - now she's defending her Thai-boxing belt for Ireland.

Yes, the same Vivienne Harris who broke Galway hearts in last month's All-Ireland final is on the Irish team which takes on England in a Thai-boxing show at the Arcadia Sports Centre in Cork on Saturday night.

Harris is defending her Anglo-Celt title at the show which starts at 7.30pm and also features four other Ireland-England fights.

Camogie star defends her Anglo-Celt Thai boxing belt

And the 18-year-old who won Player of the Match in last month's win over Galway says she has much time for the Thai-boxing as she does for the camogie.

Chose

"If I had to chose between the two, I wouldn't know which to go for. I love them both," says Vivienne, who admits she's out nearly ever night training or playing in either sport.

"The kick-boxing and Thai-boxing were sports I always wanted to do. I saw about it in

the *Echo* about four years ago, went along, and I've been doing it ever since.

"People say both sports are dangerous, but they really aren't. I have never been seriously injured."

And what do her Cork camogie team-mates make of it? "They think it's brilliant. In fact, most of them have said they'll be at the Arcadia."

The show will feature Corkman Craig O'Flynn, who came third in the World Thai-boxing championships held in Thailand earlier this year.

NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE COMMENCES

On Sunday next, the 1998 National Junior League commences. Twenty counties will take part and they are divided up into four zones as follows.

Zone A: Kilkenny, Clare, Cork, Limerick and Tipperary.

Zone B: Antrim, Down, Derry, Tyrone and Donegal.

Zone C: Armagh, Dublin, Carlow, Kildare and Wexford.

Zone D: Cavan, Galway, Westmeath, Roscommon and Offaly.

The top two teams from each zone go through to the quarter-finals.

League holders Antrim are away to Tyrone. Since the Antrim girls won the league they have added the All-Ireland junior championship. They will be one of the favourites in the field and will pose lots of problems for Tyrone who had a good run in this competition last year, reaching the quarter-final. However, when the sides met at this stage Antrim had a 3-9 to 0-4 win. Tyrone will be helped by Brenda Burke, Mary Rose McGrady, Dolores Hughes and Carmel Darcy. Antrim will include players such as Grace McMullan, Majella McMullan, Ann McKee and Denise O'Boyle. They should get off to a good start.

Cork, beaten All-Ireland junior finalists, will host Kilkenny. The Leesiders reached the semi-final last year while Kilkenny did not take part. Cork will be looking for good performances from Caoimhe Harrington, Muireann Harrington, Emma Harte, Oonagh O'Donoghoe and Sabrina Buckley. Kilkenny can produce such as Mairead Costelloe, Pauleen Comerford, Olivia Donnelly, Fran

Shore and Una Hennessy. It should be close with Cork to shade it.

Last year's beaten league finalists Down have the venue against Derry. The Mourne girls carry the tag of favourites here with players of the calibre of Mairin McAleenan, Jennifer Braniff, Deirdre Savage, Edel Mason, Joan Henderson and Coleen Hynds. Derry will be looking to Ann McLoughlin, Martina Mulholland, Brid Mulholland, Claire McNicholl, Claire Doherty and Fiona Kennedy to lift the points.

Leinster junior champions Carlow travel to take on Dublin. When the sides met at this stage of the competition last year Carlow coasted to victory 10-10 to 0-6 and went on to be defeated by Antrim in the league quarter-final. Dublin are team building while the Leinster champions look set to take their first brace of points with experienced players such as Nuala Quirke, Valerie Crean, Marie Sheehan, Olivia Maye, Mary Coady and Aine Murphy.

Beaten Leinster finalists Kildare will show their hospitality to Armagh. When the sides met last season Kildare came out top 2-6 to 1-3 and may again prove too strong for the Orchard County with the evergreen Miriam Malone, Anna Dargan, Melanie Treacy, Aisling Treacy and Elaine Miley in action.

Tipperary will visit near neighbours Limerick in what should be an entertaining encounter. Limerick did not take part last year. Both sides will field their second strings.

Also on Sunday, the Leinster league final is down for decision when Laois the holders cross swords with Westmeath at Turin at 1pm. This is sure to be a sparkling affair. Westmeath have a young squad that showed great promise this year by reaching the Leinster semi-final. Laois have the experience. It should be a close affair, going down to the wire.

Derry collected the Ulster Under 18 championship with a good win over Down at Drumnaquale. Down has no answer for this Derry side who had great speed and skill, taking every scoring opportunity. Final score: Derry 4-13 to Down 1-6.

Scorers: Derry: Claire McNicholl 3-3, Pauleen McAtamney 1-6, Shauna McCaul 0-2, Aileen O'Keane and Siobhan Cassidy 0-1 each.

Down: Deirdre Quinn 1-4, Angelina Ferron 0-2.

Referee: Catherine McAllister, Antrim.

Down reached the final of the Ulster senior championship when they had four points to spare over Armagh at Tullysaran. Armagh led 1-8 to 0-6 at the break. A Mairin McAleenan free gave Down the lead when she goaled. It was a lead they never lost. Final Score: Down 2-14, Armagh 2-10.

Scorers: Down: Mairin McAleenan 2-8, Jennifer Braniff 0-3, Majella Murray, Coleen Hynds and Sinead McGovern 0-1 each.

Armagh: Mary Black 1-3, Patricia McEvoy 0-6, Bernie McBride 1-1.

Antrim will be Armagh's opponents in the final. They coasted to victory over Derry at Greenlough. The winners led 3-5 to 0-3 at the break.

Final Score: Antrim 7-11, Derry 0-7.

Scorers: Antrim: Ursula Culbertson 2-2, Deirdre Heatly 2-0, Oonagh Elliott, Caitriona Higgins and Ann McKee 1-1 each. Grace McMullan 0-3, Claire McGarry 0-2, Bronagh O'Neill 0-1.

Derry: Pauleen McGuigan 0-3, Martina Mulholland 0-2, Aileen O'Kane and Pauleen McAtamney 0-1 each.



Cork captain Linda Mellerick proudly accepts the O'Duffy Cup after the Rebels had won the 1997 All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship.

Fr Nesson Shaw (Cork)

Although he was a native of Dungarvan, Fr Shaw's major involvement with the GAA was in Cork. He was the first Chairman of the Under-15 board and held the position for more than a decade. He was a Selector with the Cork senior hurling team in the late 1950's and was a much-respected member of the St Finbarr's club. Fr Shaw was also a keen historian and a great promoter of athletics.

Lily Furlong (Wexford)

The Model County lost one of its greatest sportswomen recently with the passing of Lily Furlong (nee Parle). A native of Drinagh, Lily was an outstanding camogie player and starred for the county team for over twelve years. She was totally dedicated to the game and was the county's sole representative on the Leinster team that won the Gael Linn Cup in 1956. Six years later she was honoured with the captaincy of the provincial team and was proud to lead it to success. When her playing career came to an end, Lily took an active role in administration and was Chairperson of Wexford Camogie's County Board. She was its President at the time of her death. Lily was most unlucky not to win an All-Ireland medal ... her playing days had come to an end prior to the breakthrough victory of 1968.

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Camogie victory dinner

TO celebrate the winning of the All-Ireland Senior and Minor Titles and the National League Title the Cork Camogie Board is organising a Victory Dinner.

This will take place in the Imperial Hotel on Friday November 7th.

Tickets for this function are available from Board Officers and Players.

The Cork Senior Camogie Team are organising some Fund Raising projects for their forthcoming holiday in the sun.

With the aid of this fundraising they hope to jet off somewhere early in the New Year for a well deserved break.

On Friday November 14th, a Race Night is taking place in The Attic Bar, Leitrim St. so if you would like to help you can contact any player or Board Officer.

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By P.J. Fulham, National P.R.O. Cumann Camogaiochta Na nGael

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The Senior Club Championship Takes Shape



Linda Mellerick, Cork Captain, holds aloft the O'Duffy Cup.

Tipperary won their first A.I.B. All-Ireland Intermediate Championship title with a good win over a fancied Clare side in this final played at the Ragg, Thurles. Noelle Kennedy was the Premier County's scoring ace with a personal tally of 1-18 (1-16 from frees). It was a power packed encounter from the start to finish with little separating the sides at any time. Tipperary led 0-13 to 1-6 at the break, the Clare goal coming from Catherine O'Loughlin.

The second half continued to be a ding dong battle with further points from Clares Catherine O'Loughlin and Moira McMahon. It was a brace of goals by Noelle Kennedy and Deirdre Hughes that made the difference at the finish.

Final score: Tipperary 2-19 Clare 2-12

Scorers: Tipperary: Noelle Kennedy 1-18, Deirdre Hughes 1-0, Sinead Neilan 0-1.

Clare: Catherine O'Loughlin 1-4, Moira McMahon 0-6, Marie Collins 1-0, Ann Keane 0-2.

TIPPERARY TEAM: Nora Dwan, Emily Hayden, Sinead Neilan, Suzanne Kelly, Claire Madden, Meadhbh Stokes, Ciara Gaynor, Therese Brophy, Noelle Kenny, Helen Kiely, Jovita Delaney, Deirdre Hughes (Capt), Rest of Panel: Una O'Dwyer, Kaiffe Moloney, Helen Campion, Sinead Collins, Aine Hogan, Niamh Bonner, Helena Frawley, Caitriona Hennessy.

CLARE TEAM: Aine McCormack, Debbie McDonagh, Marie Collins, Orlagh Slattery, Sinead McMahon, Moira McMahon (Capt), Sinead O'Brien, Edel Arthur, Noelle Comyns, Deirdre Murphy, Ann Keane, Catherine O'Loughlin, Rest of Panel: Pauleen O'Brien, Mairead Twomey, Joanne Frost, Michelle McNamara, Pauleen Rochford, Sheila Nichol, Dymphna Killeen, Marion Costello.

Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin

Noelle Kennedy, Tipperary received 'Player of the Match' Award which was sponsored by Armagh Crystal.

SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The senior club championship is now taking shape. Last years All-Ireland beaten finalists Granagh/Ballingarry, Limerick retained the Munster title by defeating Toomevara, Tipperary. They meet Leinster champions Lisdowney, Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi-final. Lisdowney is the club of former Kilkenny County star Angela Downey/Browne. Angela is on top form notching off 3-5 against Camross, Laois in the Leinster final.

All Ireland club champions Pierses, Galway, the club of Galways scoring ace Sharon Glynn had an easy passage in the

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Bord na Gaeilge
by PJ Fulham

CUMANN CAMOGAIOCHTA NA nGAEL ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO BORD NA GAEILGE

The hype of the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior championship has now settled somewhat with the O'Duffy Cup resting by the Banks of the Lee for at least another year. This was the third year for Bord na Gaeilge to sponsor the event and Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael are very grateful for the sponsorship which has brought great enthusiasm into the championship.

This year another niche has been carved in the history books when a replica of the O'Duffy Cup was presented to Linda Mellerick, captain of the Cork team by an t-Uachtarán Fileas Ni Bhreaslain.

The O'Duffy Cup was presented to the Association by the late Sean O'Duffy in 1932. Sean was a hard worker for the promotion and development of camogie.

This replica will be presented to the captain of the winning team each year and is sponsored by George Hill, husband of the late Kathleen Mills and will be known as "Corn Kay Mills". Kay was one of the



Antrim captain Sinead McMullan raises the '97 All-Ireland Junior Camogie Championship Cup.



Uachtarán Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael Fileas Ni Bhreaslain, right, presents An Corn Kay Mills to Cork captain Linda Mellerick whose side won the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior championship.

camogie greats, holding a record number of All-Ireland senior championship medals with Dublin, fifteen in all. Kay was a daughter of a Dublin mother and a Cork father and from an early age displayed great skill and talent for a number of sports. She first held a hurl in her hand at the age of five in 1928. Kay won 21 Leinster championship medals with Dublin, seven championship and eight league medals with her club C.I.E., originally G.S.R.

Kay, and Christy Ring both first appeared in All-Ireland finals in the same year, 1941, but though Christy then collected his first medal, Kay was on the losing side, the winners being Cork. She collected her first medal in 1942 in a replay against Cork in the first drawn All-Ireland final and recorded her historic 15th on October 8th, 1961 when she retired from inter-county level.

When Dublin won the All-Ireland in 1949 Kay was unavailable. She won her 15 medals in the following years - 1942, 1943, 1944, 1948, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961. She was captain in 1958.

Those 15 medals will continue to inspire generations and are unlikely to be surpassed.

The replica is a very benefitting way to remember her.

Munster junior A camogie championship

Presentation Convent Bandon	2-2
Coachford College	4-5

Coachford College started their campaign for Munster honours with a hard fought win over a strong Bandon side in windswept Bandon on Tuesday. Coachford started brightly and in the fifth minute Mary Buckley finished a flowing move to the net to settle her side. Coachford, playing with the strong wind added two points from dynamic centre forward Mary Twomey and a goal from full forward Brid O'Connell to leave the half time score Coachford 2-2 Bandon 0-0.

Bandon started the second half strongly and quickly scored two excellent points, but Coachford's defenders, Joan Twomey, Maria Forde, captain Katie Crowley, Maeve O'Connell and experienced keeper Claire McCarthy stood firm and bravely withstood constant Bandon pressure. Coachford gradually got back on top, with Ann Ennequess and Caitriona Crowley on top in midfield and subs Katie Roche and Maria Twomey also playing their part, they eased their worries with a string of fine points from Evelyn Harrington, Mary Twomey and Mary Buckley. The sides shared four goals in a pulsating last five minutes with Karen O'Flynn scoring a cracking goal for Coachford before Brid O'Connell added her second and Coachford's fourth goal just before the final whistle. Coachford now meet Clonakilty in the next round.

Coachford

Claire McCarthy, Maria Forde, Joan Twomey, Katie Crowley, Maeve O'Connell, Evelyn Harrington, Ann Ennequess, Caitriona Crowley, Mary Buckley, Mary Twomey, Karen O'Flynn, Brid O'Connell. Subs Used: Katie Roche, Maria Twomey.

