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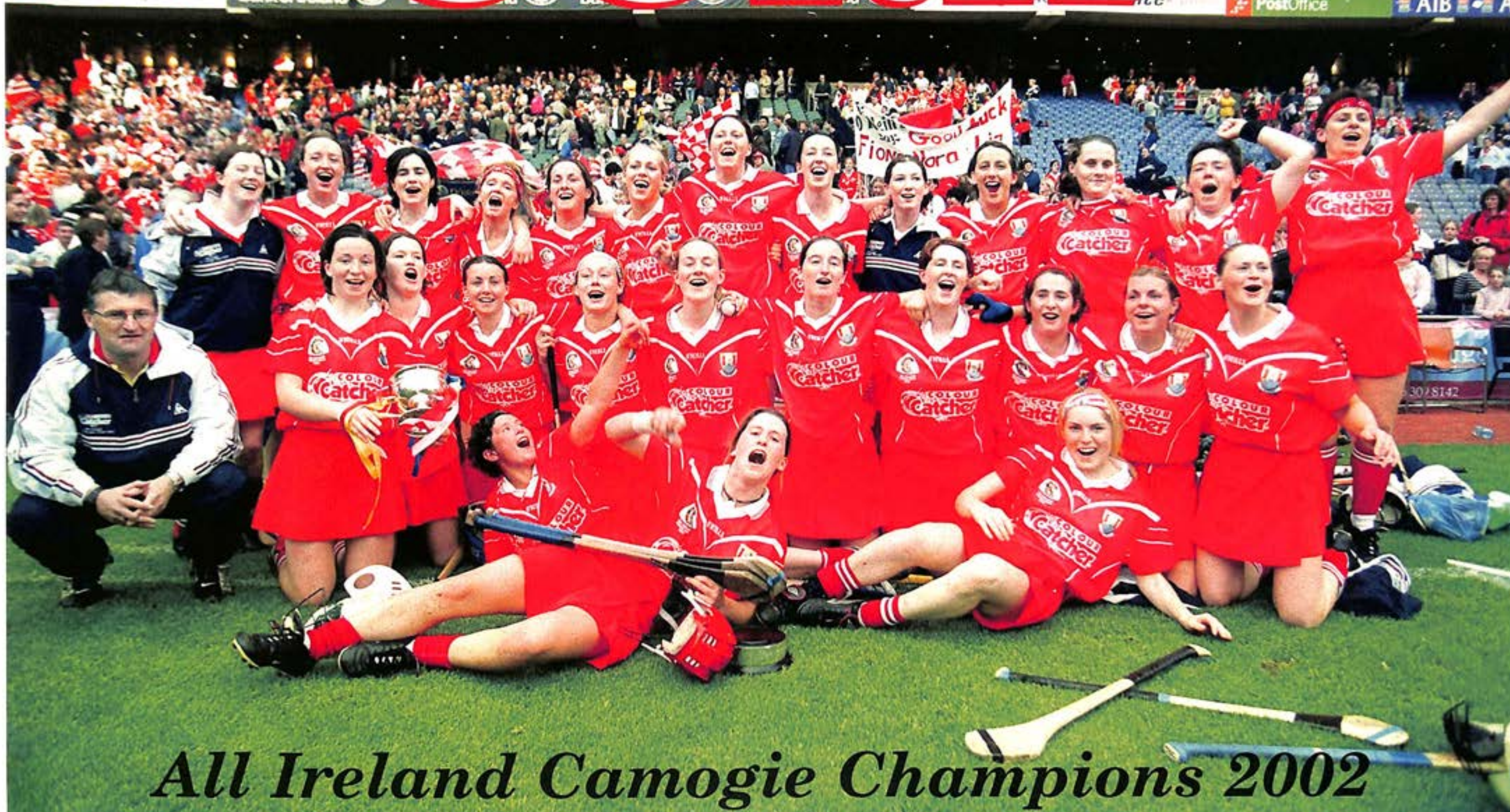






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## *All Ireland Camogie Champions 2002*

Back Row: Maire Watson, Criona Harte, Eithne Duggan, Linda Mellerick, Jennifer O'Leary, Linda O'Connell, Gemma O'Connor, Rosarie Holland, Collette Desmond, Sinead Buckley, Aiofe Murray, Fiona O'Driscoll, Denise Cronin

Front Row: Jim McCarthy, Una O'Donoghue, Elaine Burke, Viv Harris, Stephanie Dunlea, Sile Burns, Joanne O'Callaghan, Sara Hayes, Catherine Corkery, Orla O'Sullivan, Cora Keohane, Emer Dillon, Mary O'Connor, Rachel Moloney

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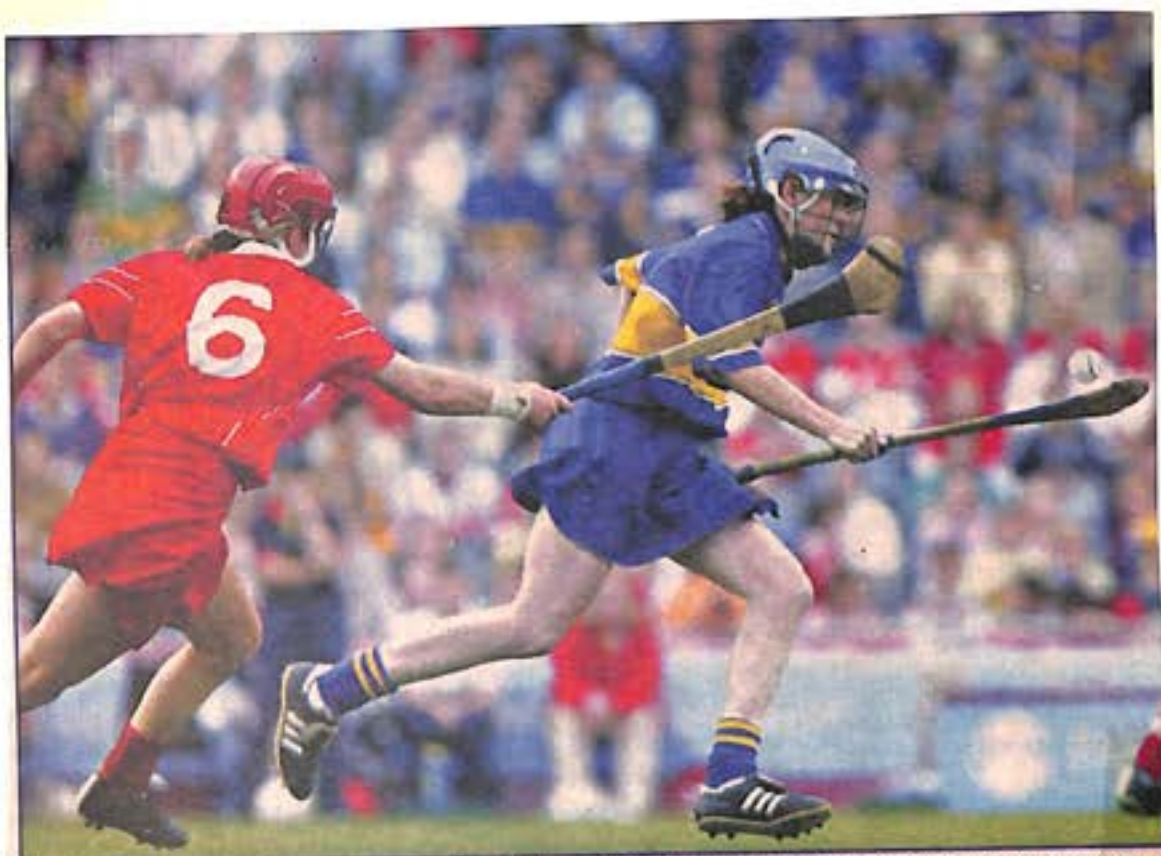




Cork defender Stephanie Dunlea gets in a crucial block on Tipp forward Emer McDonnell



A race for possession between Cork defender Stephanie Dunlea and Tipp forward Deirdre Hughes.



Claire Grogan shows her skill to get past the challenge of Cork centreback Mary O'Connor in the Croke Park showdown.



Tipp's Noelle Kennedy and Cork defender Mary O'Connor in a close tussle on Sunday.



Tipp corner back Claire Madden attempts to hold off Cork captain Una O'Donoghue.



Linda Mellerick and Therese Brophy in determined ball pursuit.



# Game On

with Finbarr Mc Carthy

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## Camogie girls do county proud

IN A season when their male counterparts, with the sticks at any rate, have spent more time moaning about gear and other little trivial matters, the Senior camogie team brought honour and glory to the Rebel County by their brilliant performance in Croke Park last Sunday.

Not only did they end Tipp's bid for a four-in-a-row, they collected title number 20 with a display that gladdened the hearts of all Cork people, and restored a little bit of pride in those famous jerseys of ours.

Since Sunday, the players have been celebrating and who could blame them after the heartbreak of the last few years, and it will certainly shorten the winter for all involved.

It was a special day for those winning their first medal but equally memorable for the likes of Eithne Duggan, Stephanie Dunlea, Viv Harris Mary O'Connor, player of the match Fiona O'Driscoll and Linda Mellerick whose final game at this level is one that she, like her colleagues, can recall with pride.

Well done to the back-room team of Rose Desmond, Kathleen Healy, Pa Finn and Jim McCarthy, and of course the Board officers who worked so hard to ensure everything off the field was as it should be in advance of any big game. Their securing of major sponsorship from 'Punch Industries' and 'Colour Catcher' helped to guarantee such was the case. Did someone mention 'Camogie War' a few months ago?

The welcome home both teams received on Monday was greatly appreciated by the players and this was repeated in Cloughduv, home of team captain Una O'Donoghue. Even at 11pm, there was a huge and enthusiastic crowd,

and celebrations went on long into the night.

Disappointment for the Juniors who lost narrowly to Kilkenny, but hopefully many of these players will feature on winning teams in HQ in the not to distant future.



Claire Grogan heads goalwards as she is pursued by a Cork defender during Sunday's senior camogie All-Ireland final at Croke Park.



Tipp centreback Ciara Gaynor evades the challenge of Cork's Jennifer O'Leary in Sunday's Croke Park final.



Cork wing-back Gemma O'Connor about to pass to a colleague during Cork's 4-9 to 1-9 win in the All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park on Sunday.



The pain and disappointment of defeat is etched on the faces of Tipperary players Sinéad Nealon and Claire Madden following Tipp's defeat to Cork in the All Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park on Sunday - a loss that denied Tipp four titles in a row.

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Evening Echo sports editor Liam Horan presents Cork camogie captain Una O'Donoghue with a picture of the team and moments captured of the All-Ireland final win over Tipperary.

Picture: Gavin Browne



All-Ireland winning Cork camogie players Mary O'Connor, Joanne O'Callaghan, Rosalie Holland, Paula O'Connor, Emer Dillon and Ciara Healy at the Evening Echo reception for the All Ireland winning Cork Senior Camogie team.

Picture: Gavin Browne

## Echo salutes champs

CORK'S only All-Ireland winners this year, the senior camogie team were honoured by this newspaper last night at its offices in Academy Street.

Led by captain Una O'Donoghue from Cloughduv, the entire panel was welcomed by Editor Maurice Gubbins, Sports Editor Liam Horan, deputy Sports Editor John McHale and camogie correspondent and former star player, Therese O'Callaghan.

Mr Gubbins, in saluting the wonderful achievement of the team in bring-

By JOHN HORGAN

GAA Reporter

ing the O'Duffy Cup back to Leeside for the 20th time, said that they had done themselves, their families and their clubs proud.

"You were marvellous ambassadors in Croke Park last Sunday and you have set a wonderful example for others to follow.

"It has been a lean year for Cork hurling and football, but a victory like yours has lifted the spirits considerably.

Sports Editor Liam Horan also paid tribute to the team for the application and execution of their duties at headquarters and said that they had been tremendous competitors over a long and arduous campaign.

Ms O'Callaghan, the holder of numerous All-Ireland senior medals said that the team had raised the bar substantially in dethroning the holders, Tipperary, and that there was no reason now why they couldn't go on to achieve greater glory.



Cork players Linda O'Connell, who graduated in Accounting at UCC yesterday and Elaine Burke who graduated in Law, at the Evening Echo reception for the All-Ireland winning Cork senior camogie team.



Rachel Maloney shows off the All-Ireland senior camogie cup at a reception for the successful Cork team in the Evening Echo offices last night.

Picture: Gavin Browne



Camogie Cheer...celebrating on the Hogan Stand after Kilkenny won the Junior Camogie final on Sunday were from left: Jacqui Frisby (Captain), Aoife Neary (Player of the Match), Marie O'Connor, Elaine Aylward and Anne-Marie Young.



Camogie queens... The Kilkenny junior camogie panel, who beat Cork in the All-Ireland final at Croke Park on Sunday. Back row (from left): Fran Shore, Fiona Dowling, Louise Rafter, Bronagh Neary, Marie Ryan, Aoife Fitzpatrick, Dolores Lanigan, Ann Marie Young, Keira Kinahan, Edel Maher, Elaine Aylward, Catherine Ryan, Louise Hogan, Liz Dempsey, Ursula Walton. Centre: Nora Sutton, Aoife Treacy, Pauline Comerford, Mairead Lawler, Eimear Lyng, Aoife Neary, Catherine Doherty, Jacqui Frisby, Marie O'Connor, Laura Comerford. Front: Andrea Murphy, Ailish Kenneally, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Marie Therese Doherty, Brigid Grennan, Eimear Connery.



# Look who's at school with her cup of joy

**CAMOGIE** star Linda Mellerick went back to her old alma-mater in grand style this week.

By DEIRDRE O'REILLY  
deirdre.oreilly@echo.ie

The Cork camogie player paid a visit to St Patrick's girls' national and secondary schools on Gardiners Hill.

The former pupil visited the school with the All-Ireland O'Duffy cup, amid rapturous applause and celebration.

"It was great to go back to my old school," said the six-times All-Ireland camogie medal winner.

"St Patrick's was where I started playing camogie and there has always been a strong tradition of the sport in the school. So it was fantastic to go back to where it all began for me. It was also great to

see so many of my old teachers, they haven't changed a bit," added Linda, who recently announced her retirement from inter-county camogie.

However, she is continuing to play for her club, The Glen.

St Patrick's was one of many stops the Cork winning camogie team have made over the past week.

On Tuesday last, the team were the guests of honour at a reception held for them at Academy Street by the *Evening Echo*.

During the reception, the *Echo* head of sport, Liam Horan, presented an *Echo*-boy statuette to the team coach, Pa Finn.



**CHAMPION:** Cork camogie player, Linda Mellerick, is delighted to bring the All-Ireland winning trophy to her former school, St Patrick's.

Picture: Eddie O'Hare



## New AIB on College Road



Pictured at the opening of the new AIB branch at College road is branch manager Emer Cassidy with Una O'Donoghue, Captain of the All Ireland winning Cork Camogie team who works in the branch.

Picture: John Sheehan Photography

THE AIB has opened a new outlet on College Road, Cork, located directly opposite UCC. Speaking at the launch of the new branch, AIB Area Director, Denis Brosnan said he hopes the bank will offer "superior banking services to the students, staff and graduates of UCC and are particularly looking forward to meeting with all first year students who are due to register." The branch is open Monday 10 am - 5 pm and Tuesday - Friday 10 am - 4 pm.

## Lovely hurling from the girls

□ Congratulations to the Cork camogie team on a wonderful display in the All-Ireland final against Tipperary.

Coach Pa Finn had the team brilliantly prepared and it was a joy to watch their skill and speed. It was the first time this year that I saw such a display of ground and overhead hurling.

Of course, it takes two teams to make a good game. Well done also to a Tipperary side who fought to the finish like true champions.

Aidan O'Connor,  
Dungarvan.

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## My best memory



**MEMORIES:** Fiona O'Driscoll has fond memories of playing with Fr O'Neills in the 1999 final against Bishopstown.

Name: Fiona O'Driscoll.  
Lives: Ballymacoda, Co. Cork.

I HAVE many great memories of camogie matches over the years. I have great memories too of supporters and of training younger players with Fr O'Neill's camogie club. Those who are involved are a fantastic bunch of people.

And of course my recent 'Woman of the match' award in the All-Ireland final for Cork will always stand out in my memory.

But my greatest memory is of the club final against Bishopstown in '99.

And it wasn't of the match, which we contested valiantly, but lost. It is of the local people's support in the face of defeat.

It was our third club final in a row which we had lost and we were very downhearted. But the local people of Ladysbridge and Ballymacoda cheered us up no end. They collected money around the locality and treated us to a slap up meal in Garryvoe Hotel. All the club officers attended with the panel. It is so good to know that your team is supported through thick and thin. It makes the victories all the sweeter!

● Send us your favourite memory to Echo Features Academy Street, Cork or call (021) 4802162.



# A Croke Park finalist at 15



Just one more time would please Angela

Angela Downey-Browne tells **Brian O'Neill** that she would love just one more more day in Croke Park before 79,000 cheering spectators

**S**he was the greatest camogie player of her era, perhaps of any era, and Croke Park was her stage time and time again. Angela Downey-Browne doesn't miss the showers in the old dressing rooms there, though. "They were always cold after a match". She says with some asperity. Always. "And we could have done with the warm-up areas they have there now!"

Angela had her first view of the new stadium last Sunday when the Kilkenny team she helped to win the 1977 All Ireland title were feted. Truth to tell, she wouldn't have minded being involved in the big match herself.

"I would love to experience the thrill of playing in Croke Park as it looks now. Just watching it on television on All Ireland hurling final day - the size, the atmosphere, the noise of 79,000 spectators. Walking out in front of a full house must be an amazing feeling".

The Ballyragget native could write a book on the subject of Croke Park finals. She received her first taste this month 30 years ago. She was only 15, a student at Colaiste Bhríde in Callan, and remembers little of her final debut other than that Kilkenny lost by four points to Cork.

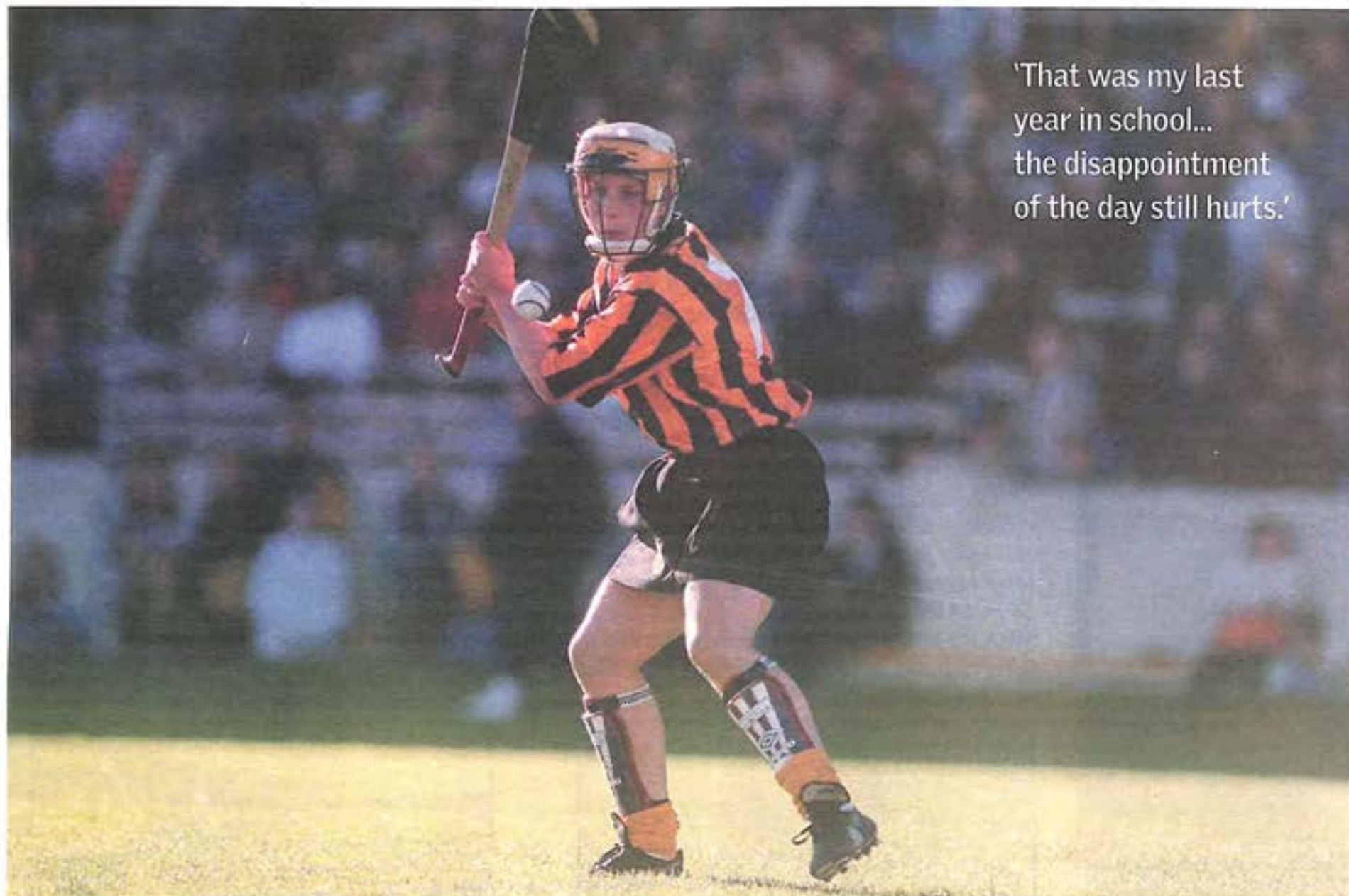
Two years later she and they were back, this time sampling victory against the same Leesiders. A great day. Your first All Ireland medal is always a milestone.

It was the Noreiders' first ever All Ireland senior camogie triumph. They've won 11 more in the meantime, and Angela was present and correct for all of them. Seven of those titles came in successive seasons between 1985 and '91 - a feat that is not likely to be equalled or surpassed in this day and age.

Not surprising then that the Dublin 3 venue became a place of pilgrimage for her. "You sometimes heard people saying that



## CROKE PARK 2002



'That was my last year in school... the disappointment of the day still hurts.'

Angela fully focused on the big day in Croke Park

the camogie final was lost in Croke Park, that the stadium was too big for the crowd. Lots of people believed that a provincial ground would have been a better location and that the attendance would have been bigger as a result. I never thought that way. There were so many screaming schoolgirls there, they made more noise than double that number of adults would have. Definitely it never felt like we were playing in a morgue or anything.

"Also, camogie players are no different to hurlers or footballers. It's every young lad's dream to play in Croke Park. That goes for young camogie players as well."

For a large part of their careers, Angela and her twin sister Ann were known to members of the older generation solely as Shem Downey's daughters; their father, who's still hale and hearty, was one of the heroes of Kilkenny's epic 1947 All Ireland

victory against Cork. After a while, however, people learned to distinguish between the pair of them - and not very diplomatically in the famous case of the individual who marched into Shem's butcher's shop in Ballyragget one day, pointed to Ann and asked, "Is this the good one or the bad one?"

True, Angela was the headline-grabber. Free-scoring forwards always are. If Ann was less spectacular than her sister, that's because midfield dynamos normally have to take a back seat in terms of the media spotlight. "It was only in the closing stages of her career than Ann received due acclaim as the driving force she was. Ann used to be going 90 miles an hour from the throw-in to the final whistle, up and down the field, always in the thick of the action. I could never do that."

Among Angela's toughest opponents were Wexford's Elsie Walsh, now Mrs Brian Cody, Sandie Fitzgibbon of Cork and, on the train-

ing field domestically, the one and only Biddy O'Sullivan. But none of them was quite as sharp as the photographer who snapped Angela scoring a goal after losing her skirt in the 1987 All Ireland final. The picture was splashed across the front of next day's papers and has pride of place in the TV room at home. Thank goodness she was wearing black knickers!

She's endured her bad days in Croke Park too, mind. None was more disappointing than the afternoon of the 1975 All Ireland colleges' final, which pitted Callan against Athenry. The match ended all-square after Angela missed a late free that would have given Callan victory if converted. In extra time, she got cramp and had to be put between the posts, whereupon Athenry proceeded to rattle in the goals and run out comfortable winners.

Angela cried all the way home on the bus.

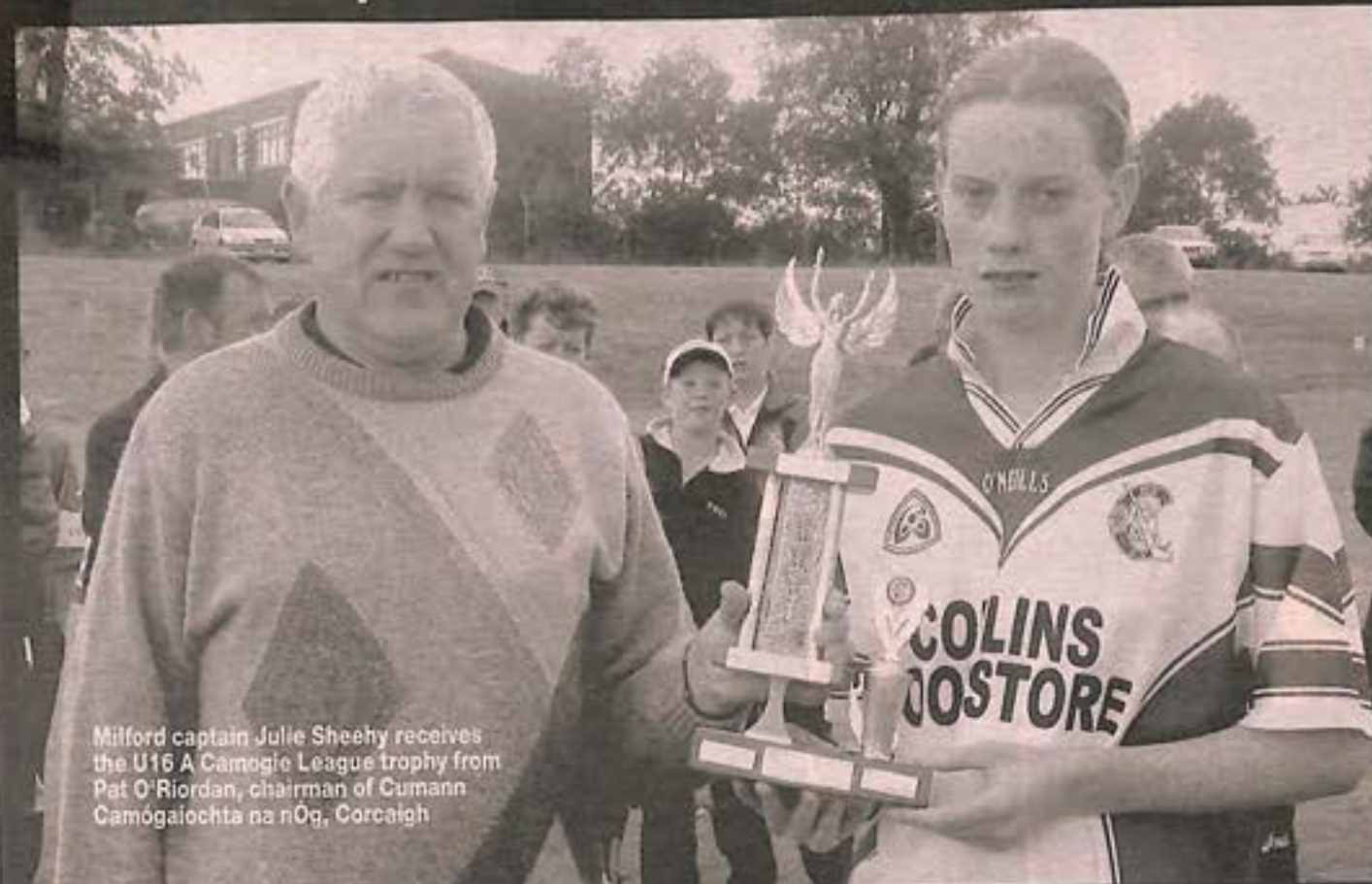
"That was my last year in school. I was never going to play in another colleges' final. The disappointment of that day still hurts."

Her final appearance at Croke Park was an altogether happier day, even if it too ended in defeat. The occasion was the 1995 All Ireland final. Angela was Kilkenny captain. Little Katie Browne was the team mascot and was introduced during the pre-match parade to the special guest, President Robinson. "The poor child had been dragged to almost every training session in the previous weeks and was well used to our stretching routine. She copied every exercise as we warmed up that day, much to the amusement of the spectators in the Hogan Stand."

What price Katie following in her mother's footsteps by leading Kilkenny to camogie glory in the future and giving Angela Downey-Browne another wonderful Croke Park memory?



## Milford's 'top ten' seals back-to-back U16 titles



Milford captain Julie Sheehy receives the U16 A Camogie League trophy from Pat O'Riordan, chairman of Cumann Camógaíochta na nOg, Corcaigh

## Watson weaves her magic!

**Milford** 10-7  
**Ballinhassig** 3-1

EMER WATSON was in scintillating form in this U16A league final played at Mallow on Sunday morning. Her six goal contribution proved her to be a peg above the rest as her side put back-to-back titles together.

The score was decisive at half-time, reading 6-3 to 2-1. Ballinhassig made a positive start to the second-half with a goal from Sinead Casey, but Milford were soon back on top finishing out with 4-4 without reply.

**Scorers Milford:** E Watson 6-3 (2 free, 1-0 45), A Geary 1-3, A Thompson 1-1, L Sheehy and J Lynam 1-0 each.

By TIM BUCKLEY

Camogie U16 finals

**Ballinhassig:** B Tuohy 2-0, S Casey 1-0, D Coomey 0-1 free.

**Milford:** E Curtin, M Roche, S Carroll, M Broderick, S Sexton, E O'Riordan, L Healy, A Geary, T McLoughlin, A Hehir, J Sheehy (capt), A Watson, A Thompson, E Watson, J Lynam.

**Subs:** J Dunne for E Curtin (30mins)  
**Ballinhassig:** S Walsh, D O'Brien, C Holland, M O'Sullivan, A Lee, M T Cullinane, C O'Regan (capt), D Coomey, L Finn, F Crowley, S Cronin, J Cullinane, E O'Sullivan, B Tuohy, S Casey.

Referee J Barry (Mallow)

**St Catherine's** 5-6  
**Glen Rovers** 3-2

ST CATHERINE'S, superbly led in attack by Denise Twomey who contributed 5-4 of her sides scoreline, went into a 3-4 to 0-0 lead inside the opening quarter

and the signs looked ominous for the Glen in this U16B league semi-final. However, the Blackpool side fought back with goals from Amy Murphy, Melissa O'Donovan and Jemma O'Regan. It was 3-5 to 3-1 at the break.

**Scorers St Catherine's:** D Twomey 5-4 (0-2 free), O Cotter 0-2 (0-1 free, 0-1 45).

**Glen Rovers:** M O'Donovan 1-1, J O'Regan 1-1 free, A Murphy 1-0.

**St Catherine's:** M O'Keefe, L Kearney, M Twomey, O Neville, T Barry, O Cotter, D Mulcahy, N Mulcahy, A Horgan, D Twomey, M Collins, P O'Brien, A O'Brien, D Twomey, E Lane.

**Glen Rovers:** L Dunlea, N Neely, J O'Regan, R O'Donovan, J Murphy, K Laffin-Lynch, B Walsh, M Hegarty, R Foley, C Boyle (capt), A Corcoran, S Egan, J Busted, M O'Donovan, A Murphy.

Referee: O Webb (Tracton)

THE U12 A and B leagues which had reached the qualifying stages

before the summer break resumed on Tuesday last with Douglas and Inniscarra booking their places in the semi-finals.

**Ballincollig** 1-0  
**Cobh** 0-1

IN THE U12B league quarter-final Ballincollig progressed at the expense of Cobh thanks to a goal in the tenth minute by Breda O'Callaghan.

**Valley Rovers** 1-0  
**Mallow** 0-0

IN THE U12B league quarter-final Nora Murphy's goal helped Valley Rovers advance.

## Sile's strike kickstarts a slick Rockbán

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY

Camogie Junior B round-up

**Rockbán** 5-11  
**Buttevant** 1-2

THE foundations for victory were laid in the opening half with goals from Sile Burns and Catriona Foley helping Rockbán enjoy a 3-6 to 0-2 interval lead. After the break goals from Mairead Burns and Catherine Drinan extended their advantage before five points from Sile Burns concluded their scoring. Dawn Farrell snatched a goal back for the young Buttevant side but they found the going too tough.

**St Finbarr's** 2-5  
**Bishopstown** 0-1

WITH points from Janice Duffy and Valerie Hosford, the Barr's held an interval lead of 1-3.

The second Barr's goal came from a Janice Duffy 45 metre free which was deflected to the net by a Bishopstown defender. With Barr's now very much in the driving seat there was no way back for Bishopstown.

**Tracton** 8-6  
**Valley Rovers** 1-0

CATHERINE COUGHLAN, Nicola Lynch, Rose Ambrose, Aileen Twomey and Catherine Guinnane all struck for goals in a game where the Tracton mid field pairing of Janet Kind and Marion Jegoe excelled. For Valley Rovers Trisha O'Riordan, Eileen Allen and Edel Mullally worked hard.

**Barryroe** 7-8  
**Ballincollig** 0-1

MICHELLE FLEMING was in devastating form for the Barryroe side notching up 5-4 of her sides tally with Josephine Cahalane, Deirdre Walsh, Marie Whelton and Sharon Keohane all contributing.

**Youghal** 7-13  
**Kilbrittain** 0-0

YOUGHAL outclassed Kilbrittain's second string with Jessica Heaphy, Shauna Coyne, June Fitzgerald, Ashling Corcoran Kelly McCarthy and Shauna Cunningham helping to guide them safely through.

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## Ballinhassig advance to final



**Ballinhassig** 2-3  
**Inniscarra** 2-0

BALLINHASSIG are through to the U12A county final.

Katie Murphy and Shauna McCarthy were the heroines in an enthralling semi-final.

Goalpoachers supreme they put Ballinhassig on the road to victory with their second-half goals.

Inniscarra tried hard and went in at the break trailing by two points.

A titanic struggle followed, with Niamh Dilworth's goal putting daylight between the sides approaching the end. Ballinhassig will meet Douglas in the final next Saturday.

**Scorers Ballinhassig:** K McCarthy and S McCarthy 1-0 each, C Collins 0-3 (0-1, 45 0-1 free).

**Inniscarra:** F O'Connell 1-0, N Dilworth 1-0 (free).

**Ballinhassig:** M Fleming, A Cadogan, A O'Riordan, N Foley, S O'Callaghan, G Walsh, D Coakley, J Harrington, K Mc-

Carthy, C Collins, K McCarthy, A McCarthy, A O'Leary, C Reynolds, S McCarthy, A Barry-Murphy, R McEvoy, N O'Connor, F Murphy, L Jordan, J Desmond, K A Hurley, A Coakley, S Tuohy, J Barrett, M Barrett.

**Inniscarra:** J Casey, B Griffin, M McCarthy, A Punch, E O'Connell, N Keating, A Kavanagh, J Gannon, K O'Mahony, C Connolly, N Dilworth, F O'Connell, J Twohig, C O'Brien, C Sheehan, J O'Toole, L Carr, K O'Leary, A O'Keefe, D Noonan, J Farmer, J O'Hertly, S McCarthy, D Dilworth, E Kingston, M Collins, A Ni Ráin.

Referee: D Dineen (Ballinora)

**Douglas** 3-5  
**Milford** 3-1.

MILFORD had the better of the exchanges in the first half and led at the interval by 3-1 to 1-4.

Douglas stayed in touch with points from Maire O'Donovan, Maire O'Mahony, Leanne O'Shea and Niamh O'Donovan.

In the 20th minute Douglas corner forward Sarah Sisk crossed for Aileen O'Donovan to goal.

Aisling Cotter had Douglas level with a goal soon after the restart. For the next ten minutes it was anybody's game.

An opportunistic point in the 20th minute by Julia White turned the game in Douglas' favour. After 25 minutes, O'Shea won the ball at midfield, soloed 30 metres and crossed to the waiting O'Donovan who put the result beyond doubt.