First Year League

Presentation Convent Bandon	2-2
Coachford College	2-1

In the curtain raiser to the championship match Bandon had an exciting one point win over Coachford. There were many stars of the future on display on both sides with a very high degree of skill on display. Best for Coachford were Joan Twomey, Michelle O'Regan, Emma O'Keeffe, the dynamic forward duo of Caragh Kennedy and Niamh O'Connell and freescoring Mary Buckley who scored both goals including one majestic effort at the end of a forty yard run.

Destination of camogie titles known tomorrow

THE destination of the last adult camogie championship titles in Cork for 1997 will be decided in the plush surroundings of the new Riverstick GAA pitch tomorrow when the junior A and B championships are decided.

The A final is an all south east affair with Courcsey Rovers and Ballinhassig facing each other at 1.30 p.m. Ballinhassig have the former Eire Óg senior player Ann Dorney in goal and she is a big asset to the side. They are captained by Cork senior Linda O'Sullivan. She will have the support of Michelle Fleming, Sandra Crowley and Noelle O'Sullivan. Courcseys have excellent young players in Cork minors Rachel Moloney and Sarah Hayes, while captain Clare Murphy, Joanne Hayes and Carol Hannon will be hoping to lead the way and take the junior A title to the Courcseys club.

The opening game of the day will be the B final, where mid-Cork side Aghabullogue take on Ballygarvan at 12 noon.

A win would herald the arrival at adult level for Ballygarvan and set them on a firm footing for the future.

It is a challenge for Aghabullogue to atone for their defeat in last year's final by Courcsey Rovers, but they are a young side.

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Neil White, Mary Falvey and Eithne Duggan of Bishopstown Camogie club pictured during a Beamish and Crawford night to honour their Cork County Senior Championship win.

Riverstick cracker is in store

RIVERSTICK GAA pitch is the venue on Sunday next for what should be a very entertaining double header. In the first game Ballygarvan play Aghabullogue in the Junior "B" Final at noon while at 1.30 Courcy Rovers and Ballinhassig meet Junior "A" Final.

Aghabullogue who were defeated in last seasons Junior "B" Final by Courcy Rovers will be anxious to make amends when they take on Ballygarvan in this year's decider. Last Sunday they had a fairly comfortable win over St Catherine's in the semi final and in earlier rounds overcame Sarsfields, Valley Rovers, and Milford.

They have fine performers in the Murphy sisters Louise, Patricia and Karen, Ann Roche and Abbey Lehan.

Ballygarvan's path to the final included victories over Courcy Rovers, St. Fanahans, Cobh and Barryroe in the semi final.

They are a young side with fine performers in Norma Brady, goalkeeper Emer Dillon, Nora Hallahan and Catriona Kelly.

The second game in an all South East tie and should result in very keen rivalry between two excellent sides. Both teams will

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be contesting their first ever Junior "A" Final so no doubt will be eager to do well.

On paper both appear evenly matched and consequently it is very difficult to predict a winner.

In earlier rounds Courcys defeated city sides St Finbarrs and Glen Rovers and during these games looked strong in all sectors.

They will be spearheaded by the Moloney sisters Shirley and Rachel, Sarah Hayes, Cora Murphy and Clare Murphy.

However they will not get things easy from their near neighbours and rivals.

The Ballinhassig squad are this year trained by Denis McCarthy a renowned hurler with the Ballinhassig club and I know they have prepared very well for this game under his expert eye.

Their path to the final included victories over Douglas, Newtownshandrum and Watergrasshill.

They will be spearheaded by Cork Senior Linda O'Sullivan and have other experienced players in Maggie Collins, Therese Finn and Sandra Sarl. If these

girls produce the goods we could be in for a cracking contest with victory in doubt to the final whistle.

Fixtures

Tomorrow: Junior "B" Championship Final:

Aghabullogue v Ballygarvan, Riverstick, 12 noon

Junior "A" Championship Final:

Courcy Rovers v Ballinhassig, Riverstick, 1.30

Under 16 "A" Championship:

Bishopstown v Brian Dillons, Bishopstown, noon

Under 16 "B" Championship:

Cloyne v Mayfield, Cloyne, 1.30

Valley Rovers v Douglas, Valley Rovers, noon

St Catherine's v Bandon, Bandon, noon

Under 18 Championship:

Na Piarasigh v Carrigtwohill, Na Piarasigh, noon Carrigaline v Cloughduv, Carrigaline, noon

Fr O'Neills v St Vincents, Fr. O'Neills, noon

Newtownshandrum v Kilbrittain, Newtownshandrum, 2.30

Seandun Under 11 League Final

St Finbarrs v Brian Dillons, Glen Rovers, 3.45.

Courseys and Ballygarvan come out on top in junior camogie finals

that belied her 14 years, she crashed to the net for the winning score.

Scores for Ballygarvan: A. Hallahan, M. Hallahan and E. Dillon 1-0 each, C. Kelly 0-2 (0-1 free, 0-1 thirty), Aghabullogue: M. Noonan 1-2, M. Twomey 1-0, L. Murphy 0-1.

BALLYGARVAN: E. Dillon, T. Madden, E. Carolan, N. Brady, N. Bousie, N. Hallahan, M. Hallahan, A. Kelly, E. Dillon, M. Lane, M. O'Flanagan, C. Kelly, Aghabullogue: C. McCarthy, M. Butler, A. Roche (Capt.), T. Murphy, K. Murphy, D. McSweeney, E. Harrington, A. Lehan, S. Cooney, M. Twomey, L. Murphy, M. Noonan. Sub: A. Ennequess for S. Cooney.

ahead with a pointed '30' eleven minutes into the second half, but Maria Noonan quickly levelled matters. However a point from a free a minute later by Louise Murphy edged Aghabullogue ahead.

Then came the drama. With time running out, Ballygarvan were awarded a 25 metre free. Goalkeeper, Emer Dillon, who had come outfield for the remaining few minutes of the game was fouled. With an air of confidence

3-2
2-3

Ballygarvan
Aghabullogue

BALLYGARVAN took their first trophy at adult level when they took the Junior "B" camogie Championship title with virtually the last puck of the game at Riverstick yesterday.

With the sides evenly matched in the opening half, scores were scarce and it was all level 2-1 apiece at the break.

Courseys Rovers R. Moloney 0-8 (0-2 frees, 0-1 thirty), S. Hayes 2-1 (0-1 free), B. Moloney and C. Murphy 1-0 each.

Ballinhassig: E. Quinlan 2-0, C. Fleming, M. Collins and T. Finn 1-0 each, L. O'Sullivan, S. Sarl 0-1 each.

COURCY ROVERS: J. Hayes, C. Hannon, A. M. Nolan, C. Murphy, S. O'Regan, Rose Moloney, S. Hayes, N. Downey, Rachel Moloney, E. McCarthy, Clare Murphy, S. Moloney.

Sub: S. Harrington for A. M. Nolan.

BALLINHASSIG: A. Dorsey, T. Finn, A. M. Collins, S. Twomey, A. Moloney, L. O'Sullivan (Capt.), M. Fleming, N. O'Sullivan, S. Crowley, S. Sarl, M. Collins, C. Fleming.

Subs: M. O'Brien and E. Quinlan for S. Twomey and A. Moloney.

time Shirley Moloney goaled to leave them four points ahead at the break.

Ballinhassig hit back with a goal from sub Elaine Quinlan.

Moloney again pointed for Courcys but back came Ballinhassig for Quinlan to edge them ahead again with another goal. Courcys then took control and goals from Sarah Hayes and captain Clare Murphy proved decisive.

A late Therese Flynn goal was not enough for Ballinhassig.

4-9
5-2

COURCY ROVERS captured the Cork Junior "A" camogie title with a four point win over Ballinhassig.

Clodagh Fleming settled the Ballinhassig side in the eighth minute when she finished a Linda O'Sullivan free to the net. However, Courcys soon settled and Maggie Collins goaled to level matters. On the stroke of half-

WESTMEATH TAKE LEINSTER LEAGUE TITLE

Westmeath are the new Leinster league champions when they got the upperhand on the holders Laois in this closely contested final played at Turin outside Mullingar. Little separated the sides at any time. A goal by Westmeath's Annette Heffernan gave her side a 1-4 to 0-4 lead at the break. Five minutes into the second half, Trish Cuddy put the sides on level terms when she planted the ball in the Westmeath net. The winners drew away with a goal by Eileen Smyth and a further point by Annette Heffernan. Both sides exchanged points before Laois' second goal by Sandra Culleton to leave one point separating the sides with five minutes remaining, but again it was Heffernan who put Westmeath into a two point lead to leave the final score: Westmeath 2-7, Laois 2-5.

Scorers: Westmeath: Annette Heffernan 1-7, Eileen Smyth 1-0.

Laois: Trish Cuddy 1-3, Sandra Culleton 1-0, Karen Cuddy and Therese Keenan 0-1 each.

Westmeath team: Sheila Carroll, Aoife Davitt, Helena Finglas, Olive Weir, Emma Martin, Sarah Weir, Andrea Martin, Catherine Glynn, Eileen Smyth, Annette Heffernan (Capt), Celeste Dermody, Yvette Cully. Subs: Mary Henry for Celeste Dermody, Pauline Hogan for Helena Finglas. Rest of panel: Olivia Curran, Mary Glynn, Alison McCormack, Helan Kearney and Maris Austin.

Laois: Sarah Dunphy, Nicola Ryan, Sharon Palmer, Niamh O'Loughlin, Sinead Collier, Niamh Dowling, Therese Keenan, Patricia Cuddy, Sandra Culleton, Marie Dowling, Karen Cuddy, Paula Mortimer. Sub: Mary Moore, Aoife O'Loughlin, Lorraine Hill, Martina Lyons, Maread Gavin. Referee: Marie Woods, Kildare.

Dublin showed a great improvement when they drew with Leinster junior champions, Carlow in the national junior league played at Ballyboden. Carlow looked much the stronger side in the first half and goals by Nuala Quirke and Jennifer Nevin gave them a



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2-3 to 0-3 lead at the break. Dublin showed great determination in the second half and produced a hat trick of goals, Paula Malcolmson (2) and Louise O'Hara (1).

Dublin should be satisfied with this performance. Final score: Carlow 3-6, Dublin 3-6. Scorers: Carlow: Valerie Crean 0-5, Patricia Stacey, Nuala Quirke and Jennifer Nevin 1-0 each, Mary Coady 0-1.

Dublin: Louise O'Hara 1-4, Paula Malcolmson 2-0, Sonya Byrne and Tanya Allen 0-1 each. Referee: Mary Connor, Louth.

Cork proved too strong for Kilkenny in this national junior league tie played at Ballincollig. The winners led 0-8 to 0-2 at the break. Kilkenny came more into the game in the second half which was more evenly contested. Final score: Cork 1-1, Kilkenny 1-4.

Scorers: Cork: Sinead Cahalane 0-7, Emma Harte 1-2, Niamh O'Reagan and Emer O'Sullivan 0-1 each. Kilkenny: Pauline Comerford 1-2, Orla Ryall and Martina Maher 0-1 each.

Referee: Maura McNicholas, Clare. National Junior League results: Down 7-11, Derry 0-5.

Down scorers: Jennifer Branniff 3-4, Majella Murray 2-0, Mairin McAleenan 0-6, Teresa Burns and Cathy Mulholland 1-0 each, Donna Greeran 0-1.

Derry: Aileen O'Kane 0-3, Shanna McCaul 0-2.

Antrim: 8-15, Tyrone 1-5. Scorers: Antrim: Ann McKee 3-3, Sinead McMullan 2-1, Jane Adams 1-5, Kerri O'Neill 1-4, Karen Coyle 1-0, Una Brady and Mairin Barry 0-1 each. Armagh 3-12, Kildare 1-15.

On Sunday next the semi-finals of the All-Ireland senior club championship take place.

Pearses of Galway, the holders, travel to take on Loughgiel Shamrocks, Antrim. Pearses are a strong outfit fielding the following members of Galway County senior team: Louise Curry, Tracey Laheen, Sharon Glynn, Martina Harkin, Anne Forde and Aine Hilary. The Antrim club are sure to test the champions with the following Antrim County players that won All-Ireland junior championship medals this year: Mary Connolly, Grace McMullan, Caitriona Higgins, Ursula Cutherbertson, Claire McGarry.

However Pearses carry the tag of favourites to reach the final.

In the other semi-final Lisdowney, Kilkenny host last year's beaten finalists, Granagh/Ballingarry, Limerick in what should be a cracker between two teams that seem to be evenly matched. Granagh had an overwhelming victory over London Irish in the quarter-final. They field the following county players who are in top form: Vera Sheehan, Deirdre Sheehan, Eileen O'Brien, Laura Leslie and Kay Bourke. However, Lisdowney who won the title in 1994 may be hard to overcome, parading the following county players: Miriam Holland, Brigid Barnaville, Marina Downey, Ann Downey, Catherine Dunne, Kelly Long and Angela Downey-Browne who retired from the inter-county scene two years ago and is playing to her usual form. It should be a close encounter going down to the wire.

Fixtures: Sunday November 2nd
All-Ireland club championship semi-finals:
At Loughgiel: Loughgiel Shamrocks, Antrim v Pearses, Galway 1.30pm
At Lisdowney: Lisdowney, Kilkenny v Granagh/Ballingarry, Limerick 2pm. NJL at Turin, Westmeath v Offaly 2pm.

James Stephens Camogie Winners - U-16 County Roinn C



Back: Lisa Murray, Eimear Phelan, Angela Power, Laura English, Brianna Campbell, Elaine Murphy, Danielle Shortall, Natasha Hayes, Helena O'Rourke.
Front: Rena McMorrow, Ciara Lawlor, Catherine Purcell, Catherine Delaney, Aoife Neary, Sinead Fitzpatrick, Jane Gibbons, Emma Dooley, Sinead Gorey.

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Bishopstown Camogie Club reap rewards for capturing the Senior County Title

Beaten finalists last year, Bishopstown Camogie Club made no mistake this year as they captured the Senior County Title for the first time beating Fr O'Neills in the final at Caherlag. To mark the occasion the team and officials were guests of Beamish's at their Hospitality Room recently.

Cyril Keane and Michael Barrett were on hand to welcome them while Neil White, Chairman and Trainer thanked the Brewery for their continued support.