**Douglas:** C Murphy, E Jordan, J Jackson, C Driscoll, K Horgan, J Dempsey, J Kelleher, N O'Donovan (0-1), J White, M O'Donovan (0-1), L O'Shea (Capt) (0-1), M O'Mahony (0-1), A Cotter, A O'Donovan (2-0), S Sisk, A Fittion, E McCarthy, U Dumphry, D Cotter, A Horgan, C O'Driscoll, D Boyle, C Barry, A Dinan, T Barry, L Jordan, E Colgan, V Olden.

**Milford:** S Browne, K Curtin, T O'Mahony, P Hough, E Browne, R Finn, O O'Mahony, A Thompson (Capt) (1-0), M Geary, S Carroll, C Galvin, J O'Leary (1-0), C O'Mullane (1-0), S Fitzgibbon (1-0), M White, S Sexton, J Curtin, B Stokes, A Hayes, M Shannon, S O'Flynn, K Dillane, N Browne, B O'Connor, L O'Flynn.

Referee: J Barry (Mallow).

## Milford back for a third go

BALLYGARVAN and Milford are preparing for a senior B showdown in Pairc Uí Rinn next Sunday next, writes Mary Newman-McCarthy.

It is very much a case of déjà vu as Milford line out in their third county senior B final in-a-row.

Back in 1998 they entered the junior B grade for the first time and landed the spoils.

The following year saw promotion to the A grade and, with another title in the bag, it was promotion to senior B.

Captained by Lelia Long, the young side Milford are coached by Ted Sheehan and Ann Watson.

County Junior A champions in 2000, the go-ahead South East side have also made wonderful progress since taking their first adult trophy back in 1997.

In their opening game they recorded a good victory over Newcestown before knocking out Valley

Rovers at the semi-final stage.

Cork senior Emer Dillon will be joined by Catriona Kelly, Deirdre Daly, Aileen O'Neill and Julie O'Sullivan as Ballygarvan attempt to win their first senior title.

The juvenile board have joined their senior counterparts and will stage the U-16 B league final as a curtain raiser to the senior decider.

St Catherine's will be favourites to retain their title against a young but very determined Eire Óg 15.

**\*Glen Rovers Under-age.**

Players from 6 years to 12. Tuesday nights starting at 5.45 to 7pm and Sunday mornings from 11.45 to 1pm.

Players from 12 years to 14 every Thursday evening, starting at 6-15.

From 15 to 18 years every Monday and Wednesday at 6-15pm.

New members welcome.

VALLEY ROVERS Captain Sinead O'Shea, Ann Coleman (referee) and Aghabullogue Captain Ann O'Sullivan before last Saturday's U12 league semi final in Blarney.



# Carrig Qualify For Junior A County Final

## CARRIGALINE CAMOGIE CLUB NEWS

Carrigaline Junior A Team qualified for their first Junior A final after emerging as winners over Douglas in a very close encounter played in Redmond's pitch in very poor conditions. Carrigaline entered the semi final not really knowing what to expect, as Douglas had proved worthy winners in their last meeting. Douglas were first to stamp their authority on the game with a point but as the game progressed Carrigaline's players began to get control and with Trish Sullivan now dominating centre field, we slowly began to win the exchanges. The half time result was Carrigaline 3 points Douglas 2 points.

The second half began with Carrigaline's defence really playing well and Joan O'Keeffe at full back playing well. There were no scores to be got easily. Carrigaline's forwards missed numerous chances but eventually we got the break that was needed. Terry O'Keeffe had one of those long runs from defence into attack and passed to Rose Harrington who returned to Clodagh Fitzgerald to finish off a great move to the net. That score proved to be the winner on the night in what was a very evenly contested game. Unfortunately from a Carrigaline result we ended up with some long-term injuries which no doubt will not help us in our preparation for the final. The final is on September 29th at a venue to be decided.

**Team:** Ann Kiely, Amy Collins, Joan O'Keeffe, Sandra Moran, Jan Kiernan, Emily Power, Trish Sullivan, Caroline O'Keeffe, Catriona Mahoney, Terry O'Keeffe, Emma Greene, Muireann Conlon, Sara O'Keeffe, Clodagh Fitzgerald, Rose Harrington, Roisin Herlihy, Roisin Pinfield.

### Junior B Championship

Carrigaline competed in their first round championship match with Bandon in Bandon recently. Fielding a very young team we had to give way to a strong physical Bandon team. The game started with Bandon getting on the score sheet first with a couple of points but after some good work by Niamh Murphy in centre field we gradually got into the game. Points from Niamh Murphy and Laura Kelleher and a goal by the evergreen Marie Scully saw

the game going our way. Carrigaline, despite dominating the second half, were unable to get the vital scores but never gave up until the final whistle. The game ended with the score of Bandon 3-4 Carrigaline 1-4. In what was described as a historic occasion for the club as this was the first time ever that Carrigaline fielded two teams in junior championship.

**Team:** Michelle Coakley, Rosin Pinfield (Capt.), Lisa O'Driscoll, Elaine Egan, Niamh Power, Marie Barry, Vicky Doherty, Niamh Murphy, Laura Kelleher, L. Fitzgerald, Emer McCarthy, Hillary Egan, Ciara Sullivan, Cathy Doherty, Laura Thompson, Una O'Hehir, Shirley Cowhig and Marie Scully.

### U11

Carrigaline's U11 have been busy recently playing a number of games. Due to holidays we have been missing a number of players but all the players available have done well. The team suffered a heavy defeat from Douglas recently but some players are emerging from these games. Sara Barry in defence and Marie Moran in attack are enjoying all the games. This team have now qualified for the South East U11 Semi Final and we wish them good luck in the game.

### U13

Our Under 13 team travelled to Courceys in this South East encounter. In a keenly contested game, Courceys ended up as winners on the night. Unfortunately we were short a number of our team on the night but Laura Millet, Una O'Hehir and Tessa O'Leary played a great game.

### U15

Carrigaline Under 15 team put up a good performance against a very good Courceys team in the 15 league. Due to holidays again we were short a number of regulars on the night. There was some good play by Marie Barry, Aine Dempsey and L. Fitzgerald.

### Junior A League

Carrigaline visited Ballynoe for this game with St Catherine's on an evening that was perfect for hurling. The game

started with a Terry O'Keeffe point, which was followed by a Muireann Conlon point. This gave Carrig a good start but Catherine's got back on level terms quickly and up to half time Catherine's dominated play. Good work by Vicky Doherty and Amy Collins in defence ensured we were well in the game. The half time score was Carrig 4 points Catherine's 3 points.

The introduction of 5 substitutes for Carrigaline changed the game completely and Carrigaline dominated the second half with goals from Muireann Conlon, Sara O'Keeffe and Emma Greene and some great points by Trish Sullivan and Terry O'Keeffe ensured Carrigaline a good win with the final score Carrig 3-8 Catherine's 1-5.

**Team:** Ann Kiely, Joan O'Keeffe, Vicky Doherty, Lisa O'Driscoll, Amy Collins, Sara O'Keeffe, Sandra Moran, Trish O'Sullivan, Laura Kelleher, Terry O'Keeffe, Muireann Conlon, Laura Thompson, Niamh Murphy, Roisin Herlihy, Clodagh Fitzgerald, Emma Greene, Emily Power, Jan Kiernan, Elaine Egan and Sara O'Keeffe.

### Waterford 7 A Side Tournament

Our Junior A team played in this tournament over the weekend in very pleasant surroundings. We were playing in intermediate grade against teams from Wexford, Kilkenny and Cork. Our first two games against Kilkenny team Dixbro and Wexford ended in a draw leaving us with Douglas to play for a place in the final. However Douglas proved to be much stronger and reversed the result of our championship encounter. A great day out for everybody so then the quick drive back to support our junior hurlers in Minane Bridge who qualified for the South East final to be played on the same day as our County Junior Final. Lets hope both teams have full support on the day.

### Fixtures

Indoor season beginning soon, new members always welcome. Waterford Sevens in Butlerstown. County Junior A Final Sunday September 29th.

Training for all teams in progress: U9, 10 and 11 Monday Evenings. U16, 18 and Juniors Tuesday and Thursday at 6.30pm.

# Milford under pressure to win

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Camogie final preview

MILFORD'S greatest motivating factor going into Sunday's Cork County Senior B camogie final against Ballygarvan in Páirc Uí Rinn is merely, having to win.

Another defeat would signal their third final appearance in this grade in as many years.

But, losing is far from the minds of a side that has come up along the ranks with amazing speed.

"We won the Junior B final in '98, and beat Ballygarvan in the Junior A final of '99," explained captain Lelia Long.

"So, Sunday's clash will be a repeat of that final three years ago as both sides will have much the same players since then."

Over the past two seasons Milford have agonisingly lost out to St Finbarr's and Éire Óg in their current grade and feel that the time has come to correct those past two losses.

They will field a strong side that will include the Watson sisters, Cork minor captain Elaine O'Riordan, Anna Geary, Christine O'Gorman, Emer O'Friel and Regina Curtin.

En route to the final they had good wins over Aghabullogue and Kilbrittain.

However, Ballygarvan will be no pushovers for the North Cork side and with Cork senior star Eimer Dillon heading up their challenge, they will be full of confidence.

Dillon, who betrayed her tender young years in Croke Park last Sunday, scored three marvellous points against no less a player than Clara Gaynor.

Another to watch is Caitriona Kelly who has further endorsed her position as one of the top centre-forwards in the game.

She featured prominently with Carrigdhoun earlier in the season and was a member of the Cork junior team that narrowly went under to Kilkenny last weekend.

This final has all the hallmarks of a cracking contest.

Throw-in is at 2pm.



Tipperary intermediate camogie panel prior to the team's decisive win over Down in the All-Ireland quarter final. Front, left to right: Deirdre McDonnell, Niamh Connolly (capt), Sarah O'Brien, Mary Rose Ryan, Melissa Stapleton, Michelle Shortt, Trish Ryan, Linda Breen, Paula Ryan, Martin Browne (coach). 2nd row: Marie Gerard O'Dwyer, Mary Looby, Aine Mulcahy, Moira Ryan, Marie Morrissey, Helen Grogan, Helen Breen, Triona Bonnar, Geraldine Kinnane. Back: Margaret Skehan (chairperson, County Board), Bernie O'Dowd (selector), Sharon Ralph, Una O'Rourke, Jenny O'Halloran, Linda Grogan, Fiona Loughnane, Trish O'Halloran, Lorraine Burke, Brendan Murphy (selector). Photo by Rose Mannion.

Below right: Cloughduv captain Una O'Donoghue holds the cup aloft after their win over St Finbarr's in the Cork senior camogie final.





**A**FTER the excitement of All Ireland weekend it's back to the home front as Ballygarvan and Milford prepare for a senior B showdown in Pairc uí Rinn on Sunday next.

It's very much a case of déjà vu as Milford line out in their third county senior B final in a row. Twice they have reached the decider only to see Eire og and St Finbarrs shatter their dreams.

For the vibrant north Cork side the annexing of the title would be the culmination of 10 marvellous years in adult camogie.

Just back in 1998 they entered the junior B grade for the first time and took ultimate honours, the following year it was promotion to A grade and yes with another title in the bag it was promotion to senior B.

Quickly establishing themselves they reached the final only to lose out to Eire Og in a replay last season hoped were again high but a lively St Finbarrs who had themselves lost out in three finals shattered Milford's dreams, and so to the season in hand.

In their opening round with Aghbullogue Milford recorded a three goal winning margin before going on to contest the semi final where they had an impressive victory over a Kilbrittan side whom many had fancied to go all the way their season.

Captained by Lelia Long the young side Milford are coached by Ted Sheehan

# Ballygarvan and Milford prepare for showdown

Unlucky Milford hope to make it third time lucky this year

who is joined in the selectorial duties by Ann Watson.

They are a strong side all round team from goalkeeper Elizabeth Linehan to forwards Marie and Emer Watson it will take a mighty effort to stop their bid for ultimate honours but rest assured Ballygarvan are more that ready for the task that lies ahead.

County Junior A champions in millennium year the go ahead South East side are another who have made wonderful progress since taking their first adult tro-

phy back in 1997.

In their opening game they had a good victory over Newcestown before knocking out Valley Rovers at semi final stage. Cork senior Emer Dillon will be joined by Catriona Kelly, Deirdre Daly Aileen O'Neill and Julie O'Sullivan as Ballygarvan attempt to annex their first senior title. The inclusion this season of Sarah and Trisha O'Donovan who joined the club from Valley Rovers has add further strength to their attack and the Milford defenders can be guaranteed a busy afternoon.

The juvenile board have joined their senior counterparts and will staging the Under 16 b league final as a curtain raiser to the senior final. Here St Catherine's will be favourites to retain their title against a young but very determined Eire og fifteen

## Rockbán a new force in adult camogie

Junior B side make a spectacular debut

Rockbán 5-11  
Buttevant 1-2

Rockbán got off to a winning debut in adult camogie as their newly-formed junior B team proved too strong for a young Buttevant side in the junior B championship in Buttevant.

The foundations for victory were laid in the opening half with goals from Sile Burns and Catriona Foley helping Rockbán to a 3-6 to 0-2 interval lead.

On the resumption, Rockbán again took control with goals from Mairead Burns and Catherine Drinan extending their advantage before five points from Sile Burns concluded their scoring. Dawn Farrell snatched a goal back for the young Buttevant side.

St Finbarr's 2-5  
Bishopstown 0-1

The all-southside clash of Barrs and Bishopstown saw the blues advance in a junior B championship clash that produced two unusual goals.

The first came mid way through the opening half for the Barrs as a long ball into the square hung in the air before several hurleys looked to deflect it to the net. The score settled St Finbarr's and helped them to an interval lead of 1-3 to 0-0.

Bishopstown worked hard from the restart and were rewarded with a Julia O'Halloran point. But St Finbarrs kept the pressure on and their second second goal came from a Janice Duffy 45- metre free which was deflected to the net by a Bishopstown defender.

With Barrs now very much in the driving seat, there was no way back for Bishopstown despite good work from Fiona Higgins, Veronica Nash and Eileen Foyle.



Fiona O'Driscoll shoots to score Cork's fourth goal against Tipperary in the All-Ireland Camogie final at Croke Park on Sunday. Picture: Ray McManus

Tracton 8-6  
Valley Rovers 1-0

In their first year in junior B grade, Tracton advanced with ease at the expense of Valley Rovers.

Catherine Coughlan, Nicola Lynch, Rose Ambrose, Aileen Twomey and Catherine Guinnane all struck for goals in a game where the Tracton midfield pairing of Janet Kind and Marion Jegoe excelled. This hard-working pair ensured a steady supply to their inside line with devastating results.

For Valley Rovers, Trisha O'Riordan, Eileen Allen and Edel Mullally worked hard with Joan Ryan getting on the score sheet with a first-half goal.

Barryroe 7-8  
Ballincollig 0-1

The stronger Barryroe side were always in control against a lively but inexperienced Ballincollig. Michelle Fleming was in devastating form for Barryroe, notch-

ing up 5-4 of her side's tally with Josephine Cahalane, Deirdre Walsh, Marie Whelton and Sharon Keohane all getting on the scoresheet.

Youghal 7-13  
Kilbrittan 0-0

Youghal confirmed their tag as pre-match favourites when they outclassed Kilbrittan's second string in Kilbrittan on Sunday.

Jessica Heaphy, Shauna Coyne, June Fitzgerald, Ashling Corcoran, Kelly McCarthy and Shauna Cunningham helping to guide them safely through.

St Catherine's 6-12  
Kilshannig 0-0

Three goals apiece from Irene Brown and Marie Morrison helped St Catherine's advance at the expense of Kilshannig at St Catherine's. Others to impress for the Conna side were Theresa Leahy, Deirdre Twomey and Marie Hogan

## Last gasp Watson goal earns Milford second bite of cherry

13-year-old Aine Watson's long delivery was won by sister Emer and she made no mistake to give her side another bite of the cherry.

When the Milford defence failed to clear Sarah O'Donovan was on hand to finish to the net.

Twice in the game, Marie Watson and Catriona Kelly exchanged points but Ballygarvan continued to hold their lead.

Undeterred, Milford battled on. With one minute remaining, substitute

Emer Watson goal. Milford dominated the opening stages of the game and led 6-0 to 0-3 at the interval after Ballygarvan had battled back from being four points in arrears.

Emer Watson (2), Lelia Long and Julie Sheehy had points on the board for Milford before the Ballygarvan revival led in the main by Catriona Kelly.

**BALLYGARVAN** and Milford will have to do battle all over again after it finished all square in the Senior B Cork County Camogie Final at Pairc Uí Rinn yesterday thanks to a last gasp

**SCORES FOR MILFORD:** E. Watson 1-2, M. Watson 0-4 (13 free), L. Long, E. O'Friel, J. Sheehy 0-1 each.

**BALLYGARVAN:** S. O'Donovan 2-1, C. Kelly 0-4, E. Dillon 0-1.

**Referee:** M. Corlery (Cloughduv).

**by Mary Newman**

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# Cork fired up for a place in intermediate final

WITH the minor and senior camogie titles already safely tucked away, Cork will endeavour to reach another decider when they meet Dublin in the All-Ireland intermediate semi-final on Sunday next in Douglas at 3pm.

Already the county has enjoyed a remarkable run of success and an intermediate title would round off the season nicely. Cork face a tough task against a Dublin side who, having already lost the opening rounds of the senior competition, now come back into contention in the intermediate grade.

Cork opened their campaign against a fancied Derry side in Ballincollig three weeks ago and had to withstand a tremendous rally from the northerners before securing their semi-final place. In that encounter the Cork defence in particular shone with Nora Ahern, Rena Buckley and Catriona Foley in fine form.

Cork hopes are high that a step closer

## Camogie side out to capture a third title

to the intermediate crown will be taken on Sunday.

Among the player who carry Cork's hopes are Breige Corkery who, when introduced at half time in the junior final, turned the game in Cork's favour.

Her incredible speed and skill left the Kilkenny defence dead and one wonders if she had been introduced sooner, what impact she would have made on the result. It's almost certain that the intermediate backroom team will include her in their plans from the throw-in.

Hilda Kenneally captains the side and

the hard-working Newcestown stalwart will be expected to line out in the half forward line. Valerie Maher, Marie Watson and Colette Desmond should all feature in the Cork attack, and again little change is expected to that line-out.

Colette Desmond, Liz Sweetnam, Marie Watson, Catriona Foley, Breige Corkery and Nora Ahern have already endured the heartbreak of losing the junior All-Ireland final, so let's hope that on Sunday they will go a step closer to reaching another decider.

But Dublin will be no push over as they have had the experience of playing Tipperary and Limerick in the senior championship.

While losing out to Tipperary in their opening game they showed a marked improvement against Limerick and on Sunday will be very focused on reaching their second intermediate final. The county won the inaugural title in 1992, but have not made any significant impact on the competition since then.

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Inniscarra U10s who defeated Douglas in the Declan Crowley Memorial Blitz in Ballinhassig recently.

## Carrigaline and Sars in final clash

CARRIGALINE and Sarsfields meet on Sunday next to decide the destination of the Junior A county title. In their path to the final Carrigaline have looked impressive defeating Brian Dillons and Douglas.

Last season Carrigaline took their first Junior B title and also added the Junior league for good measure. Hard work at under age level has ensured a continuous progression of players to the adult section and now reaching their first Junior A final the Carrigaline side are determined to go all they way.

Amongst the players who have impressed in their path to date have been Rose Harrington, Emma Green, Trisha O'Sullivan and Clodagh Fitzgerald. However, that will count for little as they

face the ultimate challenge from a Sarsfield's side who have worked steadily to make it to the final. For the Riverstown side reaching the Junior final is a marvellous achievement, having regard to Junior several seasons ago the club have worked hard to re-establish themselves as a force to be reckoned with. In their path to the final St Vincents were defeated in the opening round before a fancied Douglas had no answer to the Sarsfields machine.

This year they welcomed back the services of several of their former senior players amongst them former inter county player Breda Kenny and Helena Barry.

Junior B championship action continues as Clonakilty and St Finbarrs meet in Toghher, St Catherine's and Inniscarra are pencilled in to meet in Balyanley.

# New temporary Principal takes over at St Mary's

WHEN the students of St Mary's School Charleville returned to start their new school year this week they were greeted by a new Principal in place of Sr. M. Martina, Principal of twelve years who has taken a well deserved career break.

Deputy Principal Mr. John Boyd, who was the first ever male teacher to be appointed at the school has made a further piece of local academic history by becoming the first ever secular Principal at St. Mary's in place of Sr. Martina. The school's PE teacher Ms. Brid Mulcahy takes over John's former role of Deputy Principal.

Cork city born John, who graduated with a BA. HDE degree from University College Cork in 1966, first came to St. Mary's School in 1969 after teaching for two years in the Convent of Mercy in Cahersiveen, Co. Kerry where one of his teaching colleagues was Sr. Vincent (RIP) who was a sister of the late John B. Keane.

He was the first male teacher to be appointed at St. Mary's and assumed the position of Deputy Principal to the then Principal Sr. M. Colman in 1972. Sr. Colman acted in that capacity until 1990 when Sr. Martina was appointed to the position and John continued in the role of Deputy Principal.

Among her achievements in the course of her stewardship at the 385 student school, Sr. Martina supervised the extension and upgrading of facilities at St.

Michael McGrath's

Charleville

Mary's, which cost €3.5 million.

John takes over this onerous task at a time when the results achieved by students of St. Mary's are ever improving as typified by those gained in this year's Leaving Certificate, which also included mature students taking a post Leaving Certificate course in e-commerce and business.

"Two of the students gained first and second place in Ireland in this course in the recent Leaving Certificate examination and we will be accommodating even more mature students on this course in the coming year," said John.

St. Mary's is justly recognised as the best school in Ireland for the game of Camogie, having won more titles than any other school in the country and in the past year they swept the boards winning all three All-Ireland Schools titles in the Seven-a-side, the Junior and Senior titles.

This is all the more creditable when one considers that camogie was only introduced to the school in the mid-eighties. The school's teams are in the capable hands of

teachers Vincent Harrington, Ann-Marie O'Keeffe and local curate Rev. Fr. Tim Hazelwood.

"We will be continuing our sports programme at St. Mary's and hopefully we will be as successful as we were in 2002 in games. We also tasted success in basketball last season winning the All-Ireland Senior 'D' competition through the help of teacher, Gerard O'Donovan. He will be assisted this year by another new appointee to the teaching staff this year in PE teacher Ms. Paula Farrell who hails from Tramore, Co. Waterford and who was the body coach to the Irish Basketball team.

"We are also investigating the possibility of converting our camogie pitch into an all-weather playing field," said John.

This year also John also has the satisfaction of seeing a former pupil of his Geography class at St. Mary's, Marian Buckley (nee Touhy), coming back to the school to teach the subject with her former teacher now her Principal.

St. Mary's also has a new secretary in Ms. Stephanie Lynes who comes from Ironmines, Mallow.

The school will be running a tour to Paris in October for students of the transition year and fifth year classes.

Married to the Nuala, the couple have a family of two boys and reside at Love Lane, Charleville. The hugely popular John is wished well in the year ahead in his new, albeit temporary post.



# Cork to take on Dublin in last four of the All-Ireland camogie intermediate c'ship

By Mary Newman

CORK and Dublin meet on Sunday next in Douglas in the All-Ireland intermediate championship semi-final.

It's a tough task for Cork against a Dublin side who have already contested and lost opening rounds of the senior competition now come back into contention in the intermediate grade.

Cork opened their campaign against a fancied Derry side in Ballincollig three weeks ago and had to withstand a tremendous rally from the northerners before securing their semi final place. In that encounter

the Cork defence in particular shone with Nora Ahern, Rena Buckley and Catriona Foley impressive.

Breige Corkery is sure to be amongst the starting line out for Cork following her impressive display when introduced at half time in the junior final so.

Hilda Kenneally captains the side and will be expected to line out in the half forward line. Valerie Maher, Marie Watson and Colette Desmond should all featured in the Cork attack.

Colette Desmond, Liz Sweetnam, Marie Watson, Catriona Foley, Breige Corkery and Nora Ahern have already endured the

heartbreak of losing out in the junior All Ireland final lets hope that on Sunday they go a step closer to reaching another decider.

Dublin will be no push over as already they have had the experience of playing Tipperary and Limerick in senior championship, losing out to Tipperary in their opening game they showed a marked improvement against Limerick and on Sunday will be very focused on reaching their second ever Intermediate final.

**CARRIGALINE** and Sarsfields meet on Sunday in the junior A camogie county final. Carrigaline defeated Brian

Dillons and Douglas to reach the final while Sarsfields had good victories over St Vincents and favourites St Catherine's.

Carrigaline took their first Junior B championship title last season and also added the Junior league title now promoted to Junior A ranks they have made excellent strides in reaching the final.

They are determined to go all the way and the contributions of Rose Harrington, Emma Green, Trisha O'Sullivan and Clodagh Fitzgerald to their quest to date has been second to none however they now face the ultimate challenge from a Sarsfield's side who have

worked steadily to make it to the final.

Sarsfields last took the Junior A championship title in 1977 and there followed a marvellous year which saw a senior title rest in Riverstown in 1989.

Carrigaline look to be the better balanced of the sides but Sarsfields are fiercely determined it should be an exciting curtain raiser to the All-Ireland intermediate final.

**MILFORD** ..... 1-9  
**BALLYGARVAN** ..... 2-6

MILFORD and Ballygarvan will have to meet again as they finished honours even

in the senior B county final in Páirc Uí Rinn on Sunday.

Four points without reply inside the opening quarter from Emer Watson (two), Lelia Long and Emer O'Friel, Julie Sheehy and Marie Watson saw Milford open up an early lead but as Ballygarvan settled and cut her defect with points from Emer Dillon, Catriona Kelly and Sarah O'Donovan to leave Milford leading 0-6 to 0-3 at the break.

From the restart Ballygarvan were quickly on level terms thanks to a Sara O'Donovan goal. Marie Watson and Catriona Kelly swooped points but the alert Sarah O'Donovan availed to

finish to the net after Milford failed to clear.

Ballygarvan with Catriona Kelly superb continued to press and had the Milford defence under tremendous pressure, twice Catriona Kelly and Marie Watson exchanged points as Ballygarvan held onto their lead going into the closing minutes.

Milford never let their heads drop and continued to work away, young substitute 13-year-old Aine Watson drove a long clearance up the centre it found Emer Watson who calmly finished to the net to give her side another chance which was no more than both sides deserved.



Conor O'Toole, General manager of Silversprings Moran Hotel, Cork presents the Cork GAA Person of the month to Fiona O'Driscoll for her performance in the All Ireland Camogie Final. scoring a personal tally of 3-



## Pride of Buttevant

Chairman of Cuman Camógaíochta na nÓg, Corcaigh, Pat O'Riordan, presents the under-12 B league camogie cup to Dawn O'Keeffe the captain of the victorious Buttevant team which beat Aghabullogue in Ballincollig last Saturday.

Pic: Tim Buckley

# Buttevant under-12s clinch the first ever 'B' league title

**BUTTEVANT** ..... 2-1  
**AGHABULLOGUE** ... 1-0

THE under-12 camogie team were the toast of Buttevant on Saturday evening last after they overcame Aghabullogue to win the Cork County Grade B U12 Camogie league final before a large crowd in the second game of the double header in Ballincollig.

The first half ended scoreless and it is Aghabullogue who will rue the day as they failed to convert their chances having had the bulk of the possession.

Solid performance from Ciara Herlihy, Michelle Healy, Lisa Bergin and Mary Ronan gave the impression that Aghabullogue would get the break and this seemed to be the case as they stormed into the second half.

Inside the first minute after the restart Chloe O'Riordan had the ball in the Buttevant net. Buttevant did not lose their composure and with the help of a point from Elaine Murphy gradually gained control.

Superbly led in defence by Dawn O'Keeffe and good support from Orla Johnson at full back, Darina O'Callaghan and Helena Coughlan on the left flank gave Buttevant time and space to mount determined attacks.

## Juvenile camogie with Tim Buckley

In the 17th minute came the score of the afternoon. Emer Healy for Buttevant won the ball inside her own half, hit it to the unmarked Elaine Murphy who in a moment of magic slashed it straight to the Aghabullogue net giving the goalkeeper no chance and making it 1-1 to 1-0 in favour of Buttevant.

Elaine Lombard for Buttevant finished off the game as a contest with a goal in the 20th minute.

So it's Buttevant who take the inaugural under-12 B Cork camogie title for 2002.

**Scorers — Buttevant:** E Murphy 1-1, E Lombard 1-0.  
**Aghabullogue:** Chloe O'Riordan 1-0.

**Teams — Buttevant:** O O'Connell; C Barry; O Johnson; D O'Callaghan; J O'Callaghan; D O'Keeffe (captain); H Coughlan; E Murphy; N Walshe; K Burke; E Harrington; A Cronin; A Madigan; E Healy; E Lombard; S McNamara; G O'Driscoll; N Crowley; K Harrington; F O'Connell; B

Curtin; S Burke; F O'Brien; A Crowley; R Dunnice; Griffin; M Lombard; A Murphy.  
**Aghabullogue:** E McSwiney; S Dineen; C Herlihy; M Mc Carthy; A O'Sullivan (captain); M Healy; E Murphy; L O'Leary; L Bergin; E O'Mahony; M Ronan; J O'Connell; E O'Mahony; C O'Riordan; S Fitzpatrick; E O'Connell; L Lynch; T Buckley; L Hayes; I Dennehy; L Downey; A O'Sullivan; N Doherty; A Wilson; S Lynch.  
Referee: Ann Coleman (Blarney).

**ST CATHERINES** ... 2-10  
**EIRE OG** ..... 1-4

ON the field this was a closely marked and contested player to player game but on the scoreboard St Catherine's had the edge in the under-16 B camogie league final played in Páirc Uí Rinn on Sunday.

The game was the curtain-raiser to the Senior B final. In the end the dominance Cork minor Noreen Mulcahy at centre field for

St Catherine's and scoring power of full forward Denise Twomey was the difference.

A remarkable feature of the first half and the result of the close marking was that seven of the ten scores came from placed balls.

The opening 20 minutes were evenly contested with Claire Carroll putting two over for Eire Og and Mulcahy and Twomey replying with a point each all from frees.

St Catherine's at this point were beginning to gain a grip at midfield. Three points from frees by N Mulcahy and two from D Twomey from play left Catherine's leading 0-7 to 0-2 by the 26th minute.

A minute from the interval N Mulcahy put Catherine's into a comfortable position when she sent in a high speculative shot. The hopping ball deceived the Eire Og 'keeper to extend Catherine's margin by a goal before the break.

Shortly after the restart the ball dropped in close to the Eire Og goal mouth and their defenders failed to clear it out of the danger zone quickly.

Denise Twomey got the final touch to put it over the line making it 2-7 to 0-2 effectively putting the result beyond doubt.

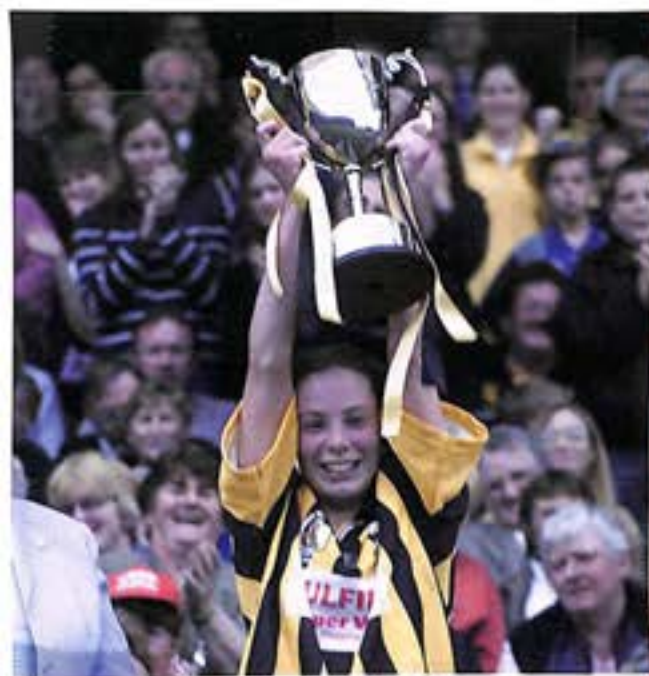
Eire Og did not lie down

but fought all the way to the finish. Ciara McKenna registered a fine goal late in the half after a fine run through the Catherine's defence. Emer O'Driscoll and Claire Carroll added a point each.

Catherine's replied with three points. St Catherine's are consequently under-16 B camogie title holders for the second year in a row.

**Scorers — St Catherine's:** N Mulcahy 1-5 (0-5 frees), D Twomey 1-5 (0-2 frees).  
**Eire Og:** C Carroll 0-3 frees, C McKenna 1-0, E O'Driscoll 0-1.

**Teams — St Catherine's:** Maeva O'Keeffe; O Neville; M Twomey; L Kearney; D Mulcahy; O Cotter; T Barry; N Mulcahy; A Hogan; D Twomey; M Collins; P O'Brien; A O'Brien; D Twomey (captain); E Lane; S Davern; C O'Brien; P Moroney; C Hurley; A Casey; J Hurley; G Carr.  
**Eire Og:** L M O'Mahony; L Murphy; A Desmond; T Murphy; C Carroll; M McKenna; E O'Driscoll; M Corkery; S Desmond; M O'Herlihy; C McKenna (Capt); A McCarthy; C O'Leary; E Corkery; S Gleeson; M Galvin; S Donovan; L Doyle; C McCarthy; D Twomey; E Kelleher; A Sheehan.  
Referee: Peter Downey (Inniscarra).



Jacqui Fristy led Kilkenny to the All-Ireland junior camogie title

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## Ballinhassig land their first ever camogie U12 title

# Double goal strike wins the day!

Ballinhassig 2-1  
Douglas 1-3  
By TIM BUCKLEY  
Juvenile camogie

**BALLINHASSIG** claimed their first title at this level in Ballincollig last Saturday.

Even though they did all the pressing in the opening quarter it was Aisling Cotter for Douglas who registered the first score when she connected well on a dropping ball from a free from Moire O'Donovan and drove to the net.

Soon after Katie McCarthy got in her shot to the Douglas net to level the match at a goal a piece.

The second-half was barely on when Catriona Collins put Ballinhassig back in front when she hit the net from 30 metres to make it 2-0 to 1-1.

A titanic struggle followed for the remainder of the game with nothing being given away by either back line.

The winning point for Ballinhassig came in the 50th min from Amy O'Riordan to take the title.

This game was preceded by a minute's silence as a mark of respect to Ballinhassig's Joan Lucey's tragic death last week. The no. 2 jersey was not worn by Ballinhassig.

**Scorers:** Ballinhassig: K McCarthy and C Collins 1-0 each, A O'Riordan 0-1 (45).

**Douglas:** A Cotter 1-0, N O'Donovan 0-2, A O'Donovan 0-1.

**Ballinhassig:** M Fleming; A Cadogan, A O'Riordan, N Foley, G Walsh, S O'Callaghan (Capt), D Coakley, J Harrington, K McCarthy, S McCarthy, C Collins, K McCarthy, C Reynolds; A O'Leary, K McCarthy, A Coakley.

**Douglas:** C Murphy; E Jordan, J Jackson, C Driscoll; K Morgan, J Dempsey, J Kelleher; N O'Donovan, J White; M O'Donovan, L O'Shea (Capt), M O'Mahony; A Cotter, A O'Donovan, S Sisk.

**Referee:** P Daly (Ballincollig)

Buttevant 2-1  
Aghabullogue 1-0

THE U12 Camogie team were the toast of Buttevant on Saturday evening last after they overcame Aghabullogue to win the Cork County Grade B U12 Camogie league final before a large crowd in the second game of the double header in Ballincollig.

After a quiet opening period Aghabullogue stormed into the second-half. Inside the first min after the restart Chloe O'Riordan had the ball in the Buttevant net. Then Emer Healy for Buttevant won the ball inside her own half, hit it to the unmarked Elaine Murphy who in a moment of magic smashed it straight to the Aghabul-

logue net. Elaine Lombard, again for the north cork side, finished off the game as a contest with a goal in the 20th minute.