(Photos: Mike English)



Vivienne Harris, Bishopstown and Cork Senior Camogie player photographed with her dad Pat at the Beamish and Crawford reception.



Cork U21 hurling captain Dan Murphy, Ballincollig attended the Bishopstown camogie reception with Cora Keohane, the Cork Senior Camogie goalie. Dan had just been honoured with a Jury's Sports Star Award.



Terry McCarthy and Lesley Walsh at Beamish & Crawford Hospitality Room to celebrate Bishopstown's first senior camogie championship win.



Tony and Breda Heffernan admire the County Senior Camogie trophy when Bishopstown Club visited Beamish's Hospitality Room.



Bishopstown and Cork Senior Camogie players Eithne Duggan and Viv Harris photographed at Beamish & Crawford reception to honour the team which brought the first senior title to the club. Included are Neil White, Trainer; Cyril Keane and Michael Barrett, Beamish & Crawford.



Members of the successful Bishopstown Senior Camogie team who won the Senior Championship for the first time this year photographed when they visited Beamish's Brewery.



Clara Healy a member of Bishopstown Senior Camogie team with her parents Mary and Denis at the Beamish & Crawford reception to honour the team which won the Senior Championship for the first time.



Mick Jones, Irene Higgins, Pat Crotty, Jim Collins and Mary Healy at Bishopstown Camogie Club reception at Beamish's.

Na Piarsaigh in potent form as Shamrocks' slip

LOUGHGIEL Shamrocks left their Ulster final form behind them and were relieved to hear the final whistle in this All-Ireland club semi-final yesterday.

Reigning All-Ireland champions Na Piarsaigh were a very strong side and, especially during the first half, physically imposed themselves on the game.

In Sharon Glynn and Anne Forde they had competent and confident attackers who caused too many problems for the Loughgiel defence.

Loughgiel's strongest unit - attack - got little change out of the Connacht side's defence. Ursula Cuthbertson was probably her side's most impressive player on the day, while Grace McMullan went out of the game completely when switched to midfield.

Sharon Glynn had three points on the board after six minutes and also had a 15 metre free spectacularly saved by Imelda Gillan in the home side's goal.

Eventually Grace McMullan sent over a beautiful point from 50 yards, added to by Claire McGarry a minute later. However, Aine Hillary picked up the pack-out and immediately fired over a point.

Anne Forde then took the game by the scruff of the neck with three points in four minutes followed by

an opportunistic goal in the 19th minute after a good run by Sharon Glynn.

Na Piarsaigh led by 1-9 to 0-3 when Grace McMullan finished a mazy solo-run with a fine goal.

But in injury time, Anne Forde put Aine Hillary through for the goal which seemed to kill off Loughgiel's challenge at 2-11 to 1-4 at the break.

Scoring showed up substantially during the second half with Martine Haverly goaling in the 18th minute after Ursula Cuthbertson and Claire McGarry had pulled back a couple of scores.

Frustration crept into the game during the last five minutes, with a couple of the home side lucky to finish the game.

Loughgiel experienced problems in too many areas of the field to make victory a possibility but to their credit they played well during the second half to contain a quite potent attack.

Na Piarsaigh were always in control with Carmel Hannon making a significant contribution in her first game after spending the summer in the USA.

Tracey Laheen was also dominant at the back with Bridget Kilgannon while midfield and attack always looked ready to deliv-

er scores.

Apart from Ursula Cuthbertson, goalie Imelda Gillan and to a lesser extent Rosie Boyle and Grace McMullan, Loughgiel struggled to compete with their opponents.

In the other semi-final Lisdowney of Kilkenny survived a titanic struggle with Limerick's Granagh/Ballingarry to second a 3-15 to 3-13 victory.

Loughgiel Shamrocks: I Gillan, M

Connolly, Clara McGarry, N McCloskey, C Trainor, S McCloskey, Claire McGarry (capt) (0-3, all frees) R Boyle, C Higgins, R Watson, U Cuthbertson (0-2), G McMullan (1-4) Subs: H Connolly (0-1) for R Boyle, Carmel McGarry for Clara McGarry, M McCarry for R Watson.

Na Piarsaigh: L Curry, A Ward, M Harkin, T Laheen, B Kilgannon, V Sweeney, M Glynn (0-1, free) C Hannon, M Haverly (1-0), S Glynn (0-7, five frees), A Hillary (1-1), A Forde (capt) (1-5) Subs: C Deely for M Harkin, M Meehan for V Sweeney.

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Queen's snatch victory from brink of defeat

QUEEN'S camogie side snatched a late, late victory in Dublin on Saturday, after what appeared to be a tactical blunder by UCD.

The 'blunder' handed the Belfast side their second set of points in the Higher Education League.

Leading by seven points and entering the final 10 minutes, UCD chose to make two substitutions.

But Queen's hit a quick couple of goals from Fiona Burke and Jennifer Braniff to sneak the verdict from the jaws of defeat.

The home side physically imposed themselves upon the opening half and, helped by goals from

Mary Coady and Edel Tobin, they were good value for their 2-5 to 1-1 half-time lead.

A couple of frees from Bronagh O'Neill made little impression as Carlow midfielder Coady did the same for UCD.

While the substitutions did have a distinct influence on the result, it must be said that Queen's were the better side during the second half and perhaps deserved more scores before that late points-saving barrage.

Queen's scorers: F Burke 2-0, J Braniff 1-2, B O'Neill 0-3, G Fitzpatrick 0-1. UCD scorers: M Coady 1-4, E Tobin 1-0, A Codd 0-2, G Codd 0-1.

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NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE CONTINUES

The national junior camogie league continues on Sunday next with some interesting ties down for decision. All-Ireland junior champions Antrim have the venue against Down. This should be a sparkling encounter. Both sides have two points from their first outing. Antrim had a convincing win over Tyrone while Down got the upperhand of Derry. The Glensiders are a fast moving side capable of producing lots of fire power. However they will meet with a formidable force in Down who have a star performer in Mairin McAleenan who is sure to get good support from Jennifer Branniff, Sinead McGovern, Majella Murray and Colleen Hynds.

Antrim will be looking to Grace McMullan, Caitriona Higgins, Ann McKee, Mairin Barry and Grainne Connolly to lift the points.

Antrim panel: Karen Coyle, Brenda O'Neill, Mairin Barry, Grainne Connolly, Mary Connolly, Hanah Heatley, Deirdre Heatley, Siobhan McCloskey, Bronagh O'Neill, Clair

McGarry, Grace McMullan, Sinead McMullan, Majella McMullan, Caitriona Higgins, Ann McKee, Ursula Cuthbertson, Oonagh Elliott, Claire Maguire, Carla Doherty, Jane Adams, Ciara Nelson, Denise O'Boyle.

All-Ireland beaten finalists Cork host Clare who are making their debut. The Leesiders are two points up from their game against Kilkenny. This should be a keenly contested affair. When the sides met at this stage of the competition last year Cork coasted to a 7-7 to 1-4 victory and look set to take their second brace of points.

Cork panel: Sandra Ricken, Cliodhna Meaney, Sabrina Buckley, Sinead Buckley, Muireann Harrington, Caoimhe Harrington, Eimear O'Sullivan, Tina Roache, Eleanor Kenneally, Criona Harte, Oonagh O'Donoghue, Geraldine Casey, Helan Kelleher, Emma Harte, Valerie O'Keeffe, Nora Ahearne, Cora Murphy, Karen O'Riordan.

Roscommon travel to near neighbours Galway. This encounter should be close. When they met in the Connacht final earlier this year Galway had just

one point to spare 1-11 to 0-13. When they met in the league last year Galway collected the points 3-7 to 1-4. Both sides are making their debut. Home venue may favour Galway.

Wexford make their debut when they show their hospitality to Kildare. The Lilywhites have already dropped two points to Armagh and will be anxious to gain victory here. Wexford had a good run in the league last year and were defeated in the semi-final by Down. They have quite a good side who were knocked out in the semi-final of the Leinster Championship by Carlow.

They have noted performers in their star forward Bernie Higgins, Bernie Holohan, Margaret Kelly, Emma Carroll, Rosemary Breen. The Kildare team which includes six Treacy sisters Melanie, Aisling, Kate, Naoimi, Ruth and Reiltin will have to pull out all stops to overcome the home side.

Limerick and Kilkenny tussle it out for the points at a Kilkenny venue when the Limerick ladies will be hoping to get off on a winning note. Kilkenny have dropped two points and will have to fight hard to stay in the running.

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St Finbarrs who won the U11 Camogie League beating Brian Dillons in the final.

Picture: Mick English

Cork and Clare meet in camogie

THE Cork junior camogie team set out in quest of their second brace of National League points when they take on Clare at Newtownshandrum.

In local championships the top clash will be the U 16 "A" Championship game between Agabullogue and St. Finbarr's. Defending champions, Agabullogue, will be spearheaded by Cork minors Sinead Buckley and Mary Enneaguess, whilst St. Finbarr's will look to Bernadine Maher. Linda O'Connell and Catherine McCarthy.

In the second U-16 "A" clash Glen Rovers travel to Barryroe to take on the home side and here Barryroe will look mainly to Jennifer O'Leary to take the honours for them, whilst Glen Rovers will call on Rebecca Williams and Sara McSweeney.

In one U-18 Championship game down for the weekend Eire Og and Ballygarvan meet at Owens.

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Junior National League: Cork 2-9, Eire Og 0-5. U-18 Championship: Eire Og 4-5, Ballygarvan 1-5. U-16 "A" Championship: Agabullogue 1-4, St. Finbarr's 0-3. Barryroe 4-5, Glen Rovers 3-1. U-16 "B" Championship: Mayfield 2-1, Clonra 1-0. St. Catherine's 3-4, Kilmistin 0-3. U-18 "B" League: Douglas 3-10, Kilmistin 1-0. Seandún U-13 League: Free-Down Rovers 4-2, St. Finbarr's 0-0. Seandún U-11 League: Free-Down 4-0, Brian Dillons 3-0.

Marina proved to be a winner

TOTAL commitment was the order of the day for what was the camogie game of the year when Lisdowney hung on for dear life to reach their second All-Ireland club final.

This was victory for guts, commitment and skill. No hurling games played this year could hold a candle to this All-Ireland semi-final at Lisdowney on Sunday.

For the attendance of six to seven hundred people, this game turned out to be the sporting fixture of the weekend. On hurling expert admitted he had the pleasure of witnessing the greatest camogie player of all times in full flight.

The remarkable Angela Downey scored two terrific goals. Her pace, peerless wrist work and a ceaseless will and need to compete are the hallmarks of this seasoned campaigner.

"The commitment shown by every member of the panel is the real reason for our success to date", Angela Downey insisted.

"The pitch was a credit to John Mackey and the hurling club, I had eleven players around me willing to die for the club. We had the best supporters any team could wish for, and we weren't going to let them down."

Lisdowney opened the scoring after Ann Marie Hughes was fouled. Ann Downey blasted the free to the net. Eileen O'Brien and Ann Downey exchanged points from frees.

Marina Downey scored a point from a 30 metre free and Grannagh/Ballingarry replied with a goal and a point from Kay Burke. Marina Downey and Jean Cullinan exchanged points to leave the scores 1-3 to 1-3 after 20 minutes.

Eileen O'Brien scored a goal from play and two points from frees. Immediately, Angela Downey caught the ball in flight, and blasted to the net. Both teams exchanged 3 points which left the score at half time 2-8 to 2-6 in favour of Grannagh.

The losers got off to a great start on the resumption with a goal from Kay Burke. Lisdowney replied with three points in quick succession. The play switched from end to end with both teams swapping points.

Again it was Angela Downey who came to the rescue. She slammed home her second goal, which was even better than her first and from a very acute angle. This left the score at 3-10 to 3-11 in favour of Lisdowney.

An entertaining climax followed. Both teams served up a great display. A point from Angela Downey and one from sister Ann left the score 3-11 to 3-13, with Lisdowney ahead.

Eileen O'Brien replied with two frees to level the scores. Grannagh then went ahead with a point from Kay Burke.

Lisdowney never dropped their heads. Ann Downey pointed a free to level scores once more. Grannagh got two very important scoreable frees, which were missed. Marina Downey finished off with a point from a 30.

Miriam Holland could not be faulted for any of the shots that beat her. When Lisdowney went behind from the first goal, Miriam's long puck out found Angela, who restored the confidence in the home side. Full back Bridget Barnaville in the second half let nothing pass. Barnaville swept all in front of her and had an excellent game.

Grannagh/Ballingarry must have been wondering where had Marina Downey sprung from in the second half. Non-existent by her own high standards in the first half, Marina gave a display in the second that will keep people talking for the next six months. Downey has extraordinary skills and an ability to score on the run that is unparalleled.

Lisdowney needed that huge performance from Marina to see them through to another day. Captain Ann Marie Hughes was asked by team trainer to hound and hassle to the very end. Ann Marie fought tooth and nail for every ball and though carrying a badly torn hamstring finished game and scored a vital point for good measure.

Catherine Dunne was asked to take over at centre forward. Catherine, like every other player found that Grannagh centre back hard to handle. What Barnaville did at one end for Lisdowney, Mairead Cagney was doing for Grannagh at the other. But Catherine stuck to her task and a inch perfect pass to Angela resulted in Lisdowney getting their third and vital goal. When Lisdowney were looking for a leader, Ann Whelan was the person ready to take on the responsibility.

Once moved onto Cagney five minutes into the second half, Mairead really knew she was in a battle. Whelan from the centre forward ran all of 40 yards to hold out the Lisdowney defence deep into the second half when they were struggling to come to terms with the star studded Limerick side. Again, as so often in the past her unselfish play set Angela up for vital scores and Anna added one herself to complete a wonderful day's work. What can be said of the invincible Downey-Browne. Her never say die attitude, her ability to turn half chanced into vital scores and her 100% work rate can only but be admired.

Vera Sheenan had much of her own way during the first half. On the resumption Lisdowney had given the go ahead to the young Sandra Gleeson to hassle the Limerick girl to the point of desperation. This Sandra duly did. She never gave Sheenan an inch, so much so that Vera made less of an impact in the second half.