**Scorers Buttevant:** E Murphy 2-1, E Lombard 1-0.

**Aghabullogue:** Chloe O'Riordan 1-0.  
**Buttevant:** O O'Connell; C Barry, O Johnson, D O'Callaghan; J O'Callaghan, D O'Keefe (Capt), H Coughlan; E Murphy, N Walsh; K Burke, E Harrington, A Cronin; A Madigan, E Healy, E Lombard.

**Aghabullogue:** E McSwiney; S Dineen, C Herlihy, M McCarthy; A O'Sullivan (Capt), M Healy, E Murphy; L O'Leary, L Bergin; E O'Mahony, M Ronan, J O'Connell; E O'Mahony, C O'Riordan, S Fitzpatrick.  
**Referee:** A Coleman (Blarney).

St Catherine's 2-10  
Eire Og 1-4

THIS U16B league final game was the curtain raiser to the Senior B final in Paire Uí Rinn on Sunday. In the end it was the dominance of Cork minor Noreen Mulcahy at centre field for St Catherine's and

scoring power of full-forward Denise Twomey that was the difference.

Three points from frees by Mulcahy and two from Twomey from play left Catherine's leading 0-7 to 0-2 on the run up to the interval.

Mulcahy put Catherine's further in front with a goal before the break.

Shortly after the restart Twomey got the final touch to put it over the line making it 2-7 to 0-2 effectively putting the result beyond doubt.

**Scorers St Catherine's:** N Mulcahy 1-5 (0-5 frees), D Twomey 1-5 (0-2 frees).

**Eire Og:** C Carroll 0-3 frees, C McKenna 1-0, E O'Driscoll 0-1.

**Teams**  
**St Catherine's:** M O'Keefe; O Neville, M Twomey, L Kearney; D Mulcahy, O Cotter, T Barry; N Mulcahy, A Hogan; D Twomey, M Collins, P O'Brien; A O'Brien, D Twomey (Capt), E Lane.

**Eire Og:** L O'Mahony; L Murphy, A Desmond, T Murphy; C Carroll, C McKenna, E O'Driscoll; M Corkery, S Desmond; M O'Herlihy, C McKenna (Capt), A McCarthy; C O'Leary, E Corkery, S Gleeson.  
**Referee:** P Downey (Inniscearra).



## Orla's the 'Bullogue inspiration

Aghabullogue 1-9  
Delaney's 1-4

A CATHY BUCKLEY goal mid-way through the opening half gave the Delaney's girls a 1-3 to 0-3 interval lead as Dawn Collins Carol Lynch and Trisha Kearney added points to the city side's tally in the Junior B championship, writes MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY.

A point from Helena Moynihan quickly cut the arrears and as Aghabullogue continued to press Orla McSweeney grabbed a crucial goal that gave them the lead for the first time in the game.

They opened up a five point lead thanks to Moynihan, Emma Healy and Louise Murphy Lyons.

Carol Lynch pointed for Delanys to put four points between the sides but Aghabullogue responded with Abbey Lehan, Moynihan and Healy pointing to seal their passage through to a second round meeting with Newcestown.

Bandon 4-8  
Grenagh 0-4

OPENING half goals from Anita Houlihan and Stacy Daly set the foundations for Bandon's success with Aoife O'Neill pointing two frees and Joanne Gaynor and Aine Crowley also pointing. Bandon opened up as 2-4 to 0-2 advantage. Grenagh had points from Jennie Vaughan and Linda Dorgan as they endeavoured to keep in touch with their opponents.

Bandon maintained their momentum through the second half as Aine Crowley and Aoife O'Neill struck for goals. Grenagh had points from Linda Dorgan and Lynn Buckley but they failed to contain the livelier Bandon inside line where Alison Houlihan and Aoife O'Neill added points to ensure their sides victory.

Killeagh 2-10  
Kildorrey 0-0

WITH Mary O'Connor in tremendous form Killeagh advanced at the expense of a young Kildorrey side in Killeagh. First-half goals from Katie Linehan and Angela Walsh helped the home side build up a comfortable interval lead. They now meet the winners of the Clonakilty/St Finbarr's clash.

## PREVIEW

Junior A county championship final  
Sunday September 29

Sarsfields v Carrigaline, Douglas 1pm. CARRIGALINE will be hoping to continue their progress when they meet Sarsfield's in the county final. Sarsfield's have worked hard to keep the game alive in their club and their progression to the final has been a big boost to them.

The return to camogie of former inter county player Breda Kenny and the reliable Helena Barry (McCarthy) has boosted Sarsfields, while the younger players, Emer O Farrell, Doidre Breen and Orla Barry are hungry for victory.

Carrigaline's defence is spearheaded by Ann Kiely, Jan Kieran and Emily Power, up front Terri O'Keefe, Emma Green and Muireann Conlon are a threat. VERDICT: Sarsfields

## Tipperary Intermediates contest All-Ireland semi-final

All is not lost for the Blue and Gold yet as many might think. Tipperary Intermediate Camogie Team are the last chance of a title coming into the county this year.

On Sunday next in the County Camogie Grounds they play Antrim at 12.30. After a decisive victory over Down three weeks ago their next hurdle against Antrim will be a much stiffer contest.

While eight of the players have gained experience on the Senior panel the rest of the panel have also got a lot of experience behind them and under the guidance of Martin Browne, Brendan Murphy and Bernie O'Dowd this team are the last hope to raise the blue and gold for the Premier side in 2002. Antrim on the other hand have the experience of playing in the Senior Championship and are Antrim's first team.

Tipperary have a clean bill of health going into the game and have a lot of work done in preparing for this semi-final. Sponsored by Sportsman Dream, Nenagh, who also sponsored this team for the Junior All-Ireland last year, sincere thanks to Siobhan Tynan for her generosity.

Playing in their own back yard is an added advantage to Tipperary, but no doubt Antrim will put on a brave battle also, we hope Tipperary get the support they deserve, remember they are our last chance to bring back the honours to the Premier County, let there be a sea of blue and gold in The County Camogie Grounds on Sunday at 12.30.

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Geraldine Casey, Cork Senior Camogie goalkeeper, pictured at her former school in Berings with the O'Duffy Cup and the sponsor's Player of the Match, award which she won for her display in the All-Ireland final.



# Who knows what 'Gilly' can do

The Year 2002 was not all gloom and doom for Galway having won the National League for the first time since 1994 many expected them to be serious contenders for the O'Duffy Cup but Cork put paid to that when they dealt out a severe beating in the All-Ireland semi-final, writes Maire Uí Scolai.

However, as in most situations there is always a ray of sunshine and that happened for one youngster Denise Gilligan this year. Many will recall the great display this young girl showed back in 1996 when Tony Ward's charges won their first and only All-Ireland senior title.

Still only a school girl she made the headlines by being named player of the match for her great display that day against Cork. Since then Denise took a break part through injury and part through burn out. This season saw the crafty forward back in the maroon and white of Galway. Here she tells her story.

Back in 1994, Galway won their first All-Ireland Minor medal since '87. Denise recalls that day very vividly "I was hoping for one All-Ireland medal that day while Tipperary were chasing a third title. I recall marking that great Tipperary player Ciara Gaynor, but the smile was on our faces when at the end of the day, victory was ours to hold".

Further success came for 'Gilly' when in 1994 she won her first junior All-Ireland medal when they defeated Limerick. That All-Ireland victory marked Denise's first trip onto the 'hallowed turf' of Páirc an Chrócaigh, but it was not the last. To play on one's county senior team is the dream of many and for Gilly that dream chance came in '95 and the following year saw her in Croke Park in the Senior All-Ireland Final. "The build up to the final was great, it was nerve racking, with wellwishers coming up to you, but as I look back on it now it was a great time in Galway camogie" commented Denise.

It was the day the field of dreams belonged to Galway as captain Imelda Hobbins lifted the O'Duffy Cup for the first time to carry it across the River Shannon. "Running out on the Croke Park pitch was nerve racking, but it was a dream come true for me" said Denise who put away some fine scores early on the League campaign and the Foras na Gaeilge championship. Of the many guests in Páirc an Chrócaigh that day was the former Uachtarán of the GAA, Joe Mc Donagh, himself a Galway man.

That victory meant a lot to Joe as several times since then he has made reference to that famous September Sunday of '96. During '96 Gilly continued on her winning way winning an All-Ireland medal with her school St. Brigid's Vocational School, Loughrea. Not a bad year for this young lady, and while '97 did not see Galway retain their O'Duffy Cup, Gilly did capture a second school's medal with St. Brigid's. Returning home to Galway after that famous win of '96 was something Galway wanted to make the most of and they savoured one moment in time when they crossed the River Shannon in some style. Denise describes that moment as if it was today "We travelled by bus from Dublin, so as we approached Athlone we all got out and walked across the Bridge with the O'Duffy Cup, that was some thing special, very special".

"As we walked one of the first people we met was RTE's Marty Morrissey" who probably took part in the celebrations! as well as working! When a county wins a senior title in camogie, hurling or football it means a lot to the county and creates a huge awareness among the people. This was some thing Denise became aware of very quickly "people had much more respect for the game, they were now much more aware of the game and suddenly people came and asked for your autograph".

Since their victory of '96 Galway have failed to lift the O'Duffy Cup once more and although they did capture the National League this season they were denied a trip to Croke Park by Cork in this year's All-Ireland semi-final. This year saw the return of Denise to the maroon and white following a lengthy break, firstly she had suffered from burn out following the '96

period, and then unfortunately she picked up a knee injury. However, it remains Denise's dream to win another senior All-Ireland medal and with youth very much on her side that certainly remains a possibility. September 2001 she was asked by Michael Kennedy, the well known Galway manager if she would be interested in joining the Galway panel.

Denise did not have to be asked a second time. She immediately set to the task of losing some weight and generally getting herself into shape. She knew this was her chance. When the Galway team was announced to play Wexford in the first round of this year's Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland, Denise was there and she wanted to make the most of it and on that occasion she did as I witnessed for myself.

Denise often blamed herself for Cork's winning goal in the '98 All-Ireland, so making a mark in Wexford p.k. that day was of huge importance to her. While that day at the end of June resembled a day in the middle of winter for Denise it meant work and when she combined with full forward Sharon Glynn they sure made a pair, however, it was a dream that as I saw Cork killed at semi-final stage this year. Having played at the top level Denise has come across several great players and among those whom she rates is Cork's Denise Cronin and her fellow player Sharon Glynn, while she also admires greatly that Tipperary full forward Deirdre Hughes. Denise is one of the many players who has seen the transaction of the game from twelve a-side to fifteen a-side, which Denise favours very much. "I enjoy it a lot, it is great, and it also gives five more players a chance with having five subs allowed now".

It is only fair to say that when one is playing at top level, one begins to take notice of much more, and publicity for the game is high with this Galway player. "We need more publicity and more pictures" was how Denise describes it. It is also Denise's thought that players should think of giving back something particularly when they have retired from the game, either at administration level or in the field of county management.

While it is great to hear Denise talk of 'giving back' something to the game she dearly loves, I think most people would join with me in saying that let's hope it is along way off. With the camogie intercounty calendar finishing on November 3rd with the All-Ireland club final, who knows Galway may still pull something out of the fire this season if Pearses hold on to the All-Ireland Club title. Time will tell.



The Galway team beaten by Cork in this year's semi-final, with Denise Gilligan on the extreme right, front row

## Rebels in search of further All-Ireland triumph

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Cork v Dublin

CORK are gearing up to put another trophy in the cabinet tomorrow when they entertain Dublin in the All-Ireland Intermediate camogie championship semi-final in Douglas.

With the minor and senior cups already on Leeside it would be a massive sweep if they were to overcome the Dubs, but there is no denying that this will be a tough game for the Rebels.

Dublin are partaking in this competition because of being beaten in the first round of the senior championship, which effectively means that they will have their first choice players to pick from.

However, on this occasion they will not be at full strength with Veronica Trehy and Emer Brannigan out injured, but on the plus side they expect to have UL player Fiona Ni Chorcain and Sarah Crosbie back in contention.

Sile Ni Choitir, who gave her allegiance to football this season, is not available for selection.

Cork had to pull on all their reserves to beat Derry in a very entertaining quarter-final.

Captain Hilda Kenneally was in tremendous form that day shooting five points from her centre-forward position.

Denise Twomey will be between the posts and can look ahead with much confidence after her brilliant display against the Oak Leaf County.

From the junior team that was defeated by Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final, Nora Ahern, Liz Sweetnam, Catriona Foley, Colette Desmond, Marie Watson and Brieghe Corkery will all be pushing for places.

But, the red and white will need a steely performance if they are to get to another All-Ireland final. Throw in for this game is at 3pm. In the other semi-final Tipperary play Antrim in the Ragg.

### Cork go for another title

With the Senior and Minor crowns safely residing on Leeside for another year, the Intermediate Camogie team will bid for title number three when they play Dublin in the semi-final at Douglas Grounds on Sunday at 3 p.m.

Time was when Dublin were the dominant force in Camogie and their record of twenty six senior titles

will take some catching. However in recent years the game has struggled in the capital and even a win in this grade in 1992, failed to lift them from the doldrums, and little has happened in the interim to suggest Sunday will be any different.

Somewhat surprisingly for all the success in the last few years, Cork have yet to win this competition. However the availability of players may be a factor in this and with a win over Derry in the first round, they should at very least make it to the final, with either Tipperary or Antrim.

Cork have a nice mix to their team with minors Breighe Corkery, Catriona Foley, and Rena Buckley, com-

menting the experienced Nora Ahern, Hilda Kenneally who captains the side, and Valerie Maher. Given that they also enjoy home advantage it looks like the winning sequence is to be maintained.

This game is preceded by the Junior 'A' C'ship final at 1 p.m. between Sarsfields and Carrigaline.

Sars were Senior champions in 1989, but the retirement of the majority of their players forced them to re-grade and with a restructured under-age section working hard they now find themselves within sixty minutes of joining the Senior B ranks next year.

There is a long and proud tradition of camogie in the Glanmire/Riverstown area and a win would be a welcome boost for all those involved.

Carrigaline though have enjoyed a marvellous few years and with a growing population and a strong division in which they operate they will see this an ideal opportunity to continue the progress of the last few years.

Last season saw them win both the B league and c'ship and with quality players like Clodagh Fitzgerald, Emma Green and Rose Harrington in their squad they will be favourites to win.

It's a tough task for Sars, but the manner in which they defeated a fancied Douglas side in the semi-final will have given them a huge boost and with Breda Kenny and Helena Barry, back in the fold they will test the south-east girls, but it may not be enough and Carrigaline should emerge triumphant.

### MUNSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

## Cashel dominate in Munster club semi-final

CASHEL 6-8;

NEW-MARKET-ON-FERGUS 2-5

While a lot of games were going on within the county Cashel Camogie Team were doing their bit for the county when they had a comprehensive victory over Clare Champions New-Market-on-Fergus in Fermoy on Saturday morning last. Cashel will now play the Cork Champions, Clogdubh, in a bid to retain their Munster Club Championship Title.

Many of the Cashel girls were on the defeated County team in the All-Ireland Senior Final of the previous week and had to lift their spirits and their game in order

to put them in contention for their second Munster Club final and this they did in style.

Cashel were first to score with a point from Philly Fogarty, followed with another point from Paula Bulfin inside the first five minutes. Claire Grogan increased their lead further with another point and Libby Twomey put the icing on the cake with a blistering shot to the back of the net in the ninth minute.

New-Market-on-Fergus followed with two pointed frees for Mona McManus. In the 20th minute Emily Hayden increased Cashel lead once again with a

superb shot from the middle of the field which went all the way over the bar, this was immediately followed with a goal from Claire Grogan. Aoife Ryan scored New-Market's third point in the 25th minute. Cashel responded once again with a super goal from Claire Grogan and a further point from Claire and Libby Twomey to leave Cashel comfortable at the break by 3-6 to 0-3.

New-Market got the better start in the second half with Maura McMahon netting in the 2nd minute, but Claire Grogan settled Cashel by following up with a will taken point. Midway through the second

half New-Market were getting the upper hand of Cashel securing 1-2. However this supremacy was short-lived and Cashel backs were getting back into the game, their mid field were superb and their forwards taking every opportunity that came their way with Claire Grogan and Libby Twomey both finding the New-Market net. Claire Marie Fogarty was introduced for Cashel and almost immediately had the ball in the New-Market net. Cashel's final goal came from Jovita Delaney and Cashel have reached another Munster Club Final by defeating New-Market-on-Fergus by 6-8 to 2-5.





**PUPIL:** Cork camogie star Gemma O'Connor attends Presentation Secondary School, Ballypheane.

All Ireland winning camogie player's, Fiona O'Driscoll, Paula O'Connor and Denise Cronin meet All Ireland winning Kilkenny Hurler D.J. Carey at Davis College Mallow.

Picture: Gavin Browne

# DJ plays right tune

DJ CAREY joined members of the Cork senior camogie team at Davis College in Mallow where a reception was held to honour both the Kilkenny star and the newly crowned All-Ireland senior camogie champions.

In his welcoming speech, principal Denis Healy said this was a historic occasion as the school were also celebrating having recently won the Cork County U14/15 Vocational Schools hurling title.

Mr Healy spoke of how proud they were to have such an array of talented sports-people visit the school.

Cork players Fiona O'Driscoll, Paula O'Connor and Denise Cronin brought the O'Duffy Cup, having first visited the nearby national school.

O'Driscoll, who is no stranger to the limelight after her three-goal burst in



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Croke Park, encouraged the boys and girls to play GAA at all times.

"The difference between a great player and a good player is the one who practices at every available opportunity. Work hard at whatever you do, be it camogie, music, hurling or football," she said.

She also thanked the people of Mallow for the tremendous reception they afforded the team on the Monday night of their return.

There was no doubting the popularity of the Kilkenny number 15 when he stood up to speak. You could hear a pin drop as he addressed the future sporting generation of

North Cork.

"I started out just like you here today," he said. I remember the Harty Cup being brought back to our school and listening to those players tell us what it was like to win an All-Ireland.

"This year has been memorable for me because first of all I had to recover from a car accident and then in May I had my appendix removed. But despite the bad start I was able to transform my disappointments into success.

"It was not easy getting back to full fitness but once I made up my mind that I was coming back, I put everything into it," he said.