Panel: M. Holland, B. Barnaville, O. Donnelly, F. Shore, Kelly Long, M. Downey, A. Downey, C. Tallis, A. Downey-Browne, A. Whelan, C. Dunne, A. M. Hughes (captain). Subs: C. Tallis for Sandra Gleeson, A. Holland, A. Dunne, L. Fogarty, D. Delaney, D. Morrissey, T. Rowe.

Scorers for Lisdowney: M. Downey (0-7, 6 frees), Angela (2-3), Ann Downey (1-3, 1-1 frees), Anna Whelan (0-1), A. M. Hughes (0-1).



Ann Marie Hughes in action in last Sunday's All-Ireland Club semi-final

Wing backs Fran Shore and Olivia Donnelly got a baptism of fire. They coped admirably. Olivia was up against Grannagh's best player, Eileen O'Brien, who had scored 2-5 in each of their two previous games. On Sunday Eileen was held to 1-1 from play.

Kelly Long at centre back was a revelation. This fine young player, though only 17 is well on her way to being a top class defender.

Claire Tallis really rallied well playing in her first All-Ireland and semi-final. She did everything asked of her.

Ann Downey started at centre centre, moved to centre forward and finished wing centre field scorer of 1-3, her second point in the last five minutes gave Lisdowney the will to stay fighting.



Into All-Ireland. . . Lisdowney, who defeated Grannagh/Ballingarry (Limerick) at Lisdowney on Sunday to qualify for the All-Ireland Senior Club Camogie Championship. In front: (from left) Claire Tallis, Bridget Barnaville, Fran Shore, Ann Marie Hughes (captain), Marina Downey. Behind: Kelly Long, Olivia Donnelly, Ann Downey, Angela Downey, Catherine Dunne, Miriam Holland, Anna Whelan.

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Deputy Lord Mayor of Cork Tom O'Driscoll, Bishop John Buckley pictured at a victory dinner of the Cork Camogie Board with officers and senior, junior and minor captains.

Intermediate team are off to Clare

THE Cork Intermediate team will be in action on Sunday next when they take on Clare in the Munster Semi final at Cratloe at 12.30.

At local level the Under 16'A' and 'B' Championships continue with a number of interesting clashes listed while the Under 18 championship also gets off to a start with three first round games down for decision.

The Cork Intermediate team defeated by Tipperary in this season's All Ireland Intermediate Championship series will be hoping to advance on Sunday next when they take on Clare at Cratloe in the Munster semi final.

In recent weeks they have had two successful outings in the National Junior League and consequently should be in good shape for Sunday's clash.

While their team has not been announced it should include regular players in goalkeeper Leona Nolan, Alison Dilworth, Enda Dineen, Linda O'Sullivan, Niamh O'Regan, Criona Harte and Sinead Cahalane.

At local level we should have some interesting clashes in the Under 16'A' championship.

In the first of these Aghabullogue are at home to Newtownshandrum and here the home side will be favoured to advance.

They are an experienced side spearheaded by players like Sinead Buckley, Mary Eneguss, Linda Roman and Sheila Crowley and if these girls play to form they should



Glen Rovers under 13 B captain Alison Burke pictured with selectors Lindan O'Sullivan and Jackie Moynihan.

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have too much in hand for a Newtown side threat will be looking to players like Caroline Giltinan and Niamh Bowles to carry them through.

In the second game Courcy Rovers are at home to Barryroe and her the Ballinasphalt based side who will be spearheaded by Rachel Moloney and Sarah Hayes

should have the edge but they certainly would not want to underestimate a Barryroe side.

Fixtures: Sunday, November 16, Munster Intermediate Championship semi final; Cork v Clare at Cratloe at 12.30.

Under 16'A' Championship, Aghabullogue v Newtownshandrum at Aghabullogue at 12.30; Courcy Rovers v Barryroe at Courcy Rovers at

11.30; Bishopstown v Newcestown at Newcestown at 12.30. Under 16'B' Championship, Elre Og v St. Catherine's at Caherlag at 2.30;

Fr. O'Neills v Mayfield at Mayfield at 2.30. Under 16 'B' League quarter final, Carrigtwohill v Cobh at Carrigtwohill at 12 noon. Under 18 Championship, Killeagh v Delaneys at Delaneys; Tracton v Brian Dillons at Tracton; Bandon v Ballinascorthy at

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LISDOWNEY ADVANCE TO CLUB FINAL

Linster senior club champions Lisdowney qualified for the All-Ireland final when they got the upperhand of last years beaten finalists Granagh/Ballingarry, Limerick in an exciting semi-final played at Lisdowney. This was an excellent encounter producing lots of fire power all the way through and in the end it was a great victory for the Kilkenny club Lisdowney who last appeared in a club championship final in 1994 when they defeated Glen Rovers, Cork.

Angela Downey/Browne produced her usual excellent form and was a thorn in her opponents side notching 2-3 of her team's tally. The first half was a ding dong battle. Goals by Granagh's Kay Bourke and Eileen O'Brien gave them a lead of 2-8 to 2-6 at the break, with Lisdowney's goals coming from the Downey sisters Ann and Angela.

The second half continued to be an edge of the seat affair with further goals by Granagh's Kay Bourke and well taken points by Eileen O'Brien. At the end of the third quarter Angela Downey grabbed her second goal while Marina Downey and Ann Downey picked off some valuable points. It was score for score and was anyone's game up to the final whistle

when Lisdowney gained a two point lead. Final score: Lisdowney 3-15, Granagh 3-13. Scorers: Lisdowney: Angela Downey 2-3, Marina Downey 0-7 (0-6f), Ann Downey 1-3 (1-1f), Annmarie Hughes and Anna Whelan 0-1 each.

Granagh: Eileen O'Brien 1-8 (1-7f), Kay Bourke 2-2, Jean Cullinane, Vera Sheehan and Laura Leslie 0-1 each. Referee: Biddy Phillips, Tipperary.

All-Ireland club champions Na Piarsaigh, Galway coasted into the final with a good win over Loughgiel Shamrocks, Antrim in the other semi-final at Loughgiel. The champions were much more the experienced side. Goals by Ann Forde and Aine Hillary gave them a 2-11 to 1-4 lead at the break. The second half was more closely contested with the winners notching 1-2 to Loughgiel's 0-3. Final score: Na Piarsaigh 3-14 Loughgiel 1-7.

Scorers: Na Piarsaigh: Ann Forde 2-4, Sharon Glynn 0-7 (0-5f), Aine Hillary 1-1, Michelle Glynn and Martina Haverly 0-1 each.

Loughgiel Shamrocks: Grace McMullan 1-1, Claire McGarry 0-3f, Ursula Cuthbertson 0-2, Helena Connolly 0-1. Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin.

Offaly collected their first brace of

points in the National junior league with a win over Westmeath at Cullion. It was an evenly contested first half with Offaly having one point to spare at the break. The winners went into an eight point lead early in the second half. Goals by Westmeath's Annette Heffernan and Andrea Martin left two points separating the sides.

Michelle Davis was Offaly's scoring ace and finished the game with two further points from frees. Final score: Offaly 2-11 Westmeath 3-4.

Scorers: Offaly: Michelle Davis 2-9 (1-6f), Elaine Gleeson and Honor Kinsella 0-1 each. Westmeath: Annette Heffernan 1-3 (0-2f), Andrea Martin 1-0, Celeste Dermody 0-1.

Referee: Oliver Ryan, Laois

On Sunday next there are just two National Junior league fixtures. Dublin travel to take on Armagh. The Liffesiders who are in the process of team building got a good result in their first outing when they drew with Leinster champions Carlow.

When the teams met at this stage of the competition last year the Orchard County collected the points 2-10 to 2-2. However, Armagh will be stronger this year as they have recently been regraded from senior to intermediate. Their intermediate team are eligible to

take part in both senior and junior leagues. They already have two points and may prove too strong for Dublin.

In the other league tie Cavan play host to Westmeath at Kiltaleck. This will be Cavan's first outing in the competition. It is Westmeath's first time to take part in the competition for a number of years. They have a young squad who captured the Leinster league title recently. However they dropped two points to Offaly in their first outing in the National league. Cavan's experience may shade it.

Congratulations to Cork Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior champions who shared with Cork under 21 hurlers the Jury's Sports Award for September.



Antrim - All-Ireland Junior Camogie Champions 1997.

Cork come good in second half

CORK'S intermediate camogie team reached the county's fifth Munster championship final for 1997 when they had a comfortable 2-10 to 0-4 victory over Clare at Cratloe yesterday.

Holders Cork worked hard in the opening half and led 0-6 to 0-3 at the break.

Two second half goals from Caoimhe Harrington and Emma Harte killed any chance of a Clare revival. Cork continued to dominate in the final quarter and added four further points. Clare's reply was a solitary point. Cork meet Tipperary in the final on Sunday week.



Clare - All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie finalists for 1997

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PREPARE TO RETAIN ALL-IRELAND CLUB CAMOGIE CROWN

While the rest of the country watches with interest as the provincial hurling and football club championships unfold, Ballymacward in Co Galway prepares to host the All-Ireland Club Camogie final.

Far from the public eye, (as most ladies competitions are) the local side and defending champions, Pearse's will battle it out with Lisdowney of Co Kilkenny, who boast the talents of the Downey twins, Anne and Angela, who together have secured 24 Leinster camogie medals with Kilkenny. The hosts, meanwhile, have the services of Sharon and Michelle Glynn, and Ann Ryan Forde, as well as Treacy Laheen, Martina Harkin, Aine Hillary and Louise Curry, some of Galway's most revered camogie players.

With Pearse's All-Ireland title at stake the interest in the local area is understandably high. "The team has been together for six years now and they have won four county finals in that time," says team manager Mick Kennedy who also holds the prestigious positions of Chairman of the Galway Camogie Board and Secretary of the Connacht Council.

"We have got a very good team. They are a very ambitious bunch of players and even though it was hard to get them focused at the start of the year, they have performed very well and worked hard to get here."

Knowing each other for so long can take its toll, enthusiasm drains and players can fatigue. Pearse's have dominated Galway and Connacht camogie for the past number of years, having claimed four Connacht titles on top of their county accolades. In 1992, they went on to meet with Rathnure, the Wexford and Leinster champions, in

their first All-Ireland semi-final, but were beaten. In 1994, Glen Rovers of Cork accounted for them. Last year, however, Pearse's met Ballinagarry of Limerick in the All-Ireland final, 3-15 to 3-13, to claim their first ever All-Ireland club title. This year's All-Ireland semi-final was played against the Ulster champions, Loughgiel Shamrocks of Co. Antrim. Travelling to Ulster, via the club's long-time main sponsors Greaney Coach Hire, the team was optimistic that a second successive All-Ireland final appearance was on the cards.

Their 13-point drubbing of Loughgiel proved that taking their crown from them will be less than easy for Lisdowney, however. Mick Kennedy is not ready to assume victory.

"Lisdowney will be far from easy to beat," he insists, agreeing that camogie is as competitive and as skilful as its brother sport, hurling. "They have got a number of very good players, the Downey's especially, so we have to pay close attention to them and keep our concentration throughout the game."

"You have to take every game as it comes. The next game is the one you have to win and to that you have to think positively about your own strengths. That is how we approached this campaign."

Without doubt, the occasion is causing considerable excitement in Castleblakney a small village in Galway, born on the spot where four parishes meet - Mountbellew, Caltra, Menlough and Ballymacward. The area is predominantly hurling though the football region of the county does not lie very far north. Hurling, however, is the main activity in Castleblakney and take up most of the natives' free time.



The Pearse's senior camogie squad - defending All-Ireland Club Champions.

Gerry McDonagh returned home after a career in the Forestry Department which led him to several counties - Cork, Donegal, Wicklow and Kildare - but on being offered a transfer to Dublin, he

deserve to be All-Ireland champions."

Gerry's words are those which are shared by many in the camogie world. There are 33 camogie teams in Galway and eight of them figure amongst the favourites each year to claim the county title. Pearse's has been consistently among those eight.

Victory on November 23 will bring enormous pride to the village of Castleblakney, and will act as a spur for their brother hurlers to attain similar accolades sometime in the future. Perhaps Castleblakney will emerge as the hurling capital of the West in place of Athenry.



The Pearse's senior team who won the 1997 All-Ireland Pan Celtic in Ennis last April.

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LINDA AT THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE



Cork camogie team captain Linda Mellerick at the victory dinner in the Imperial Hotel.
Picture: Richard Mills



On target... with style and accuracy, Marina Downey sends over a point for Lisdowney.

Photo: Tom Brett



DOWN

Memory lane...

ST Aloysius is one of the best-known secondary schools in Cork and has a proud history on the sporting front. This picture shows the girls who won the junior and senior camogie titles back in 1957. Does this photo bring back any memories for you? Drop us a line and share your reminiscences with other readers. (Picture sales ref: 536J)



The victorious girls from the famous Glen Rovers who won the Seandun Under-13 Camogie League recently, beating their rivals from St Finbarrs in the final.

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MARINA DOWNEY... a player who has starred for club and county over the past few years. This year she captained Kilkeny seniors to victory in the Leinster championship and inspired her team-mates by her own sparkling performance. By her scoring talents she was instrumental in bringing Lisdowney to the All-Ireland Club Senior Championship final. Her scoring prowess was best exemplified by her performance in the Leinster club final when she scored a massive 2-12.

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On Sunday next, Na Piarsaigh, Galway and Lisdowney, Kilkenny meet in the All-Ireland senior club championship final at Ballymacward. This will be the 34th All-Ireland final and the first time for those two clubs to meet. Clubs from Galway and Kilkenny met on four previous occasions. In 1973, Oranmore defeated St Pauls. St Pauls won on the other occasions in '76 against Athenry, '88 against St Marys, Glenamaddy and '89 against Mullagh. Lisdowney's Angela and Ann Downey and Noelle O'Driscoll were members of the famous St Pauls club which leads the club championship roll of honour with 8 titles. Angela captained St Pauls in 1974 and holds six All-Ireland club medals, five with St Pauls and one with Lisdowney. Her sister Ann, has seven, six with St Pauls and one with Lisdowney. Lisdowney won their first Leinster title in 1993 and gained their only All-Ireland title in 1994, defeating Glen Rovers, Cork 1-9 to 1-15. The club

boasts many other county players: Marina Downey, Brigid Barnaville, Kelly Long, Fran Shore and Annemarie Hughes. Four Galway clubs have carved their names on the Cup, Oranmore, Athenry, Mullagh and Na Piarsaigh who won the title last year at their first attempt. Na Piarsaigh was set up in 1977 and have many Feile na nGael successes to their credit. They are always well represented on county teams, with six players on the senior: Louise Curry, Sharon Glynn, Martina Harkin, Tracey Laheen, Aine Hillary and Ann Forde. All-Ireland minor medal holder Veronica Sweeney was awarded Player of the Match in this year's All-Ireland minor final. Mairead Meehan, Orla Kilkenny and Collette Deeley all from Na Piarsaigh were also prominent members of that victorious side.