The young faces in the audience looked on in amazement, obviously inspired by such a complete sporting athlete.

DJ and the camogie girls then presented medals to the victorious school team.

## Defence holds firm as Cork edge closer to third All-Ireland

**Cork**  
**Dublin**

**3-8**  
**1-9**

by Tom Higgins

THERE'S just no stopping Cork in camogie, their latest victory over Dublin in the All-Ireland Intermediate semi-final at Douglas, Cork yesterday putting them through to another final.

With the senior and minor titles safely tucked away the Cork side will now endeavour to bring their third All-Ireland trophy home when they face the winners of Tipperary and Antrim, who drew 3-7 to 2-10 in the Ragg yesterday, in the decider.

The visitor's, who played with the strong crosswind in the opening period, looked a very good side and led the Rebels a merry dance in the first quarter. They were quickly into their stride and built up a five points lead, which did not flatter them in the opening 12 minutes with their defence, in particular Sonya Byrne and Louise O'Hara, very much on top.

However a brilliant goal by the youthful Breege Corkery put Cork back in the game, but Dublin led 1-5 to 1-2 at the break and should have been further ahead.

On the turn over, with the aid of the breeze, Cork upped the

tempo but found the Dublin defence hard to break down and the Liffesiders were able to keep their noses in front for most of the half. The introduction of Emer Watson for Emer O'Friel in the 39th minute was a master stroke for Cork for the forward line now began to click.

However poor shooting cost them dearly as they shot wide after wide, ten in fact in this half, before the Watson sisters hit a purple patch between the 55th and 56th minutes. Maria shot hard and low to give Cork a one point lead, 2-7 to 1-9 with a goal in the 55th minute and Emer billowed the net with another major a half a minute later.

Dublin tried hard to get back

into the game after these setback but the Cork defence, in which Liz Sweetnam Joan Twomey and Jean O'Sullivan were superb, held firm for Cork to run out worthy winners at the finish of an entertaining and hard fought contest.

Scorers: Cork E. Watson 1-1, M. Watson 1-0, B. Corkery 1-0, H. Kenneally 0-4 (0-3 frees), V. Maher 0-2, R. Curtin 0-1.

Dublin: S. Keogh 1-1, D. Smith 0-3, C. Lucey 0-2 (0-1 free), G. McCluskey 0-1, S. Tracey 0-1, J. Draper 0-1.

**CORK.** D. Twomey; A. M. Fleming, L. Sweetnam, C. Foley; J. Twomey, J. O'Sullivan, C. Deasy; L. Dorgan, B. Corkery; C. Desmond, H. Kenneally, R. Curtin; E. O'Friel, M. Watson, V. Maher, Sub E. Watson for E. O'Friel (39th minute).

**DUBLIN.** S. Caulfield; S. Byrne, V. Reaney, G. Flynn; S. Hanks, L. O'Hara, A. McCluskey, S. Elliott, D. Smith; J. Draper, C. Lucey; S. Tracey, S. Crosbie, S. Keogh, G. Mc Coy.

Referee: E. Browne (Wexford).

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## Carrigaline create history with convincing victory over Sars

**Carrigaline** 2-8  
**Sarsfields** 0-4

by Tom Higgins

CARRIGALINE made their own bit of history yesterday when they captured their first ever Junior A camogie title with an easy win over Sarsfields at Douglas.

Both sides were slow to settle but Sarsfields, with the aid of the wind, opened the scoring in the ninth minute with a point from a free from Orla Barry and were 0-3 to 0-0 ahead after 12 minutes.

Carrigaline eventually got into the game and, playing some excellent camogie, began to find their range. Jacqui O'Keefe and Trish O'Sullivan took control at midfield, and with the forwards getting a better supply of the ball, they began to edge ahead, leading 0-5 to 0-3 at the break.

The game was over as a contest after five minutes of the second half when captain Emma Greene got in for goals in the 33rd and 35th minutes.

It was one-way traffic after that and Sarsfields only response was a point from a free by Orla Barry.

For the winners, Joanne O'Keefe Sandra Moran and Amy Collins were very solid in defence, while Muireann Conlan, Clodagh Fitzgerald and Emma Greene stood out in the forward line.

In a hard-pressed Sarsfield defence, particularly in the second half, Amy Edwards, Deirdre Breen and Sinead O'Leary tried hard.

Veteran Breda Kenny showed her vast experience in midfield, despite being caught for pace at times, while Emer O'Farrell was the pick of her forwards and was ably supported by Orla Barry and Aisling Griffin.

Scorers for Carrigaline: E. Greene 2-1, M. Condon 0-4, T. O'Sullivan 0-3 (frees).

Sarsfields: O. Barry 0-2 (frees), B. Kenny 0-1, E. O'Farrell 0-1.

**CARRIGALINE:** A. Kiely; J. Kiernan, Joanne O'Keefe, E. Power; S. Moran, A. Collins, C. O'Keefe; Jacqui O'Keefe, T. O'Sullivan; G. Harrington, M. Conlan, T. O'Keefe; C. Fitzgerald, E. Greene (capt), N. Murphy. Subs: R. Harrington, C. O'Mahony and L. Kelleher for C. Fitzgerald, T. O'Keefe and N. Murphy (59th minute).

**SARSFIELDS:** O. Butler; A. Edwards, P. Dwyer, H. Barry; D. Breen, S. O'Leary; J. Dennehy; B. Kenny, S. Crowley; O. Barry, S. Barry, E. Murphy; E. Looney, A. Griffin, E. O'Farrell (capt).

Subs: E. Walsh and E. Donoghue for H. Barry and E. O'Farrell (58th minute).

Referee: B. Gray (Kinsale).

### JOY FOR OAK LEAF TEENS

DERRY easily retained their Ulster U18 camogie title in Middleton on Saturday - as Armagh's teenagers were simply unable to challenge the visitors who had to field without the experienced Paula Bell.

However, there were plenty of leaders in Katie McAuley, Grainne McGoldrick, Kiera Cushman, Brieghe Convery and full-forward Caitriona Convery who top-scored with 4-1.

O'Kane scored a first half hat-trick as Derry went in at the break with a 5-4 to 0-1 advantage. Some of the scores were top-drawer and the fluency in the Oak Leaf attack was pretty impressive.

Armagh did better in the second half, Michelle McGuigan, scorer of two points, goalie Bronagh Keenan and Eleanor Hughes working very hard, but they still conceded further goals to Katie McAuley and Caitriona O'Kane.



**Brieghe Corkery**



## Ballinascarthy have the edge

**Ballinascarthy** 3-6  
**Castlelyons** 2-3

BALLINASCARTHY had a great win over a very tough and skilful Castlelyons side in the semi final of the U16 12 a side camogie championship.

When the teams met in the league earlier in the year, Castlelyons had the edge by a point and so the omens pointed to a great game. The first half was very even. Ballinascarthy were first to score when Maura O'Brien drove a 45 over the bar, but Castlelyons replied almost immediately with two points from the splendid Ciara O'Driscoll. Lisa Hennessy, Ballinascarthy's constant danger woman, had a point in the 23rd minute to level. A minute later Catriona Walsh put Ballinascarthy ahead with a point. Michelle Carroll further increased the lead with a superb goal. However, a minute from half time Patricia Carroll picked up a breaking ball from a throw-in and reduced the deficit, 1-3 to 1-2.

Ballinascarthy were first to score in the second half when Maura O'Brien drove a 45 over the bar, but Castlelyons replied almost immediately with a point from Ciara O'Driscoll. From a puck out Lisa Hennessy won the ball on the 45. She finished to the net in the sixth minute to make it 2-4 to 1-3 in favour

of Ballinascarthy. Patricia Carroll was at hand again with a well taken ground strike for a goal for Castlelyons. Denise Leahy and Christine Carroll were sound in defence for Castlelyons displaying great batting skill and clearing well.

Ballinascarthy needed improvement in some vital sectors if they hoped to hold on, which is just what happened. Ciara O'Driscoll for Castlelyons won a great ball but Ciara Deasy daringly snatched the ball off her hurley and passed to the unmarked Lisa Hennessy who pointed making it 2-5 to 2-3 in favour of Ballinascarthy. Catriona Walsh added a goal in the 25th minute and Ciara Deasy pointed a free in the 27th to put six points between the sides in the end. Ballinascarthy go on to meet either Tracton or Sarsfield in the final provisionally fixed for October 19.

**BALLINASCARTHY:** Martina O'Brien (capt), Sharon Kirby, Mary Deasy, Grace Condon, Ciara Deasy, Emer O'Regan, Maura O'Brien, Louise O'Sullivan, Lisa Hennessy, Michelle Carroll, Marie Condon, Catriona Walsh, Samantha Hurley, Mairead Hennessy, Tara Hegarty, Ella Ryan, Lorna Harte

**CASTLELYONS:** C Elenor Murphy, Denise Leahy, Lorraine O'Sullivan, Christine Carroll, Aoife Conran (Vice Captain), Rona Keane, Patricia Carroll, Ellen Mackessy, Valerie Howard, Miriam Howard, Paula O'Regan, Teresa O'Connor, Jacqueline McAuliffe

**Referee:** Jack McGrath (Carrigaline)

## Ballinhassig claim title in thrilling Douglas clash

**Ballinhassig** 2-1  
**Douglas** 1-3

DOUGLAS came to this game looking for their third title in a row at U12A level and only missed it by the narrowest of margins, in a tense and thrilling encounter against Ballinhassig.

This game turned out to be a magnificent contest of fast direct camogie which kept the good sized attendance on their toes to the final whistle.

Even though Ballinhassig did all the pressing in the opening quarter, it was Aisling Cotter for Douglas who registered the first score when she connected well on a dropping ball from a free from Moire O'Donovan. In the 21st minute Shauna McCarthy intercepted Jessica Jackson's pass and hit the ball across the square. Katie McCarthy got her shot in and the ball ended in the Douglas net to level the match. This is how it remained going into the break.

The second half was only 20 seconds old when Ailin O'Donovan hit over a point. Less than a minute later Caitriona Collins put Ballinhassig back in front when she hit the net from 30 metres. The accurate Niamh O'Donovan reduced the deficit for Douglas with a tremendous point from 40 metres. The winning point came from Amy O'Riordan.

**BALLINHASSIG:** M Fleming, A Cadogan, A O'Riordan, N Foley, G Walsh, S O'Callaghan (Capt), D Coakley, J Harrington, K McCarthy, S McCarthy, C Collins, K McCarthy, C Reynolds, A O'Leary, K McCarthy, A Coakley, A McCarthy, A Barry-Murphy, N O'Connor, R McEvoy, L Jordan, K A Hurley, J Barrett, F Barrett, F Murphy, J Desmond, S Tuohy

**DOUGLAS:** C Murphy, E Jordan, J Jackson, C Driscoll, K Horgan, J Dempsey, J Kelleher, N O'Donovan, J White, M O'Donovan, L O'Shea (Capt), M O'Mahony, A Cotter, A O'Donovan, S Sisk, A Fitton, E McCarthy, U Dunphy, D Cotter, A Hennessy, D Boyle, C Barry, A Dinan, T Barry, L Jordan, E Colgan, V Olden

**Referee:** Peter Daly (Ballincollig)

● The game was preceded by a minute's silence as a mark of respect for Ballinhassig's Joan Lucey's tragic death.

JUNIOR B championship dominated the action at adult level last weekend.

**Aghbullogue** 1-9  
**Delaney's** 1-4

AGHBULLOGUE failed to let Delaney's opening half performance upset them as they turned in a tremendous second half rally to advance in the Junior B championship.

A Cathy Buckley goal midway through the opening half gave the Delaney's girls a 1-3 to 0-3 interval lead, as Dawn Collins Carol Lynch and Trisha Kearney added points to the city side's tally. Aghbullogue kept in touch with the accuracy of Helena Moynihane and Abbey Lehan.

A point from Moynihane quickly cut the arrears and as Aghbullogue continued to press, Orla McSweeney grabbed a crucial goal that gave them the lead for the first time in the game.

"The goals settled us and from there on we worked hard to maintain our lead," said Aghbullogue mentor Michael Healy.

The hard work was done by an excellently prepared side who opened up a five-point lead thanks to Helena Moynihane, Emma Healy and Louise Murphy Lyons. Delaney's worked hard to contain the lively Aghbullogue but failed to regain their opening half momentum. Carol Lynch pointed to put four points between the sides but Aghbullogue responded with Abbey Lehan, Helena Moynihane and Emma Healy pointing to ensure their passage through and a second round meeting with Newcestown.

## Aghbullogue rally overturns Delaney's first half romp

Junior B championship dominated the action at the weekend

**Bandon** 4-8  
**Grenagh** 0-4

BANDON install themselves as favourites to reach the closing stages following their victory over Grenagh. They now await the winners of the Aghbullogue/Newcestown clash.

Opening half goals from Anita Houlihan and Stacy Daly set the foundations for Bandon's success.

With Aoife O'Neill pointing two frees and Joanne Gaynor and Aine Crowley also confidently pointing, Bandon opened up as 2-4 to 0-2 advantage. Grenagh had points from Jennie Vaughan and Linda Dorgan as they endeavoured to keep in touch with their opponents.

Bandon maintained their momentum through the second half as Aine Crowley and Aoife O'Neill struck for goals. Grenagh had points from Linda Dorgan and Lynn Buckley but they failed to contain the livelier Bandon inside line where Alison Houlihan and Aoife O'Neill added points to ensure their side's victory.

**Killeagh** 2-10  
**Kildorrey** 0-0

WITH Inter county senior star Mary O'Connor in tremendous form, Killeagh advanced at the expense of a young Kildorrey side in Killeagh.

First half goals from Katie Linehan and Angela Walsh helped the home side build up a comfortable interval lead and from her on they were always in the driving seat. Marie Smithy and Katie Kelleher also contributed points which helped the Killeagh cause. They now meet the winners of the Clonakilty/St Finbarr's clash.

## Cloughduv all set for Tipp showdown

IT'S Cork v Tipperary again as Munster club championship action reaches its conclusion in Cashel on Sunday next. Cork standard-bearers Cloughduv face holders Cashel in a game that has all the makings of a classic.

Last season Cloughduv bowed out at the opening stages to Grenagh/Ballingarry, but this year the Cork champions will be better prepared for the challenge.

Cork's All-Ireland victory was a major boost to Cloughduv, and as both sides have a large sprinkling of senior inter-county players in their line-out, this is certain to be a game of high quality. Cork captain Una O'Donoghue will be hoping to continue her successful run by leading her club to their first Munster title. Joanne O'Callaghan, Stephanie Dunlea, Catherine Corkery and Aoife Murray all played roles in Cork's success story while the influential Breige Corkery will be a handful for the Cashel side. In their county championship success over St Finbarr's, Ciara Cronin made the transition from defence to attack, grabbing two vital goals, and on Sunday a repeat performance could turn the tide in Cloughduv's favour.

● It's back to the drawing board for Milford and Ballygarvan as they strive for the senior 'B' championship trophy. Two weeks ago a last-gasp goal from Emer Watson tied the match just as Ballygarvan looked to be home and dry. Both sided had their chances to take the honours last time out, and another close one is in the making.



The Scoll Mhuire gan Smál, Blarney side that won the Cork Colleges B camogie championship recently. Picture: Mike English

## Battling Cork in the final

**Cork** 3-8  
**Dublin** 1-9

CORK battled back against Dublin to book their place in the All Ireland intermediate championship final.

Dublin took an early an lead and had five points on the board before Breige Corker tore the Dublin defence apart with a devastating solo run. Dublin responded with a Shauna Keogh goal but Cork finished the half stronger, with points from Val Maher and Hilda Kenneally, to trail by just three points 1-5 to 1-2 at the break.

Val Maher cut the deficit inside two minutes with a point but Dublin replied in the form of Ciara Lucey and Denise Smith. Cork then enjoyed their best spell with captain Hilda Kenneally pointing three times without reply to take Cork within a point of Dublin.

Denise Smith and Regina Curtin exchanged points and with Ciara Lucey putting two again between the sides, it looked as if the visitors would weather the storm.

Then came the turnaround. Marie Watson got on the end of a good ball and finished low to the net and Cork were ahead for the first time. Then substitute Emer Watson won possession and shot for goal which killed any chance of a Dublin revival. Emer Watson had the final say with a Cork point to round off a superb day for the Watson sisters. Cork who now await the winner of the Tipperary Antrim which ended level in The Ragg on a score line of Tipperary 3-7 Antrim 2-10.

**CORK:** D Twomey, A M Fleming, L Sweetnam, C Foley, J Twomey, J O Sullivan, C Deasy, L Dorgan, B Corkery, C Desmond, H Kenneally, R Curtin, E O Friel, M Watson, V Meher. Sub: E Watson for E O Friel.





Ballygarvan's Catriona Kelly tackling Milford's Anna Geary during the Cork County Camogie senior B championship final replay at Ovens. Picture: Richard Mills.

# It's elementary for the Watsons

**Milford 6-10**  
**Ballygarvan 3-5**  
By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN  
Cork Senior B Camogie Final

THE WATSON sisters – Emer, Marie and Aine – combined to ensure that the drought at adult level has ended in spectacular fashion down in Milford. They were the driving forces in this senior B county final replay at Ovens, scoring 5-5 between them. It was their burst which yielded 3-2 in the first quarter that set the north Cork side up for their first victory at this level. It signals their first-ever entry into the senior A grade. Ballygarvan started very poorly and matters were not

helped when referee Colette O'Mahony sent off their full-forward Sarah O'Donovan after 13 minutes for an off-the-ball offence. Emer Watson and Eimear O'Friel bagged a hat trick between them in the first 15 minutes. With Milford leading 4-7 to 0-3 at the break, it appeared to be a case of damage limitation for Ballygarvan. However, in the true nature of their battling qualities they refused to lie down. Despite being one less on the numerical front, they whipped home three goals in

the ten minutes after the restart. First, Deirdre Daly netted and Catriona Kelly who worked tirelessly at midfield slotted the next two. Milford they had problems dealing with the extra player, but once Elaine O'Riordan was elected to do so, they settled back into their game plan. For the first full 17 minutes of the second-half they only managed one point from Julie Sheehy, but they were far from finished yet, a goal from Marie Watson followed by another from Aine, were well received by their supporters. **Scorers – Milford:** E Watson 3-3 (1-0f), M Watson 1-2, E O'Friel 1-1, A Watson 1-0, D O'Reilly, R Curtin, J Sheehy and A Geary 0-1 each. **Ballygarvan:** C Kelly 2-2 (1-2f), D Daly 1-1, A Murphy and J O'Sullivan 0-1 each.