In the run up to the final Na Piarsaigh defeated Oran, Roscommon, 5-1 to 0-1 in the Connacht Final and Loughgiel Shamrocks, Antrim 3-14 to 1-7 in the All-Ireland semi-final. Ann Forde scored 2-4, Sharon Glynn 0-7 and five other players scored.

Lisdowney achieved Leinster honours with a 6-17 to 2-7 win over Camross, Laois and in the All-Ireland semi-final had just two points to spare over Granagh/Ballingarry, Limerick 3-15 to 3-13. Angela Downey scored 2-3, Marina Downey 0-7 and five players scored altogether. With the sides producing almost identical form in those two outings, it should be a closely contested decider on Sunday.

Wexford got off to a good start in the National Junior League when they had two points to spare over Kildare in a keenly contested encounter played at Buncloody. It was a game of close

marking with neither sides inclined to give much away. After a low scoring first half, Kildare led 0-3 to 0-2 at the break. An early second half goal by Siobhan Gahan put her side in front. This was followed by some well taken points by Rosemary Breen. Kildare's Elaine Miley crashed home a goal on the 20th minute, however, Wexford made better use of their chances to hold on to a two point winning margin. Final score: Wexford 1-9 Kildare 1-7. Scorers: Wexford - Rosemary Breen 0-5, Michelle O'Leary 0-4, Siobhan Gahan 1-0. Kildare - Elaine Miley 1-3, Aisling Treacy 0-4. Referee - Martina Kelly, Wicklow.

Limerick proved too strong for Kilkenny in this National Junior League encounter played at Bennettsbridge. The winners led 2-8 to 0-3 at the break.

Final score: Limerick 6-17 Kilkenny 1-7. Scorers: Limerick - Pauleen McCarthy 3-3, Vera Sheehan 1-5, Eileen O'Brien 0-7, Deirdre Sheehan 1-2, Claire Walshe 1-0. Kilkenny - Martina Maher 1-5, Mary Ellen Butler 0-2. Referee - Ray Quigley, Wexford.

Down collected their second brace of points in the National Junior League when they coasted to victory over Antrim at Loughgiel. The first half was evenly enough contested with only 0-3 separating the sides at the break, Down 0-7 Antrim 0-4.

However, the Mourne girls stamped their authority on proceedings in the second half to run out easy winners on a score of 4-12 to 1-7.

Scorers: Down - Mairin McAleenan 1-9, Sinead McGovern, Joan Henderson and Jennifer Braniff 1-0 each, Ciara McGovern, Pauleen Green and Majella Murray 0-1 each. Antrim - Claire McGarry 0-6, Ann Mee 1-0, Oonagh Brady 0-1.

Other National Junior League results: Galway 3-6 Roscommon 0-5. Scorers: Galway - Miriam Lynch 2-0, Sandra Tannian 1-0, Shauna Ward and Lourda Kavanagh 0-2 each. Roscommon - Lizzie Glennon 0-3, Maeve Healy and Bernice Kelly 0-1 each.

Cork 2-9
Clare 0-5



Lisdowney's Angela Downey is bidding for further All-Ireland glory.

CORK CAMOGIE TEAM



CORK ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS.
FRONT ROW LEFT TO RIGHT; MAGS FINN, MARY O'CONNOR, CORA KEOHANE, LINDA MELLERICK, DENISE CRONIN, LYNN DUNLEA, FIONA O'DRISCOLL. BACK ROW LEFT TO RIGHT; EITHNE DUGGAN, SINEAD O'CALLAGHAN, VIVIENNE HARRIS, IRENE O'KEEFE, SANDIE FITZGIBBON.

Lisdowney aim for fairytale ending

TWO words, more than any others, sum up the Pearse's team. They are big and strong. Lisdowney travel to Ballymacward, Galway on Sunday for the All-Ireland Club camogie final knowing they are really up against it.

When and little and large meet at 2 p.m., the winners at the end of the day will be the team with the biggest heart. An awesome task lies ahead for this small Lisdowney side, but people can rest assured they won't go down without a fight.

The home sides' victory over the fancied Limerick girls in the semi-final was a victory for commitment and a never-say-die attitude. Three times during that game Lisdowney had to come back from a five point deficit.

Each time they kept plugging away, taking their points and willing one another on. Sunday's game will be completely different. First to the ball will be the order of the day.

Lisdowney are under no illusions. This is going to be a battle royal.

But while Pearse's may have the advantage in

strength and height, what of the Lisdowney girls? They know they have a huge number of miles clocked up on the training ground.

They have the competence and effectiveness to last the distance and go further if required. Lisdowney will travel as underdogs to meet club All-Ireland champions Pearse's, but if lady luck is on their side, who knows.

Six stars

Pearse's have no less than six players from the Galway side that lost to Cork in the All-Ireland in September. Their most famous player, Sharon Glynn scored 2-12 against Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Along with Glynn, Pearse's have goalie Louise Curry, Tracy Laheen, Martina Harkin and Ann Forde, along with Aine Hillary and Carmel Hannon. A star studded side.

Lisdowney know that it is their 12 plus subs who can win the day. The pressure for victory will not be placed on any one individual.

All year the team has played as a unit, each helping out the other when the need arises. Indeed, the Lis-

downey girls who played for Kilkenny against Galway in August won't want to be on the receiving end of another defeat.

The team for Sunday's clash is expected to be the same as that which defeated Limerick in the semi-finals three weeks ago. Lisdowney still have a number of injury problems, and will almost definitely be forced to line out without Aine Dunne, who is struggling with a back injury. Her strength against Pearse's will be a huge loss.

Clare Tallis, Sandra Gleeson and Lizzy Fogarty have all been putting in a great effort in training. Who will finally get the nod to start remains to be seen.

Against Grannagh-Ballingarry, Clare gave her all for the first half hour and battled hard against the experienced Vera Sheehan, while Sandra played her heart out when introduced at half time. Not much separated these two promising players.

What Lizzy Fogarty lacks in speed, she most definitely has in strength, and strength, along with simple ground hurling, could well be the order of the day.

Selectors Noelle O'Driscoll, Kevin Kavanagh and

Adrian Finan will have a lot of soul searching and important decisions to make before they come up with the starting 12. For the seven who don't start, it will be a major disappointment, but, as always they too will be ready to enter the fray whenever the call comes.

Proud

Miriam Holland, who lines out in goal, is the proud holder of two club All-Ireland medals, one of which she won with St. Paul's. Her experience is of incalculable value to Lisdowney.

Ann and Angela Downey each have seven club All-Ireland. They, along with Olivia Donnelly, Anna Whelan and Marina Downey could spring a surprise.

With the array of talent like that in your side, you can be sure that Lisdowney will fight tooth and nail to capture the title they so gloriously won in 1994.

It is hard to go against Pearse's. They don't seem to be winning their matches as easily as they would have liked.

But Lisdowney will not be lured into a feeling of false security. They know they are up against a formidable side.

Lisdowney's back line of Olivia, Brigid Barnaville, Kelly Long and Fran Shore have all vindicated their selection so far in the campaign. No more could be asked of them.

They gave their all in the semi-final, and one last whole-hearted effort is all that will be asked of them.

While Catherine Dunne's game may not be on of scoring, rather providing others with vital passes, Catherine will know she has a lot more to offer her side. Sunday could well be her day. Her fitness has never been higher, her ability to side step any opponent, big or small is one of her strong points.

Greatest year

After a run of impressive performances for club and county, Marina Downey can look back on '97 as being her greatest year on the playing field. The sparrow-like Avonmore employee has worked hard to overcome numerous setbacks from back injury to hamstring strain, and it has paid dividends.

Her alertness and vigilance will once again be called on.

Ann Downey can be a key player. The entrepreneurial of the Downey twins will consistently instill in her side the daunting task that lies ahead. The bigger the test, the more Downey will push her side forward.

Up front Anna Whelan will act as commissioner of operations. Along with Angela Downey-Browne, she will lead by example.

Anna's work rate has been exemplary. Her significant contribution to Lisdowney since her return to camogie last year has been of incalculable value.

Angela Downey has, after a frustrating start to the season, found her form. Another belligerent display will settle her side nicely.

Captain Ann Marie Hughes did all that was asked of her in the semi-final. She fought tooth and nail for every ball. One last rousing performance from Ann Marie could make all the difference.

Ann Holland, Deirdre Delaney, Deirdre Morrissey and Teresa Rowe have all played their part in Lisdowney's success story. All are winners of junior and senior county championship medals this year.

Team trainer Adrian Finan has only the height of praise for his charges.

"The level of commitment has been momentous. The girls have done everything we have asked of them."

"Their display against Limerick was excellent. Against the small Limerick side, our game plan worked well. Sunday, we will have a completely new set of ideas. We will have to be prepared to take some hard knocks, and we have to be decisive."

Lisdowney know that bigger doesn't necessarily mean better.

Lisdowney: M. Holland, B. Barnaville, O. Donnelly, F. Shore, K. Long, A. Downey, M. Downey, C. Dunne, A. Whelan, A. Downey-Browne, A. M. Hughes (captain), C. Tallis, L. Fogarty, S. Gleeson, A. Dunne, A. Holland, D. Delaney, D. Morrissey, T. Rowe



In All-Ireland... the Lisdowney team who play Pearse's, Galway in the All-Ireland club camogie final at Ballymacward, Co. Galway, on Sunday next. In front (from left): Deirdre Delaney, Claire Tallis, Bridget Barnaville, Fran Shore, Ann Marie Hughes (captain), Marina Downey, Anna Whelan, Noelle O'Driscoll (selector), Kevin Kavanagh (selector). Behind: Sandra Gleeson, Adrian Finan (trainer), Theresa Rowe, Aine Dunne, Kelly Long, Olivia Donnelly, Ann Downey, Angela Downey-Browne, Catherine Dunne, Miriam Holland, Lizzy Fogarty, Ann Holland, Deirdre Morrissey. Photo: Tom Breen

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County stars can inspire Pearses girls to retain All-Ireland senior title

—by Ciaran Tierney—

IF IT is truly a measure of a great side that they should be able to retain a national crown, then Pearses still have a lot to prove when they bid to hold onto their All-Ireland Senior Camogie title against Rathdowney of Kilkenny at Ballymacward on Sunday (2 p.m.).

Just one year after the brightest day in the club's history, Pearses will be keen to prove that they have not lost the hunger which saw them pick up the title for the first time in history when they host the star-studded Kilkenny champions.

It helps, too, that they are bidding to retain their coveted title on their own Ballymacward pitch — no easy task against a side which features the legendary Downey sisters, Ann and Angela, plus their cousin and current Kilkenny star, Marina.

The game also offers county stars Sharon Glynn, Martina Harkin, Louise Curry, Tracey Laheen, and Ann Forde a perfect opportunity to put Galway's heart-breaking All-Ireland final defeat in September behind them.

All five were members of the Galway senior team who lost the county's first ever title to Cork at Croke Park in September, a setback which perhaps affected their approach to the early rounds of the club championship.

But team manager Michael Kennedy, who guided Pearses to the ultimate prize exactly 12

months ago, is adamant that their minds are now firmly focused on putting two titles back-to-back for the club.

"It was hard enough to get them going again this year," admitted Kennedy this week. "Every one of our team have worn a county jersey of some description, but the five members of the county senior team found it hard enough to get back into it after the All-Ireland final."

But Kennedy has assembled a committed panel of players, who also have the benefit of that narrow victory (1-8 to 2-3) over Co. Limerick side Granagh-Ballingarry in the club final last year. It was a measure of their character that they survived a late flurry from the Munster side before beating them on their home ground.

Sunday's team features just one change from the history-making 1996 side, with young Veronica Sweeney coming in at midfield to replace Colette Deeley. She will line-out alongside Michelle Glynn and Carmel Hannon.

They have plenty of strength on the bench, as well, with both Deeley and forward Mairead

Meehan ready to come into the action at any stage. "The girls are really flying now in training," said Kennedy. "The bite is in them and they know that they have got to dig in on Sunday."

One of Pearses' main problems this year is that they had no real test on their way to the final, whereas Rathdowney had all their reserves tested when they beat off Granagh-Ballingarry by 3-15 to 3-13 in a high-scoring All-Ireland semi-final.

By way of contrast, Pearses cruised through the county championship and were not tested at all by Loughgill Shamrocks of Antrim, who they saw off by 3-14 to 1-7 in their semi-final.

Aisling Ward and Bridget Kilgannon played superbly in defence for Pearses in that game two weeks ago, while the long-serving Anne Forde (1-6) and Aine Hillery (1-1) excelled in attack for the champions.

History favours the Kilkenny club, for whom Angela and Ann Downey have won eight All-Ireland titles with St. Paul's, before breaking out to form the new Rathdowney club just five years ago.

But last year's historic breakthroughs for both Galway and Pearses should have banished any lingering inferiority complex in the county, while the Galway minor side also came up with the goods by retaining their title this year.

It is not as though Pearses are spoilt for success, though, as the bitter memories of All-Ireland semi-final defeats in 1992 and '94 still linger. Complacency is unlikely to be a factor against a Rathdowney side with such a strong pedigree, but the home side will be hugely disappointed if they fail to retain the top club prize in the land in their own back yard on Sunday.

Pearses: L. Curry; A. Ward; M. Harkin, T. Laheen, B. Kilgannon; V. Sweeney, M. Glynn, C. Hannon; M. Haverly, S. Glynn, A. Hillery; A. Forde (capt.). Substitutes: S. Ward, C. Deeley, A. Burke, M. Meehan.

Pearses Galway 4-6
Lisdowney Kilkenny 2-5

PEARSEs retained the All-Ireland club Camogie title in an exciting final played in dreadful conditions at Ballymacward, Co. Galway yesterday. Pearses' rising star Sharon Glynn scored a third minute free but the Cats replied ten minutes later with a goal by Angela Downey. Aine Hillery hit goals after 18 and 29 minutes to help Pearses lead 3-3 to 1-1 at the break. Lisdowney hit back, this time through Anne Downey, but the crucial goal came 12 minutes from time through Martina Haverly.

Scorers: Pearses: S. Glynn 1-4, A. Hillery 2-0, M. Haverly 1-0, M. Glynn 0-2; Lisdowney: Anne Downey, Angela Downey, 1-1 each, M. Downey 0-3.

PEARSEs: L. Curry, A. Ward, M. Harkin, T. Laheen, B. Kilgannon, V. Sweeney, M. Glynn, C. Hannon, A. Hillery, S. Glynn, M. Haverly, A. Forde (capt.). Sub: C. Deeley for Harkin (54 mins). LISDOWNEY: M. Holland, F. Shore, B. Barnville, K. Long, O. Donnelly, M. Downey, A. Downey, C. Dunne, AM. Hughes (capt.), L. Fogarty, Angela Downey, A. Whelan. Subs: S. Gleeson for Fogarty (25 mins), A. Dunne for Hughes (53 mins). Ref: Aine Derham (Dublin).

BRAVE LISDOWNEY GO DOWN FIGHTING

Na Piersaigh 4-6
Lisdowney 2-5

THE need to throw caution to the wind in a bid to pull the match out of the fire blew up in the faces of brave Lisdowney in this tough All-Ireland club senior camogie final at Ballymacward on Sunday.

Galway and defending all-Ireland champions, Na Piersaigh were the bigger, stronger and better team.

But they were under severe pressure deep in the final quarter when the Cats dragged themselves back into the tie.

There was only a goal in it, and the losers were throwing everything forward in a bid to break Na Piersaigh.

Then the champions showed real class. Carmel Hannon dashed a long way up the field on a solo run.

She passed to captain, Ann Forde who drew the cover and placed Martina Haverly in the clear.

Kept composure

In a one-on-one against goalie Miriam Holland, the Galway girl kept her composure and palmed the ball confidently into the net. That well worked goal left the score at 4-4 to 2-4 and the visitors chance was gone.

In dreadful weather, with driving wind and rain, the teams produced a good standard of play.

Na Piersaigh looked the better team from the start, although it was Lisdowney who opened the scoring with a point from a free by Ann Downey.

The winners had a brace of points in reply from Michelle Glynn. They were winning the midfield battle, and they looked really threatening.

In the seventh minute Na Piersaigh goaled through star player, Sharon Glynn to open out a 1-2 to 0-1 lead.

The visitors dragged themselves back into con-

tention in the 13th minute, when Angela Downey finished a free by her twin, Ann Downey to the net.

Superb

The Lisdowney defence was superb during this period. And it needed to be, because the home team was charging forward in wave after wave of attack.

Miriam Holland, Fran Shore and Bridget Holland stood firm in the losers defence, and they didn't give an inch without a battle.

Additional goals from Aine Hillery and Sharon Glynn drove the winners into an interval lead of 3-3 to 1-1.

The visitors needed to up their game after the break, and they did exactly that. With Ann Downey operating at centre-forward they won a lot more possession, but too often they took a predictable route to goal and their play was too elaborate.

Marina Downey, who was tremendous during this

half, picked off two points and Angela Downey shot another to lift their spirits.

Hit back

Sharon Glynn hit back for a point from a free for Na Piersaigh, but still they were finding it difficult to contain the all action Lisdowney ladies.

In the 45th minute Ann Downey crashed a free to the Na Piersaigh net (3-4 to 2-4), and suddenly the match was wide open.

Lisdowney were actually on top at this stage, and they looked really dangerous. However, they hit a few wides, but in fairness the shooters got little or no space.

With the pressure rising to near breaking point, Carmel Hannon burst out of the Na Piersaigh defence and started the move which eventually destroyed Lisdowney hopes.

Knocked back six points, Lisdowney didn't have the heart to summon the huge

effort that would have been required subsequently to get back. They battled hard to the end, but the task was that bit beyond them.

The Scorers

Na Piersaigh - S. Glynn (1-4); A. Hillery (2-0); M. Haverly (1-0); M. Glynn (0-2). **Lisdowney** - Ann Downey (1-3); Angela Downey (1-0); M. Downey (0-2).

The Teams

Lisdowney - M. Holland, F. Shore, B. Barnville, K. Long, O. Donnelly, M. Downey, A. Downey, C. Dunne, A. M. Hughes, L. Fogarty, Angela Downey, A. Whelan. Subs - S. Gleeson for Fogarty; A. Dunne for Hughes.

Na Piersaigh - L. Curry, A. Ward, M. Harkin, T. Laheen, B. Kilgannon, V. Sweeney, M. Glynn, C. Hannon, A. Hillery, S. Glynn, M. Haverly, A. Forde. Sub - M. Meehan for Harkin.

Referee - A. Derham (Dublin).

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Camogie World

Bord na Gaeilge
by PJ Fulham

ANTRIM ARE NEW ULSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONS

On Sunday next the National Junior league draws to a close for the winter break. There are four fixtures down for decision. Offaly host Galway. The girls from the Faithful county will have an air of confidence about them. They are two points up from their win over Westmeath. At this stage of the competition last year they defeated Galway 2-9 to 2-2. Both teams made it to the quarter final from Zone D.

Galway have already secured two points from their outing against near neighbours Roscommon 3-6 to 0-5. It should be a good tough game. Offaly's scoring ace Michelle Davis may cause lots of problems for Galway's rearguard. She will be well supported by Elaine Gleeson, Honor Kinsella, Bernie Nugent and Majella Bergin.

Galway have a good outfit and with players of the calibre of Sandra Tannian, Shauna Ward, Lourda Kavanagh, Colette Nevin and Michelle Glynn they will be hard to overcome.

Another interesting encounter is the clash of Carlow and Wexford. Carlow are the Leinster junior champions and were beaten in the quarter final of this competition last year by the eventual winners Antrim, while Wexford made it to the semi-final where they were defeated by Down 6-10 to 1-9. The last time the sides met was in the Leinster semi-final when Carlow emerged winners on a score of 5-11 to 4-10. Carlow is sure to be well served by the experienced Valerie Crean, Nuala Quirke, Mary Coady, Olivia Maye and Marie Sheehan. Having drawn with Dublin they will be anxious to collect the points. However Wexford have two points under their belt from their win over Kildare and will be looking to Michelle O'Leary, Rosemary Breen and Siobhan Gahan to lift their second brace of points. Carlow with home advantage may shade it.

Roscommon host Cavan who are making their debut. Their first fixture against Westmeath was postponed. When the teams met at this stage of the competition last year Cavan emerged winners on a score of 2-6 to 1-2. Roscommon, having appeared in the All-Ireland junior championship final of 1995 and '96 did not hit form last season and have already dropped two points. Cavan reached the All-Ireland junior championship semi-final two years ago and have not been all that prominent since. They will be hoping to get off on a winning note on Sunday.

Derry travel to Donegal. Both sides will be seeking their first points.

Antrim are the new Ulster senior champions courtesy of a Jane Adams point with the last puck of the ball to give Antrim their 37th title and their first since 1985. It was a very classy encounter that produced lots of sheer determination by both sides.

First half goals by Grace McMullan and Bronagh O'Neill gave Antrim a four point lead at the break 2-6 to 1-5 with Down's goal coming from Mairin McAleenan. The second half was score for score and after Mairin McAleenan's second goal it looked as if the sides would have to meet again until Jane Adams pointed just on the whistle.

Final score: Antrim 3-12 Down 4-8

Scorers: Antrim: Grace McMullan 1-2, Bronagh O'Neill 1-1, Oonagh Elliott 1-0, Ann McKee 0-4, Denise O'Boyle 0-2, Elaine Dowds, Mairin Barry and Jane Adams 0-1 each. Down: Mairin McAleenan 2-5, Joan Henderson 2-1, Majella Murray and Jennifer Branniff 0-1 each.

In the National Junior League, Armagh got the upperhand of Dublin in this tie played at Crossmaglen. Two goals by Mary Black gave Armagh a 2-1 to 0-6 lead at the break. A Louise O'Hara goal in the second half kept Dublin in touch.

Final Score: Armagh 2-9, Dublin 1-9.

Scorers: Armagh: Mary Black 2-5, Mary Donnelly 0-2, Bernie McBride and Majella Byrne 0-1 each.

Dublin: Louise O'Hara 1-3, Doreen Golden and Louise O'Brien 0-2 each, Paula Malcolmson and Aideen Mulcahy 0-1 each.

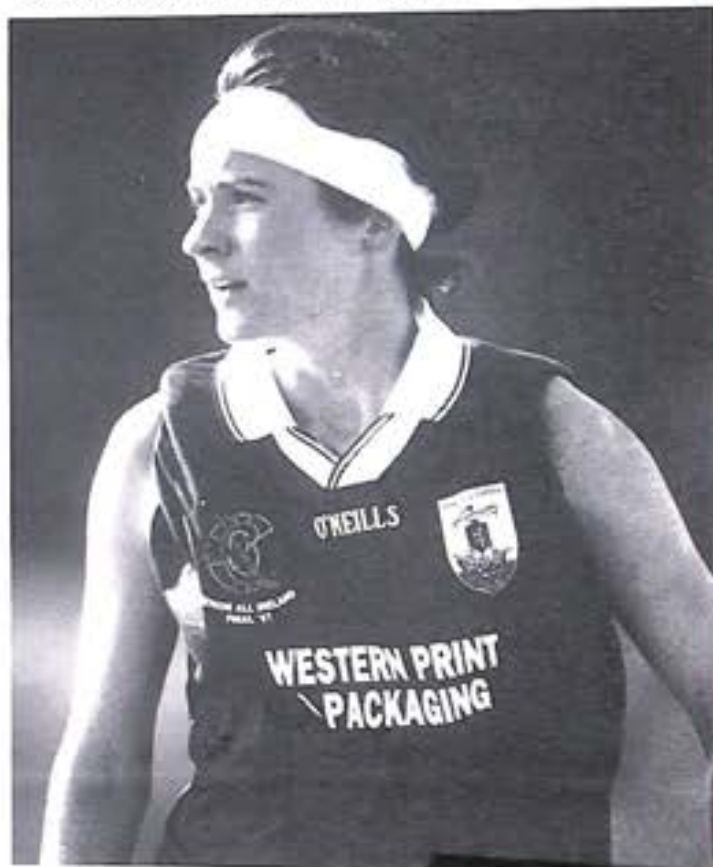
Referee: Geraldine Clarke, Monaghan

Higher Education League: U.U.J. 2-12, Q.U.B. 0-8.

Scorers: U.U.J.: Edel Mason 0-11 (F), Ciara Cunningham and Claire Doherty 1-0 each, Majella Murray 0-1.

Q.U.B.: Jennifer Branniff 0-3, Elaine Dowds 0-2, Glenda Fitzpatrick, Bronagh O'Neill and Joanne O'Neill 0-1 each.

Referee: Catherine McAllister, Antrim.



Galway's Pamela Nevin readies herself for action prior to the '97 All-Ireland senior decider

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SÓISEAR: Aontroim 7-11 Corcaigh 2-10
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SINSEAR: Corcaigh 4-12 Cill Chainnigh 0-09
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CÚIGE MUMHAN (9)

Corcaigh (5), Luimneach (2),
Tiobraid Árann (2).

CÚIGE CONNACHT (4)

An Ghaillimh (4).



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Áine Dunne
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Claire Tallis
16. Áine Ní Chathail
Ann Cahill
17. Deridre Ní Dhubhshláine
Deirdre Delaney
18. Deridre Ní Mhuireasa
Deirdre Morrissey
19. Treasa Ní Rua
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Baile Mhic an Bhaird, An Ghaillimh

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Shauna Ward
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Gabhtar buíochas le Cumann Lúthchleas Gael a chuir an pháirc ar fáil dúinn

Lios Dún Fhiaich, Cill Chainnigh



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Bunaíodh an Chamógaíocht i Lios Dún Fhiaich breis is seasca bliain ó shoin ach níor tháinig bláth uirthi go dtí na hochtóidí. 1981 saw the establishment of a committee comprising Mary Beth Walsh, Mary Moylan, Rita Donnelly, Monica Wall and John Phelan. Commitment to coaching at under-age level was to bring its reward during the following years.

An-bliain go deo a bhí ag an gClub i 1987 nuair a bronnadh an gradam "Club na Bliana" air. The Club had won County Championship titles that year at primary, under-14, 18 and 21, and at Junior A and B levels. The under-21 and Senior B titles came to the Club in 1989, the year in which it contested its first Senior County Final.

Ag dul ó neart go chéile atá Lios Dún Fhiaich ó shoin i leith.

The Club won its first County Senior Championship in 1992 and, in fact, made it three-in-a-row with victories in 1993 and 1994. Two more Senior titles were added in 1996 and 1997, as well as the Leinster Senior Club Championship in 1993, '94 and '97.

Bhí luach a shaothair ag an gClub i 1994 nuair a baineadh Cluiche Ceannais na hÉireann amach. The Club's first All-Ireland Final, against the renowned Glen Rovers, Corcaigh, was one of the most exciting matches ever played. Lios Dún Fhiaich emerged with its first All-Ireland Club title, a highpoint in its history.

This year, the Club won both the Senior and Junior County Championships, a feat never before achieved by any Club in Kilkenny. Mar sin, bliain stairiúil eile atá ann don Chlub cheana féin.

Na Piarsaigh, An Ghaillimh



Ar chúil (ó chlé): Sinéad de Burca, Shauna Nic an Bhaire, Louise Ní Chomhraí, Bríd Nic Giolla Ghamáin, Michelle Nig Fhloinn, Sharon Nig Fhloinn, Máire Ní Fhearrail, Veronica Nic Shuibhne, Aisling Nic an Bhaire, Tracey Ní Laithín, Jan Ní Gháibhlín, Áine Ní Irile.