**MILFORD:** E Lenihan; L Healy, E O'Riordan, A Dillon; C O'Gorman, S Lenihan, D Hayes; A Geary, R Curtin; J Sheehy, L Long (capt), M Watson; E Watson, E O'Friel, D O'Reilly. Subs: B Geary for S Lenihan (40 mins inj), T McLaughlin for B Geary, A Watson for C O'Gorman (inj) (both 55 mins). **BALLYGARVAN:** M O'Riordan; N Brady, J Browne (capt), D Crowley; A O'Neill, M Hallihane, S A O'Halloran; E Dillon, C Kelly; K Duane, D Daly, J O'Sullivan; A Murphy, S O'Donovan, A Browne. Subs: C Browne for D Crowley (21 mins), A O'Riordan for K Duane, T O'Donovan for A Browne (both half-time), Z Forrest for A O'Neill (40 mins). **Ref:** C O'Mahony (St Finbarr's).

## Youghal next for victorious Inniscarra

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY  
CAMOGIE

**Inniscarra 2-3**  
**St Catherine's 0-6**

INNISCARRA will meet Youghal in the junior B championship quarter-finals.

Edel O'Sullivan opened the scoring with an Inniscarra goal ten minutes into the contest but aided by the wind, St Catherine's picked off points thanks to good play from Aileen Hogan and Sandra Noonan.

Catherine Ryan edged Inniscarra into the lead with two pointed 45s which gave her side an interval lead of 1-2 to 0-3.

On the turn-over points from Elaine Harpur, Aileen Hogan and Deirdre Twomey inside 10 minutes saw them take the lead.

Inniscarra switched Mary Buckley to curb the threat of Deirdre Twomey and it paid dividends.

With the Inniscarra inside line enjoying a steady supply, Sarah Cahill restored their lead with a goal.

Catriona O'Connell pointed to put three between the sides and try as they might, St Catherine's failed to grab the vital goal.

**Scorers for Inniscarra:** S Cahill 1-0, E O'Sullivan 1-0, C Ryan 0-2, C O'Connell 0-1.

**St Catherine's:** A Hogan 0-3, S Noonan 0-1, D Twomey 0-1, E Harpur 0-1.

## O'Regan goal paves the way for Clonakilty

**Clonakilty 1-2**  
**St Finbarr's 0-2**

CLONAKILTY set up a quarter-final meeting with Killeagh by edging out St Finbarr's in this third round clash at Togh-er.

It was 15 minutes into the game before Hazel O'Regan shot Clonakilty into the lead with a well taken goal.

St Finbarr's worked hard and, with their defence tightening up, contained the Clonakilty attack.

Janice Duffy pointed twice to leave just one between the sides at the break, 1-0 to 0-2.

Nicola O'Donovan pointed a free to stretch the Clonakilty lead before Sinead Hallihane added a point.

The Barrs, with Katherine McCarthy and Janice Duffy working hard, rallied but failed to break down a well-marshalled Clonakilty.

## Cloughduv fall short in their Munster quest

**Cashel 4-12**  
**Cloughduv 0-4**  
By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN  
at Leahy Park, Cashel

CASHEL romped to their second Munster club camogie title in-a-row at Leahy Park yesterday and in the process set up a clash with Galway, who beat them by a point in last year's All-Ireland. Cloughduv were out of their depth. Their only score in the first half came from a Stephanie Dunlea free and they trailed by 11 points at the break. They did their utmost to get back into contention, but when Jovita Delaney goal the writing was on the wall. **Scorers Cashel:** Libby Twomey 3-2, C Grogan 0-5, J Delaney 1-1, P Fogarty 0-2, H Grogan and L Grogan 0-1 each. **Scorers Cloughduv:** S Buckley 0-2, S Dun-

lea (f) and B Corkery 0-1 each. **Cashel:** D O'Connell; M Stokes, K Moloney, M Morrissey; D Fitzgerald, U O'Dwyer, T Bonnar; P Bulfin (capt), E Hayden; P Fogarty, J Delaney, H Grogan; L Twomey, C Grogan, L Grogan. Subs: F O'Dwyer for T Bonnar, I Dwane for P Fogarty, C Ryan for H Grogan, C M Fogarty for L Twomey. **Cloughduv:** A Murray; O O'Callaghan, S Corkery, E Murray; J O'Callaghan, S Dunlea, O McCarthy; J Lucey, M Corkery; C Corkery, S Buckley, A Buckley; B Corkery, U O'Donoghue (capt), C Cronin. Subs: Z McDonnell for O McCarthy, L Holland for C Cronin. **Referee:** J O'Donnell (Clare).

### CAMOGIE

**LEINSTER U-18 CHAMPIONSHIP Final:** Kilkenny 2-11 (M O'Connor 1-5, M Ryan 1-4, A Neary 0-2); Dublin 0-11 (Clancy 0-9, C Durkin, D Barry 0-1 each). **ULSTER U18 Championship Final:** Derry 7-8 (C O'Kane 4-1, K McAuley 2-1, P Murray 1-0, G McGillick 0-4, A Lavery 0-2); Armagh 0-3 (M McGillick 0-2, B McMurray 0-1).

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by Tim Buckley

AFTER a very even first half Inniscarra pulled away in the second half to win comfortably in the U16 A Camogie Championship quarter-final. The result might have been different if The Glen took two goal chances. In the second half Rosin Foley goal for the Glen to level the match. In the 12th minute Margaret McCarthy found the net for Inniscarra who pulled away.

St Catherine's 9-13  
Carrigaline 1-3

Inter county player Denise Twomey did most of the scoring as St Catherine's easily overcame Carrigaline and go on to meet Inniscarra in the semi-final of the U16 A Camogie Championship on Sunday next.

Aghabullogue 6-6  
Douglas 3-2

EVEN though Douglas turned in a tremendous second half performance they weren't able to stop Aghabullogue advance on Saturday last to the U16 B Camogie

## Juvenile camogie

Championship semi final.

Opening half goals from Louise Murphy Lyons and points from Louise Roche ensured Aghabullogue had a good cushion of 2-3 to 0-1 at the interval, Douglas' point coming from Jenny O'Donovan.

Douglas came out fighting and with the help of Emma Heffernan and subs Eilish Desmond and Kim

O'Driscoll put Aghabullogue under ferocious pressure.

Buttevant 6-3  
Youghal 1-2

Tracy Reilly's goal for Buttevant was the difference between the teams in a very even first half of the U16 C Camogie Championship quarter-final last Sunday.

In the second half Buttevant's Michelle O'Keefe scored a tremendous goal inside 10 minutes. Two minutes later Triona O'Connell was

in for Buttevant's third goal.

Buttevant meet Watergrasshill in the semi-final.

Newcestown 3-3  
Dungourney 2-1

THREE goals in the first 10 minutes, two from Coleen Long and one from Alison Crowley laid the foundations for this good win by Newcestown in the U16 C Camogie Championship quarter-final last Saturday. Johanna Lane got two goals for Dungourney.

# Coach Mary has the recipe for success

GOOD GAA coaches are too few, and good GAA players are also scarce. When you find a person who has both the high profile and skills of a star, and the attributes of a top-class coach, it's indeed remarkable. East Cork is extremely fortunate to have been able to avail of the services of Mary O'Connor in a coaching capacity for the past 12 months, since her appointment as Games Development Coaching Officer.

So, it was both a reflection on the past year, and looking ahead to the coming year that was the focus of a gathering of school principals and teachers and club officers in Middleton Park Hotel last week. The East Cork Juvenile Board had organised the function, and the turn-out from both clubs and schools was very encouraging.

Chairman Peter Hogan opened proceedings by thanking all schools and clubs for their support of the scheme in its inaugural year. He acknowledged that there may have been a number of teething problems in getting started, but that the clubs could play a crucial role in overcoming these by putting a committed Club School Liaison Officer in place, who would ensure that every-

Damien Irwin

reports on a  
successful year for  
coaching in  
East Cork

thing would be well organised for Mary's visits to the schools. On behalf of the schools involved in the scheme, Dermot O'Driscoll, Principal of Carrignavar N.S., spoke glowingly of Mary's ability to engender enthusiasm, her professional approach and the manner in which her recent celebrity status as All-Ireland winner had all the young children in his school entranced that they knew 'a star'.

Dermot lauded the Board for its initiative but said that more work needed to be done to keep Gaelic games to the forefront of the sports agenda in young people's minds.

President of the Board, Pat Foley, had a simple message - "mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí".



Super coach Mary O'Connor with Pat Foley, president, East Cork Juvenile Board and Peter Hogan, board chairman at the launch of the coaching course in Middleton Park Hotel.

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Chairman, would ensure that the East Cork scheme would have both the blessing and the backing of the Munster Council at all stages.

So with that the scheme was re-launched for the coming year. Mary is in the process of finalising her timetable of school visits for the year, and this will be circulated to all participating schools and clubs shortly.

She hopes for another mild winter this year (although East Cork oil the sponsors would prefer a drop in temperatures!), and hopes to continue to have the support of all schools, teachers and principals.

Peter had the pleasant task of making a small presentation to Mary, on behalf of all the schools and children involved in the scheme, in recognition of her leading role in Cork's All-Ireland Senior Camogie success.

So in the words of the politicians, "going forward" the future looks very bright for this scheme and we hope that it will continue to go from strength to strength.

## Skilful Milford take camogie crown

Milford  
Ballygarvan  
by Mary Newman

6-10  
3-5

MILFORD were crowned Cork Senior B County Camogie champions when they got it right at the second time of asking with a comfortable victory over Ballygarvan in their replay at Ovens yesterday.

Three goals from Emer Watson and one from Emer O'Friel in the opening half, laid the foundations for victory as Milford led 4-7 to 0-3 at the break. After that it was only a formality.

Scorers for Milford: E. Watson 3-3, M. Watson 1-2, E. O'Friel 1-1, A. Watson 1-0, R. Curtin, A. Geary, J. Sheehy, D. O'Reilly 0-1 each.

Ballygarvan: C. Kelly 2-1, D. Daly 1-1, A. Murphy, E. Dillon, J. O'Sullivan 0-1 each.

MILFORD: E. Lenihan, L. Healy, E. O'Flanagan, A. Dillon, C. O'Gorman, S. Lenihan, D. Hayes, A. Geary, R. Curtin, J. Sheehy, L. Long (capt), M. Watson, E. Watson, E. O'Friel, D. O'Reilly. Subs: B. Geary for S. Lenihan (inj), T. McLoughlin for C. O'Gorman, A. Watson for B. Geary.

BALLYGARVAN: M. O'Flanagan, N. Brady, J. Browne (capt), D. Crowley, A. O'Neill, M. Hallahan, S.A. O'Halloran, E. Dillon, C. Kelly, K. Dwan, D. Daly, J. O'Sullivan, A. Murphy, S. O'Donovan, A. Browne.

Ref: C. O'Mahony (St. Finbarr's).

Cashel 4-12  
Cloughduv 0-4

TIPPERARY county champions Cashel retained their Munster Club Camogie Championship title over

Cork standard-bearers Cloughduv in a one-sided contest in Cashel yesterday.

Scorers for Cashel: L. Twomey 3-2, C. Grogan 0-5, J. Delaney 1-1, P. Fogarty 0-2, L. Grogan, H. Grogan 0-1 each.

Cloughduv: S. Buckley 0-2, B. Corkery, S. Dunlea 0-1 each.

CASHEL: D. O'Connell, M. Stokes, K. Moloney, M. Morrissey, D. Fitzgerald, U. O'Dwyer, T. Bonner, P. Bullin (capt), E. Hayden, P. Fogarty, J. Delaney, H. Grogan, L. Twomey, C. Grogan, L. Grogan. Subs: C. Fogarty for T. Bonner, M.G. O'Dwyer for L. Twomey, I. Dwan for P. Fogarty.

Referee: J. O'Donnell (Clare).



**Ulster Senior  
Camogie C'ship final:**  
Antrim 5-8 Derry 2-7

## Saffrons Dom-in-ate Ulster final

**A**NTRIM collected their 43rd Ulster senior camogie title in Rasharkin yesterday morning and the first silverware for stand-in manager Dominic McKinley, who only became available because of Derry's early exit from the hurling championship.

It was a game full of skilful play, some marvellous scores and three sendings off.

The dismissals all came during the final quarter. First to go was 16-year-old Katie McAuley who had earlier scored a magnificent goal to bring Derry back into the game.

Then after referee Aoife Woods had sent a clear warning to both teams, Grainne Connolly and Bláithín McIvor got involved in a tangle and were both sent to the line.

Antrim won because they started better, had players of real threat in front of goals and were solid throughout the field.

Derry's hesitancy in the full-back line was punished with three goals by 21 minutes and this line underwent major surgery before the break.

The Oak Leaf girls upped their game after McAuley's goal on 28 minutes but it was a long way back, although they did put some pressure on during the third quarter.

Oonagh Elliott had the Saffrons on the scoreboard after 23 seconds, but Aisling Kealey shot an excellent reply before former Down star Edel Mason ran through for a sixth minute goal. A second Antrim goal followed on 11 minutes with Elaine Dowds put through one-on-one with the Derry keeper Claire O'Kane.

Antrim were in clear control and it was no surprise when Denise Darragh found Elliott free for goal number three.

McAuley's individual goal made it 3-3 to 1-3 at the break and Edel Mason placed an excellent shot for her second goal just after the restart.

Michelle Comer picked off a Derry goal in response and they added three further points to narrow the deficit to four before the dismissals.

Afterwards, although Derry pushed hard, they could get little reward and Antrim finished strongly with a goal and two points in injury time.

Only three of the Saffrons' previous 42 titles have come during the past 20 years, but yesterday they looked good enough to add a few more over the next couple of seasons.

**Antrim:** C Doherty, F Hasson, M Duffin (capt.), M Graham, B McCloskey, M Stewart, C McKinley, C Gault, D Darragh, J Adams (0-3, 0-1 free), E Mason (2-1), R Duffin, O Elliott (2-1), G Connolly (0-2), E Dowds (1-1). **Subs:** O Donnelly for F Hasson (35), S Lagan for D Darragh (42).

**Derry:** C O'Kane, C Pickering, J McEneaney, M McAuley, A Ward, H Kelly, S Stevenson, C Doherty (capt.), G McGoldrick (0-1), B McIvor (0-1, free), K McAuley (1-0), A Kealey (0-4, 0-1 free), C Gormley, M Comer (1-0), P Bell (0-1). **Subs:** E O'Doherty for M McAuley (12), D Burke for J McEneaney (21), A Lavery for M Comer (57).

**GOAL-SCORER:**  
Fiona O'Driscoll  
scored a fine goal  
for Fr O'Neills  
against Courneys.



# O'Driscoll the queen

**TWO goals in the opening half ensured Fr O'Neills retained their Senior camogie league title.**

Five points separated the sides at the break after O'Neills had made the better start with points from Roisin Corcoran and Catherine O'Shea. Courneys settled and were quickly on level terms thanks to Rachel Moloney. Captain Nora Ahern goal for O'Neills midway through the

**By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY**  
Cork Senior Camogie League Final

half and minutes later Fiona O'Driscoll did likewise.

With O'Driscoll and Corcoran shooting points O'Neills continued to prosper.

Within 30 seconds of the restart Sarah Louise Ryan had just two points between the sides when she goal.

O'Shea, O'Driscoll and Gearóidín Kearney pointed for O'Neills but Moloney replied in kind.

Ann Marie O'Keeffe had O'Neills'

third goal and though Rosemary and Rachel Moloney pointed, Rovers were just short at the final whistle.

**Scorers:** Fr O'Neills: F O'Driscoll 1-4, N Ahern 1-0, A M O'Keeffe 1-0, R Corcoran 0-2, C O'Shea, G Kearney 0-1 each.

**Courneys:** Rachel Moloney 0-10, S L Ryan 1-0, Rosemary Moloney 0-1.

**Fr O'Neills:** M Kennefick, M Finn, L Sweetnam, N Ahern, C O'Leary, R Corcoran, K Ahern, A M O'Keeffe, C O'Shea, G Kearney, S Kearney, F O'Driscoll, A Corcoran, V O'Sullivan, M O'Brien; Sub: K O'Sullivan for K Ahern.

**Courneys Rovers:** J Hayes, M O'Donovan, J Twomey, M O'Regan, S Hayes, K Keohane, J Murphy, A O'Regan, N Collins, S Quinn, Rachel Moloney, Rosemary Moloney, S L Ryan, T Moloney, S Downing.

## Aghbullogue beat Newcestown

**Aghbullogue 0-10  
Newcestown 2-0**

Hurley and Susan Buckley dominated.

AGHBULLOGUE progressed to a quarter-final meeting with Bandon following their four point victory over Newcestown on Sunday last.

Aghbullogue led 0-5 to no score at the break thanks to points from Abbey Lehan, Karen Flynn, Helena Moynihan (2) and Deirdre Twomey.

From the restart Newcestown showed fierce determination but found the going hard against a strong Aghbullogue defence where their half-back line of Fiona Buckley Eileen

A point apiece from Helena Moynihan and Emma Healy had stretched the Aghbullogue lead before Newcestown began their revival, two goals inside four minutes from Antoinette O'Connell and Elaine Crowley and had just one point between the sides.

Elsewhere Killeagh beat Clonakilty 6-14 to 1-1. With Angela Walsh and Mary O'Connor in scoring form Killeagh had too much strength for Clonakilty as they set up a what should be an exciting semi-final meeting with neighbours Youghal or Inniscarra.



**MARY O'CONNOR:** On the mark for Killeagh.

## Ballinascorthy take first title

**Ballinascorthy 5-5  
Tracton 0-2**

Condon set Ballinascorthy on the road to victory.

Despite getting off to this good start scores were hard to come by.

For Tracton Sandra Murphy had a tremendous game in goal, bringing off some excellent saves to keep them in touch in the first half. The forwards just did not click on this occasion. Janet Kind worked hard right to the very end but this was never going to be Tracton's day.