Chun tosaigh (ó chlé): Caiméal Ní Anndáin, Áine Ní Iarla, Miriam Ní Raifeartaigh, Eibhlín Ní Anndáin, Majella Ní Dhuibhí, Colette Ní Dhuighiolla, Máiread Ní Mhiacháin, Martina Ní Eardáin, Áine Mhic Giollannáth captaen, Martina Ní Ábhartaigh.

Fiche bliain ag fás atá Na Piarsaigh agus an Club bunaithe i 1977. Cosúil le Lios Dún Fhiaich, tugadh tús áite don óige i gcónaí agus tá barr ar obair an Chlub anois.

Na Piarsaigh now has teams competing at each level from under-10 up to Senior. It has won County titles at each grade as well as Connacht titles at Senior and Junior levels.

d'Éirigh thar barr le hóg-mhuintir an Chlub i bhFéile na nGael chomh maith. Na Piarsaigh won the Roinn 2 title in 1991. The present captain, Ann Ryan-Forde, won the Féile Skills All-Ireland Final in 1981.

Le roinnt de bhlianta anuas, tá An Club ag teacht chun tosaigh ag leibhéal na Sinsear. The Club has won the County Senior Championship and the Connacht Club Championship on four occasions. It was to suffer two All-

Ireland Club semi-final defeats to Rath an Iúir, Loch Garman, in 1992, and to Fánaithe an Ghleanna, Corcaigh, in 1994, before reaching its first All-Ireland Final in 1996.

Like Lios Dún Fhiaich, Na Piarsaigh won its first All-Ireland Club title on its first appearance in the Final. Its opponents in the 1996 Final were Greanach/Baile an Gharraí, Luimneach, who were also contesting the Final for the first time.

Na Piarsaigh became the seventeenth Club to have its name inscribed on Corn Ó Cearúil since Craobhchomórtas Idirclub na hÉireann was inaugurated in 1964.

Gan amhras, an-chuid atá bainte amach ag an gClub seo ó bunaíodh é fiche bliain ó shoin.

LÍOS DÚN FHIAICH agus NA PIARSAIGH

* ag casadh ar a chéile don chéad uair ariamh *

Cluiche Ceannais stairiúil atá ann inniu agus dá chlub ag casadh ar a chéile don chéad uair ariamh. Meeting for the first time, Lios Dún Fhiaich agus na Piarraigh has each reached the Final on one previous occasion, and each has won the title on its first appearance in the Final.

Bhí an bua ag muintir Chill Chainnigh in 1994 agus ag muintir na Gaillimhe i 1996.

This is the thirty-fourth Club Championship Final, and the title has been won by seventeen clubs representing seven different counties.

Mar a bhaineadar An Chluiche Ceannais amach

(Paths to Final)

Connachta - An Cluiche Ceannais

Na Piarraigh 5-11
Úrán, Roscomáin 0-1

Laighin - An Cluiche Ceannais

Lios Dún Fhiaich 6-17
Camross, Laois 2-7

Cluichí Leathcheannais na hÉireann

Lios Dún Fhiaich 3-15
Greanach/Baile an Charraí, Luimneach, 3-13

Na Piarraigh 3-14
Seamróga Locha gCaol, Aontroim 1-7

Cill Chainnigh agus An Gaillimh sa Chraobhchomórtas Idirclub

This is the fifth occasion on which clubs from Cill Chainnigh agus An Gaillimh meet in the Club Final.

In 1973, Oranmore, An Gaillimh, defeated Naomh Pól, Cill Chainnigh. Naomh Pól won on the other occasions, defeating Athenry in 1976, Naomh Mhuire, Glenamaddy, in 1988, and Mullagh in 1989.

Four clubs from An Gaillimh have won one Club title each: Oranmore, Athenry, Mullagh agus Na Piarraigh.

Dhá Chlub as Cill Chainnigh a bhuaigh an comórtas. Naomh Pól, with eight All-Ireland titles, leads the Club Championship Roll of Honour, while Lios Dún Fhiaich, like Na Piarraigh, has one title.

Angela and Ann Downey and trainer, Noelle O'Driscoll, have won All-Ireland medals with both Naomh Pól agus Lios Dún Fhiaich.



Teachtaireacht ón Uachtarán

Fearaim fíor-chaoil fáilte romhaibh uilig chuig an Cluiche Ceannais de Chraobhchomórtas Idirclub na h-Éireann.

The All-Ireland Club Final holds a special place in the history of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael. It was inaugurated in 1964, the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Association, and has, since then, generated much interest and enthusiasm. The winning of an All-Ireland Club title, and, indeed reaching the Final, is the dream of every Club. Tréaslaim le Lios Dún Fhiaich agus leis Na Piarraigh a bhfuil an Cluiche Ceannais bainte amach acu inniu. Déanaim comhgháirdeachas chomh maith leis na hoiliúnaithe agus leis na hoifigigh atá i gceannas ortha.

This is a great occasion for both Clubs, and their communities and counties may be justifiably proud of their tremendous achievement. Go n-éirí thar barr leo inniu agus amach anseo.

Táimid go mór faoi chomaoil ag muintir na Camógaíochta agus ag muintir Chumann Lúthchleas Gael i mBaile Mhic an Bhaird a dhéan an réamhullmhúchán don Chluiche Ceannais seo. Míle buíochas libh.

Filéas Ní Bhreasláin,

Uachtarán Chumann Camógaíochta na nGael.

AN RÉITEOIR Áine Derham

Áth Cliath



Is as Áth Cliath d'Áine agus is ball de Chumann Celtic, Áth Cliath, í, lena n-imríonn sí a cuid camógaíochta.

Áine has refereed at all levels of national competition. She has been in charge of several All-Ireland Finals including Senior, Junior, Intermediate, Minor, Gael Linn and Club Championship Finals, as well as Senior and Junior National League Finals. Is ball de Lárchoiste na Réiteoirí chomh maith í. Go n-éirí go breá lei arís inniu.

IONADAÍ: Bríd Mhic Philip, Tiobraid Árann.

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Peerless Pearses retain All-Ireland club crown!

Pearses 4-6 :: Lisdowney 2-5

—by Frank Farragher—

SUCCESS at All-Ireland level requires a strong pool of natural talent allied to an almost obsessive commitment to secure victory and the Pearses camogie team possessed both qualities in abundance when writing their way into the history books by retaining their national senior camogie club title at Ballymacward on Sunday.

It was no day for the faint hearted at Ballymac with a wickedly cold east wind, driving rain and a carpet of mud making this a very difficult assignment for players and supporters alike, but Pearses' quest for glory wasn't going to be stopped by the elements or the stern resistance of Kilkenny and Leinster champions Lisdowney.

Pearses never expected this final to be easy, and it wasn't, for although they had seven points to spare at the end Lisdowney always seemed to be

gnawing their way back into contention until the winners fourth goal from **Martina Haverly** in the final quarter eventually gave some comfort to the vociferous home crowd of about 1,000 people.

This was a victory as much about hard toil as the more silken skills of the game, for given the hostile conditions it was no day for frills or fancy stuff with the basics of winning possession, clearing the ball from the danger zone and taking chances when they presented themselves all important.

It was a magnificent team effort from Pearses but yet there were a number of exceptional individual performances which helped to thwart the challenge of a Lisdowney side powered by three Downeys — **Angela, Marina** and **Ann** — who between them did all the scoring for their side.

Michelle Glynn in the centre of midfield provided the early inspiration for Pearses mopping up a lot of loose ball in the centre area and into the bargain landing two early first half points which helped greatly to settle her side.

As the half wore on Pearses centre back **Tracey Laheen** proved to be an almost inevitable stopping point for a series of Lisdowney attacks delivering a series of

inspirational clearances in front of a very solid 'keeper in **Louise Curry**.

Sharon Glynn set the pattern for the match as early as the third minute when she blasted a close range free to the Lisdowney net to help her side into a 1-2 to 0-1 lead before veteran **Angela Downey** showed real forward instincts when goaling from close range after an **Ann Downey** free was blocked.

With **Carmel Hannon** showing great pace and verve along the left side of midfield, Pearses held a clear edge in terms of possession in the first half but until their second goal arrived in the 19th minute they found scores hard to come by.

Sharon Glynn had a goal effort from a free blocked before **Aine Hillary** with a delightful first time pull shook the Lisdowney net to give her side a double scores advantage at 2-2 to 1-1.

After **Sharon Glynn** pointed from play, **Aine Hillary** again did the damage in front of goal in the 30th minute pouncing for a close range goal following a **Michelle Glynn** free to put Pearses into a 3-3 to 1-1 interval lead.

Lisdowney though came out with renewed vigour at the start of the second half edging the midfield exchanges and looking dangerous in front of goal. **Ann Downey** crashed a 34th minute free to the net while three Kilkenny points followed in the next 12 minutes including one free which looked a clear three yards wide.

With **Bridget Barnaville** in inspired form in front of the Lisdowney goal clearing a series of second half Pearses attacks and the Downeys looking increasingly menacing further upfield it looked as if the home side would have to endure a tempestuous closing quarter when the Leinster champions closed the gap to three points — 3-4 to 2-4 by the 46th minute.

At that point, the match was there to be won for either side but again when the pressure was on it was Pearses who came up trumps. **Michelle Glynn** supplied the telling ball to attack and after **Martina Haverly** withstood a full blooded challenge from impressive Lisdowney goalkeeper **Miriam Holland** she coolly hand passed the sliotar to the net.

The goal sent the Pearses

fans into a wild tantrum of delight and although **Marina Downey** replied with a pointed free the exemplary striking of **Sharon Glynn** in the closing minutes, when she pointed two difficult frees, sealed the victory for Pearses.

Any team retaining a senior All-Ireland title, and especially at club level, has to take on the mantle of greatness. Pearses steely commitment was a real foundation stone in this victory on quite an awful day for any outdoor sport.

Louise Curry, **Tracey Laheen**, **Michelle Glynn**, **Carmel Hannon**, **Sharon Glynn** plus chief goal scorers **Aine Hillary** and **Martina Haverly** caught the eye most but all played their part in a full blooded and spirited display.

For manager **Michael Kennedy** and the Pearses club these are indeed happy times with the ultimate glory attained for the second year in a row and achieved with no shortage of all the qualities which makes sport such an attraction — style, passion and skill. Let the celebrations begin!

Pearses: L. Curry, A. Ward, M. Harkin, T. Laheen, B. Kilgannon, V. Sweeney, M.

Glynn 0-2, C. Hannon, A. Hillary 2-0, S. Glynn 1-4 (1-2 frees), M. Haverly 1-0; A. Forde. Sub.: S. Ward for Harkin (53).

Lisdowney: M. Holland; F. Shore; B. Barnaville, K. Long, O. Donnelly; M. Downey 0-3 (all frees), A. Downey 1-0 (free), C. Dunne; A. M. Hughes, L. Fogarty, Angela Downey 1-2; A. Whelan. Subs.: A. Dunne for Hughes (50), S. Gleeson for Fogarty (53).

Referee: Aine Derham (Dublin).

Galway girls face Offaly

THE Galway junior camogie team are playing Offaly in the second round of the National League on Saturday next in Rath, Co. Offaly.

Galway had a good win over Roscommon in the first round three weeks ago and hopes are high that they will also overcome Offaly.

Galway will be travelling by bus on Saturday leaving Craughwell at 12 o'clock, Loughrea 12.15, before going to Killimor and Portumna.



ON THE ATTACK ... Pearses Martina Glynn and Sharon Glynn are in the thick of the action against Lisdowney of Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Club Camogie Final at Ballymacward on Sunday. Photos: Stan Shields

Camogie World

Bord na Gaeilge
by PJ Fulham

NA PIARSAIGH CLAIM ALL-IRELAND CLUB TITLE

Na Piarraigh, Galway retained the All-Ireland senior club championship title when they fought off a strong challenge from Lisdowney, Kilkenny in the All-Ireland senior club championship final played at a rainswept Ballymacward, Galway.

The conditions were poor and the home side seemed to handle them better than their opponents.

Michelle Glynn opened Na Piarraigh's account with a point after three minutes and almost immediately Angela Downey put the sides on level terms with a similar score.

Sharon Glynn had the first goal for Na Piarraigh when she finished a 40 metre free to the net. From this point on the winners were always in the lead.

After ten minutes an Ann Downey free was blocked out by Na Piarraigh keeper Louise Curry to the waiting Angela Downey who blasted it to the net to leave her side trailing by one point. Aine Hillary then shot two great goals leaving the half time score:

Na Piarraigh 3-3 Lisdowney 1-1

The second half saw Lisdowney throw all they had at the champions. Ann Downey goaled from a free after five minutes and Sharon Glynn replied with a point from a free. Na Piarraigh's defence were under sever pressure but Tracey Laheen, Bridget Kilgannon and Aisling Ward stood firm. Never-the-less Lisdowney managed three points to leave just one score between the sides with twelve minutes remaining. Martina Haverly put the issue beyond doubt with a well taken goal.

Final score: Na Piarraigh 4-6 Lisdowney 2-5.

Scorers: Na Piarraigh: Aine Hillary 2-0, Sharon Glynn 1-4, Martina Haverly 1-0, Michelle Glynn 0-2.

Lisdowney: Angela Downey 1-3, Ann Downey 1-0, Marina Downey 0-2.

Na Piarraigh team: Louise Curry, Aisling Ward, Martina Harkin, Tracey Laheen, Bridget Kilgannon, Veronica Sweeney, Michelle Glynn, Carmel Hannon, Aine Hillary, Sharon Glynn, Martina Haverly, Ann Forde (Capt)

Sub: Colette Deely for M Harkin

Lisdowney: Miriam Holland, Fran Shore, Bridget Barnaville, Kelly Long, Olivia Donnelly, Marina Downey, Ann Downey, Catherine Dunne, Ann Marie Hughes (Capt), Lizzie Fogarty, Angele Downey, Anna Whelan.

Sub: Sandra Gleeson for L Fogarty

Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin



Lisdowney (Kilkenny) - All-Ireland finalists: Front, left to right: Sandra Gleeson, Bridget Barnaville, Ann Downey, Ann Marie Hughes (Capt), Catherine Dunne, Angela Downey, Miriam Holland, Marina Downey. Back, left to right: Deirdre Morrissey, Deirdre Delaney, Olivia Donnelly, Fran Shore, Kelly Long, Aine Dunne, Claire Tallis, Anna Whelan, Ann Cahill, Lizzie Fogarty.



Na Piarraigh (Galway) - All-Ireland Club Champions: Front, left to right: Carmel Hannon, Anne Earls, Miriam Rafferty, Eileen Hannon, Majella Dwyer, Colette Deely, Maread Meehan, Martina Harkin, Ann Rorke (Capt), Martina Haverly. Back, left to right: Jennifer Burke, Shauna Ward, Louise Curry, Bridget Kilgannon, Michelle Glynn, Sharon Glynn, Maura Farrell, Veronica Sweeney, Aisling Ward, Tracey Laheen, Jan Gavin, Aine Hillary.

St Vincents, Dublin, formerly Marino, collected their fourth senior A league title in a row and the first under the name of St Vincents when they defeated Erins Isle 6-11 to 0-3.

In the Tipperary under 16 B final Holy Cross won their second county title of the year when they defeated Ferthard in a very entertaining and keenly contested final played at the Ragg. A large enthusiastic crowd enjoyed a great game of camogie with only a puck of a ball separating the sides at any time. Holy Cross's fitness told in the end as they seemed to last the heavy going better than their opponents and ran out winners by the minimum score 0-8 to 0-7.

The Tipperary Annual Camogie Dinner Dance is fixed for Friday December 5th in the Aonar Hotel, Thurles.



Champions ... the Pearses senior camogie team which retained the All-Ireland Club title by overcoming Lisdowney of Kilkenny at Ballymacward on Sunday. Back row, left to right, Bridget Kilgannon, Veronica Sweeney, Aisling Ward, Louise Curry, Michelle Glynn, Sharon Glynn, Tracey Laheen. Front row, Ann Forde, Martina Haverly, Martina Harkin, Carmel Hannon, Aine Hillary.

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CONNACHT TRIBUNE

Sports Star of the Week

Carmel Hannon



IT was a weekend of unbridled joy for Pearces camogie club as they secured a back to back success of All-Ireland club titles with a deserved victory over Leinster champions, Lisdowney of Kilkenny on Sunday.

There were no weak links on the Pearces team and while it may be slightly unfair to pick out one individual above the rest the sheer impish runs and energy of the diminutive Carmel Hannon proved to be inspiration for her side on a day when the conditions did everything to dampen individuality.

That display earns her the Connacht Tribune Sports Star of the Week award ahead of a selection of her colleagues as well as Killarney's Padraig Joyce who scored 2-7 against Menlough in the North B under-21 final, Clarenbridge's Kevin Donoghue, Caltra's Tomas Meehan and Buccaneers Noel Mannion.

Tipp bid to take Cork's crown

INTER-COUNTY camogie competitions draw to a conclusion tomorrow when Cork's Intermediate side take on Tipperary in the Munster Championship final at the Farm.

In their semi-final clash with Clare, Cork had a big win and will be going into the game with confidence.

However, Tipperary are the reigning All-Ireland Intermediate champions and will be equally confident of victory having already had a win over Cork in the All-Ireland Intermediate series.

They had a good victory over Limerick in their semi-final outing and will be looking to Emily Hayden and Sinead Nealon to lead the way.

But, with home venue, Cork, with Caoimhe Harrington and Emma Harte leading their attack will, be going all out to retain their Munster crown.

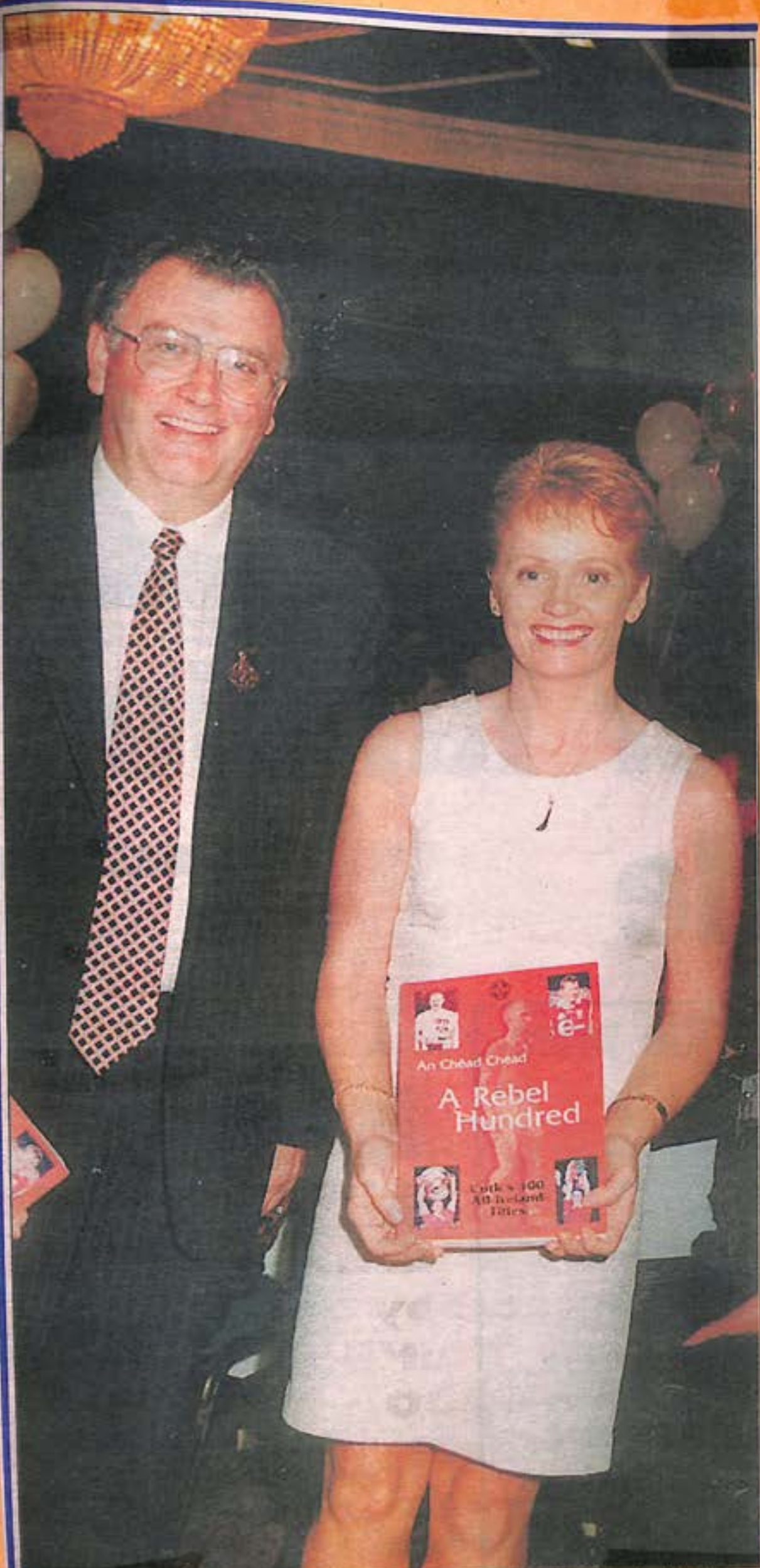
Cork retain camogie title

CORK retained their Munster Intermediate camogie championship title when they had a comfortable 3-9 to 0-11 victory over Intermediate All-Ireland champions Tipperary at Newtownshandrum yesterday.

Cork's ability to take goals was a decisive factor in the game and Criona Harte's two in the opening half gave Cork a 2-5 to 0-7 advantage at the break.

When substitute Karen O'Sullivan added a third Cork goal midway through the second half it sealed Cork's victory.

Scorers for Cork: C. Harte 2-1, C. Harrington 0-5, K. O'Sullivan 1-0, T. Roche, N. O'Regan 0-1 each. Tipperary: S. Ryan 0-5, J. Ryan 0-3, C. Horan 0-2, S. Howard 0-1.



Linda Mellerick and GAA president Joe McDonagh pictured at the Cork County Board celebration.

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Inniscarra Camogie Celebrate. Sheila Golden makes a presentation to Inniscarra members who wore the Cork jersey during the past year.

Stage is set for under 16s

MAIN focus on the Camogie front this coming weekend will be on the Under 16 'A' Championship Final and will see Cloughduv and Aghabullogue in opposition at Ballygarvan on this Saturday at 2.30 while on Sunday at the Imperial Hotel commencing at 2 O'clock the Annual Convention of the Cork Camogie Board will take place.

The all Mid Cork clash of Aghabullogue and Cloughduv in this seasons Under 16 'A' Championship Final should attract a big crowd to the Ballygarvan venue.

Aghabullogue the holders will certainly not relinquish their title too easily but they can expect stiff opposition from their rival neighbours and on form it certainly would be no surprise if Cloughduv were to come out

on top.

They have shown great form of late and particularly in their semi final victory over Courcy Rovers last Saturday when the Ballinaspittle based side had no answer to the magnificent scoring of Una O'Donoghue. Others to impress for Cloughduv on that occasion were Sinead C Buckley, Joanne O'Callaghan and wing back Catherine Corkery.

If these girls repeat their performance this time out they will be difficult to halt.

However when it comes to Championship, Aghabullogue are not easily beaten and they certainly would not relish the thought of being dethroned by their rival neigh-

bours.

They will be spearheaded by Cork Minor captain Mary Eneguss and have other fine performers in Sinead A Buckley, Linda Ronan and Sheila Crowley.

If these girls play to their usual form we should have an absolute cracking contest in store with victory in doubt up to the final whistle.

We should have no less than 100 delegates convening at the Imperial Hotel on Sunday for the Annual Convention of Cumann Camogaíochta Chontae Chorcaí.

This year for the first time in a number of years there will be a contest for the Chair and this will see the outgoing Cathaoirleach Sheila Golden

from Inniscarra being opposed by Mairead O'Callaghan from Watergrasshill.

All other Officers will be returned unopposed and are as follows. Secretary; Tracy Sheehan, Vice Chairperson Marian McCarthy, Treasurer; Mary McSweeney, Registrar; Kay Dunne, PRO; Mary Newman McCarthy.

Among the motions listed is one from Killeagh asking for the Senior 'A' and Senior 'B' Championship Finals to be played on the same day while Eire Og are requesting neutral referees for all Under 14 and Under 16 League Games.

The Cork Board are proposing that all intercounty panels be limited to 20 players while they are also proposing the introduction of an Under 12 'B' League.

CAMOGIE FOCUS

Post-Primary Camogie '96-97

The growing strength of camogie in Tipperary was again reflected in the level of participation at post-primary level. Fifteen schools participated in competitions from Under-14 to Under-18.

The Under-14 competition is played on a one day blitz with Our Lady's (Templemore) emerging winners of the A section and Presentation Convent (Ballingarry) winners of the B section.

The Under-16 competition was played on a league basis and after some fine league games St. Mary's (Nenagh) defeated Cashel Community School in a close, keenly contested final.

The Under-18 competition was in its inaugural year. Six schools competed with Ursuline Convent (Thurles) emerging as schools' champions, defeating Presentation Convent (Ballingarry) in the final. This is a competition that is likely to grow in interest and it is geared to schools that do not compete at senior level in Munster Schools competitions.

For '97 - '98 a 10-a-side first year competition has been introduced. This competition has attracted great interest and it augurs well for the years ahead.

Again, I would like to express my sincerest thanks and deep admiration to all the teachers and staff members who are involved in organising and training these young girls. Champions or otherwise, your contribution to the growth of these young people is very valuable. Keep up the good work. Also thanks to the camogie county board for their invaluable and total support. A special thanks to our secretary Ursula Ryan of Cashel Community School for her trojan work in organising and running all the competitions. A Happy Christmas and enjoyable camogie to all for the year ahead.

Martin Quirke



Our Lady's Secondary School (Templemore) - County U-14 camogie blitz champions 1997 - back row (l. to r.) Siobhán O'Sullivan (coach), Siobhán Bourke (assistant coach), Brid Jones, Marie McGrath, Aisling Brennan, Serena Doran, Leona Bohan, June Donnelly, Bernadette Byrne, Mandy Harkin, Catriona Hennessy, Teresa Brennan (manager). Front row (l. to r.): Shirley Bergin, Sara Ryan, Aileen Brennan, Lorraine Bourke (captain), Caroline Greed, Grace Fogarty, Laurena Meagher, Danielle Devaney, Emma Hennessy. (Photo: Seamus Bourke)



St. Mary's (Nenagh) Co. Tipperary U-16 county champions 1997 - Back row (l. to r.) Ger Dullea (trainer), Niamh Hogan, Carmel Brislane, Sinéad Gaynor, Michelle Slattery, Amy Kisane, Shena Howard, Deirdre Kyne, Eimer Guilfoyle, Olive Slattery, Edel Hogan. Front row (l. to r.) Mary Rose Ryan, Ann Marie Callaghan, Eimer McDonnell (captain), Anna Woods, Deirdre Troy, Deirdre McDonnell, Denise Ryan, Siobhán McCarthy.



Presentation School (Ballingarry) Under-14 camogie winners 1997 - Back row (l. to r.) Breda O'Neill, Michelle Ryan, Anita Moriarty, Tracy Lonergan, Natasha Ivors, Avril McGrath, Anita Brennan, Jackie Hayes, Teresa Moloney. Front row (l. to r.) Louise McGeehan, Bridgid Maher, Grace Costelloe, Michelle Cody, Aine Brennan (captain), Angela Breen, Deborah Maher, Margaret Marshall, Cora Phelan.



Drom-Inch Under-16 camogie team 'A' county champions. Back row (l. to r.) Deirdre Delaney, Norma Harrington, Marie McGrath, Breda McGrath and Aine Everard. Front row: Sinéad Egan, Anne Ryan, Sarah O'Brien, Teresa Maher, Niamh Harkin, Breda O'Halloran and Bridgid Ryan.