This was a tremendous win for Ballinascorthy and will no doubt do wonders for Camogie in West Cork.

CONDITIONS were excellent at Newcestown on Saturday evening last for the U-16, 12-a-side Camogie Championship Final. There was a large attendance to see Ballinascorthy lift their first ever championship trophy. Tracton will be doubly disappointed as they also lost out in the league final earlier on in the year.

A goal inside the first min by the nifty Marie

## O'Neill goal magic too much for Buttevant

**Watergrasshill 3-5  
Buttevant 2-2**

Two minutes later O'Neill goal again. Watergrasshill added another 1-3 to run out easy winners in the end.

**Scorers:** Watergrasshill: M O'Neill 2-5 (0-2 free, 0-2 45s), E O'Leary 1-0.

**Buttevant:** M T Foley 1-1, M O'Keeffe 1-0, A Cullen 0-1.

**St Catherines 1-6  
Inniscarra 0-7**

IN the second U-16 A camogie championship semi-final played at Grenagh on Sunday

**By TIM BUCKLEY**  
Camogie news

evening St Catherines edged out Inniscarra.

In the other semi final of the competition Newtownshandrum Milford easily overcame Ballyhea.

**Scorers:** St. Catherines: A Hogan 1-1, D Twomey 0-5 (0-1 free).

**Inniscarra:** M McCarthy 0-6 (0-2 45s), A O'Herlihy 0-1.

**Cloghduv 1-6  
Enniskeane 1-3**

Cloghduv's Marie Lucey and Emma Dunne and Brieghe Corkery played well in an entertaining.

Eileen Dixon for Enniskeane had a tremendous game in goal.

**Scorers:** Cloghduv: M Lucey 1-1, B Corkery 0-3 (0-2 45s), E Dunne & A O'Connor 0-1 each.

**Enniskeane:** O Coughlan 1-1 (0-1 free), N Buttiner and A Nyhan 0-1 each.

**Ballygarvan 5-4  
Aghbullogue 0-4**

This score was not give a true reflection of this match.

Aine Moynihan of Ballygarvan excelled in goal while Dillon, Scully, Donovan and Lynch did well for Ballygarvan.

**Scorers:** Ballygarvan: C Dillon 3-3, O O'Riordan 2-0, T Donovan, S Lynch 0-1 each.

**Aghbullogue:** E Healy 0-4



# Well-deserved first for Ballinascorthy under 16s

**Ballinascorthy** 5-5  
**Tracton** 0-2

by Tim Buckley

CONDITIONS were excellent at Newcestown on Saturday evening last for the U16 12-a-side Camogie Championship final. There was a large attendance and Ballinascorthy lifted their first ever championship trophy. Tracton will be doubly disappointed as they also lost out in the league final earlier on in the year.

A goal inside the first minute by the nifty Marie Condon set Ballinascorthy on the road to victory. For Tracton, Sandra Murphy had a tremendous game in goal, bringing off some excellent saves in the first half. Rose Ambrose, Karen O'Sullivan and Jennifer Lynch had some great moments but could not break the grip of the Ballinascorthy back line.

The winners were very much the sharper and turned over leading 2-1 to 0-1. Ballinascorthy's point came from Maura O'Brien in the 13th minute and the 2nd goal came from player of the match Lisa Hennessey. Tracton's point came from Karen O'Sullivan in the 20th minute.

In the second half Ballinascorthy were very much in control in the back line. Within 8 minutes of the restart, Caitriona Walsh had 1-1 on the scoreboard. For the next 10 minutes Lisa Hennessey was all over the field, adding 3 points for Ballinascorthy. Then, in the 22nd minute, came a gem of a goal worth the admission fee alone. Louise O'Sullivan hit the corner of the net leaving the Tracton keeper with no chance. L Hennessey added another goal in the dying minutes and Tracton's only reply for the half was a splendid point by Jennifer Lynch in the 23rd minute. This was a tremendous win for Ballinascorthy.

**Ballinascorthy:** Martina O'Brien; Sharon Kirby; Mary Deasy; Grace Condon; Ciara Deasy (V Capt); Emer O'Regan; Maura O'Brien (Capt); Louise O'Sullivan; Lisa Hennessey; Michelle Carroll; Marie Condon; Caitriona Walsh; Samantha Hurley; Mairéad Hennessey; Tara Hegarty; Ella Ryan.

**Tracton:** Sandra Murphy; Clare O'Mahony; Ann Jagoe; Lisa Lynch; Sinéad Corcoran; Janet Kind; Rose Ambrose (Capt); Gemma Murray; Karen O'Sullivan; Jennifer Lynch; Sarah O'Brien; Kate Kingston; Katie Quinlan; Rosalie Walsh.

**St Catherine's** 1-6  
**Inniscarra** 0-7

In the second U16 A Camogie Championship semi-final played in Grenagh on Sunday

evening, St Catherine's edged out Inniscarra in a thrilling and even contest. Two mighty tussles ensued during the game.

In the other semi-final Milford easily overcame Ballyhea. The final is provisionally fixed for Butevant 11am on Saturday.

**Cloghdub** 1-6  
**Enniskeane** 1-3

In the second game played at Newcestown on Saturday last, Enniskeane failed to withhold Cloghdub's second-half rally in the U16 B Camogie Championship first semi-final. Cloghdub will consider themselves very lucky after what was an entertaining and pulsating hour's hurling. Late in the first half Enniskeane's Noelle Buttiner won a ball about 40 metres out, turned two players and put over the bar what should have been an open goal. Enniskeane led 2-1 to 0-1 at the break.

Five minutes into the second half, Marie Lucey found the Enniskeane net. Despite putting in tremendous performances, Marguritte Nyhan, Orla Coughlan and Brenda Collins found Cloghdub's Marie Lucey and Emma O'Leary a handful while the roving, Brieghe Corkery put over the points and Enniskeane failed to add to their half time tally. Eileen Dixon for Enniskeane had a great game in goal.

**Ballygarvan** 5-4  
**Aghabullogue** 0-4

In the 2nd U16 B Camogie Championship semi-final played in Ballinacollig, Ballygarvan overcame a spirited Aghabullogue side on Saturday. This score line does not truly reflect this hard fought match with both defences on top and Ballygarvan were fortunate to be leading at half time by 1-1. Ballygarvan are through to the final against Cloghdub on Saturday.

**Watergrasshill** 3-5  
**Buttevant** 2-2

Following their recent U12 win Buttevant came to this first semi-final of the U16 C Camogie Championship in Grenagh last Sunday with great confidence and determination. Buttevant had their homework done and kept Cork minor Marie O'Neill scoreless for three quarters of an hour, bar 2 points from placed balls, while they notched up all their scores. Watergrasshill ran out easy winners in the end.

## Camogie

**Carrigaline** 2-8  
**Sarsfields** 0-4

CARRIGALINE continued their climb to the top when they captured the Junior A county title just one year after being crowned Junior B champions with a victory over Sarsfields in Douglas.

The opening half was a close affair and at the half time whistle just two points separated the teams as Carrigaline led 0-5 to 0-3, points from Emma Green's and Trisha O'Sullivan separating the sides. Through that opening half Carrigaline worked hard against the strong wind and managed to contain the danger posed in the main by Sars' Emer O'Farrell up front. At midfield former Inter county senior Breda Kenny was posing an handful for the Carrigaline pair of Jacqui O'Keefe and Trisha O'Sullivan, but Carrigaline were pleased enough with their opening half performance as coach Des O'Connell later explained "We stayed with them in the opening half against the wind and I knew that if we could again get the even break of the ball and get it in quickly to our forwards we would get the scores."

Get the scores is what Carrigaline did, two goals inside five minutes of the restart from effective full forwards captain Emma Green had them in a comfortable position. Muireann Conlon and Orla Barry exchanged points coming up to the mid way stage as Carrigaline held their lead. Sarsfields worked hard but did not have players of the calibre of Emma Green, Muireann Conlon and Trisha O'Sullivan who were all capable of grabbing vital scores. To their credit Sars worked tirelessly and could have got a goal back, but the alert Carrigaline defence weathered the storm. Trisha

**Milford** 6-10  
**Ballygarvan** 3-5

Emer Watson was again the heroine after her contribution of 3-3 to Milford's tally ensured they were crowned Senior B camogie champions.

Replays are seldom as entertaining as the first encounter and it was Watson who ensured the drama first time out with her injury time goal ensuring Milford had a second chance.

Milford led 4-7 to 0-3 at the break

AT a very pleasant function attended by county camogie and GAA Board officials and members of the victorious winning team and selectors, Cork Camogie star Fiona O'Driscoll became the first female to be honoured with a Morans Silver Springs Hotel G.A.A. personality of the month award following on her tremendous performance in the All Ireland camogie final victory over Tipperary.

Speaking at the function Morans Silver Springs manager Conor O'Toole paid tribute to Fiona for her wonderful contribution.

# Carrigaline show class with capture of Junior A county title



Carrigaline, winners over Sarsfields in the Junior A Cork County Final at Douglas.

O'Sullivan and Conlon added late points to seal a memorable victory for the club.

**CARRIGALINE:** Kiely, J. Kiernan, J. O'Keefe, E. Power, S. Moran, A. Collins, C. O'Keefe, J. O'Keefe, T. O'Sullivan, G. Harrington, M. Conlon, T. O'Keefe, C. Fitzgerald, E. Greene, N. Murphy subs R. Harrington for C. Fitzgerald, C. O'Mahony for T. O'Keefe, L. Kelleher for N. Murphy.

**Sarsfields:** O. Butler, A. Edwards, P. Dwyer, H. Barry, D. Breen, S. O'Leary, J. Dennehy, B. Kenny, S. Crowley, O. Barry, S. Barry, E. Murphy, E. Looney, A. Griffin, E. O'Farrell.

Referee: P. Grey Kinsale.

Inniscarra, Killeagh, Aghbullogue and Rockban continued their progress in the Junior B championship with good victories.

Killeagh proved far too strong as they continued their progress recording a big victory over Clonakilty.

Inniscarra recorded a 2-3 to 0-6 victory over St Catherine's as they continued their campaign. Edel O'Sullivan and Sarah Cahill grabbing vital goals in each half to ensure victory for the Mid Cork side.

A close encounter saw Rockban in their first year in adult camogie take a step closer with a victory over Tracton on a 6-3 to 2-8 scoreline. Sile Burns, Elaine Harte and Valerie Mulcahy were to the fore for Rockban.

Aghbullogue had four points to spare when they had a 0-10 to two goals win over Newcestown. In the 13 a side Junior B championship Castlemagner advanced to a final meeting with Cobh following their 3-2 to 2-4 victory over Mayfield where Liz Ahern and Aine McSweeney impressed for the winners.

## Emer the star as Milford win

thanks to three Watson goals and one from Emer O'Friel as Ballygarvan struggled to come to terms with the loss of a player dismissed in the opening quarter. To their credit Ballygarvan worked hard and points from Caitriona Kelly Deirdre Daly and Amanda Murphy kept them in touch.

From the resumption Ballygarvan made a determined effort and goals from Caitriona Kelly and Deirdre Daly cut the deficit, however Milford always held the upper hand.

Maire Watson and substitute Aine Watson added goals to their tally despite a determined Ballygarvan revival.

**Milford:** E. Linehan, L. Healy, E. O'Riordan, A. Dillon, C. O'Gorman, S. Linehan, D. Hayes, A. Geary, R. Curtin, J. Sheehy, L. Long, M. Watson, E. Watson, E. O'Friel, D. O'Reilly, Subs B. Geary for S. Linehan, T. Mc Loughlin for C. O'Gorman, A. Watson for B. Geary.

**Ballygarvan:** M. O'Riordan, N. Brady, J. Browne, D. Crowley, A. O'Neill, M. Halliham, S. A. O'Halloran, E. Dillon, C. Kelly, K. Devane, D. Daly, J. O'Sullivan, A. Murphy, S. O'Donovan, A. Browne. Referee: Colette O'Mahony ST Finbar's.

## Fiona wins GAA personality award

He listed many achievements, not least the winning of her sixth senior All Ireland medal and her contribution of 3-2 to Cork's total as the county recorded their 20th senior success.

Fiona said: "I am deeply honoured to be here today but I must pay tribute to the team for the performance on the day and the hard work by the selectors in the lead up to the success."

Fiona also paid tribute to the camogie board for the work that went in to ensuring everything was in order in the lead up to the final.



Morans Silver Springs manager Conor O'Toole, making a presentation to Fiona

"Both Pairc ui Rinn and Pairc Ui Chaoimh were readily available to us for training in the month leading up to the final and this helped enormously, especially in preparing the younger team members for the big spaces in Croke Park. The GAA Board also made a financial contribution to the All Ireland fund and we thank them for their donation" said Fiona.

Fr O'Neill were represented by long time team mate of Fiona's both at club and inter-county level, Mags Finn and club coach Sean O'Sullivan.



# Pearses remain on course despite stern test

Pearses Galway  
Cashel

1-9  
0-10

by Mary Newman

HOLDERS Pearses' remain on course to retain their title following a severe test which resulted in a two-points victory over Munster champions Cashel yesterday. Rain failed to dampen the enthusiasm of two evenly-matched sides who gave it their all in quest of a final spot. With both defences dominant, just two points separated the sides at the break. Philly Fogarty and Clare Grogan had given Cashel an early advantage with points before Sharon Glynn

opened Pearses' account in the eleventh minute. Grogan stretched the Cashel advantage with a pointed free before four points from Lorraine Lally. Martina Harkin, Michelle and Sharon Glynn saw Pearses' hit the front to enjoy an interval lead of 0-5 to 0-3.

Cashel started the second half in determined fashion and had the deficit down to one, thanks to a Clare Grogan pointed free. Again Sharon Glynn replied for Pearses' with a point. Lorraine Lally stretched it to three and Pearses' were now in control. With their defence controlling the Cashel attack, Pearses' enjoyed maximum possession and when Orla Kilkenny struck for the

game's opening goal ten minutes into the second half, they looked as if they were about to overpower Cashel. To their credit, the Munster champions refused to panic. Four points without reply from the superb Grogan inside nine minutes, had them right back in contention. Now when the need was greatest, veteran Sharon Glynn showed her qualities striking a magnificent long-range point to lift Pearses' and when Lorraine Lally followed three minutes later, her side was back in control. Strong Cashel pressure saw them win two frees which Clare Grogan duly pointed to again put two between the sides and then followed an exciting five

minutes as Cashel fought bravely for a winning goal. But all credit to Pearses' defence with Martina Haverly, Tracey Laheen and Martina Harkin standing firm to ensure the champions advanced.

Scorers for Pearses' - S. Glynn 0-4 (2 frees, 1 45), O. Kilkenny 1-0, L. Lally 0-3, M. Harkin, M. Glynn 0-1.

Cashel - C. Grogan 0-9 (8 frees), P. Fogarty 0-1.

PEARSES: L. Curry, S. Barrett, A. Ward, T. Burke, M. Haverly, T. Laheen, M. Harkin, A. Hillary (captain), C. Hannon, M. Glynn, V. Sweeney, S. Glynn, O. Kilkenny, L. Lally, S. Ward.

CASHEL: D. O'Connell, M. Stokes, K. Moloney, M. Morrissey, H. Breen, U. O'Dwyer, T. Bonner, P. Buihin (captain), E. Hayden, P. Fogarty, J. Delaney, H. Grogan, L. Twomey, C. Grogan, L. Grogan, Sub: M.G. Dwyer for L. Grogan.

Ref: Mr. J. Pender (Kildare).

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## St Catherine's U-16s seal final spot at Inniscarra's expense

### Juvenile camogie

with Tim Buckley

ST CATHERINES . . . 1-6 INNISCARRA . . . 0-7

IN the second U16 'A' camogie c'ship semi-final game played in Grenagh on Sunday evening St Catherine's edged out Inniscarra in a thrilling and even contest where the difference was St Catherine's ability to take a goal chance in the 18th minute of the second half.

Two might tussles ensued throughout the game involving four Cork minors. On one side of the field Denise Twomey and Rena Buckley and faced each other while on the other side Noreen Mulcahy and Mgt McCarthy battled it out.

In the other semi-final, played on Friday in Newtownshandrum, Milford easily overcame Ballyhea. The final is provisionally fixed for Buttevant 11am on Saturday next.

Scorers - St Catherine's: A Hogan 1-1, D Twomey 0-5 (0-1 free).

Inniscarra: M McCarthy 0-6 (0-2 '45s'), A O'Herlihy 0-1.

BALLYGARVAN . . . 5-4 AGHABULOGUE . . . 0-4

IN the second U16 'B' camogie championship semi final game played in Ballincollig Ballygarvan overcame a spirited Aghabullogue side on Saturday evening last.

This scoreline does not give a true reflection of this hard fought match with both defences on top in the first half and Ballygarvan were fortunate to be leading at half time by 1-1 scored by Caoimhe Dillon with a point in the fifth minute and a goal after 13 minutes.

Aghabullogue started the second half very strong and Ballygarvan's defence came under terrific pressure. Aine Moynihan of Ballygarvan excelled in goal bringing off some fine saves.

For all this pressure Aghabullogue had a lot of missed opportunities and there only reward was an Emma Healy point in the 11th minute. Ballygarvan stormed back into the game and with 2-1 between the 12th and 18th minutes from Caoimhe Dillon.

Aghabullogue responded with a point from Anne Scully. With two further goals coming from Orlaith O'Riordan and Caoimhe Dillon combining and points from Trish Donovan and Susanne Lynch in the final 10 minutes Ballygarvan are through to the final against Cloghduv on Saturday next.

Scorers - Ballygarvan: C Dillon 3-3 O'Riordan 2-0, T Donovan and S Lynch 0-1 each.

Aghabullogue: E Healy 0-3, A Scully 0-1.

WATERGRASSHILL . 3-5 BUTTEVANT . . . 2-2

BUTTEVANT following their recent U12 win came to this first semi final of the U16 'C' camogie championship played in Grenagh last Sunday with great confidence and determination.

Buttevant even though beaten by Watergrasshill in the league final had their homework done and kept Cork minor Marie O'Neill scoreless for three quarters of an hour bar two points from placed balls while they notched up all their scores.

On the 16th minute of the second half Noreen O'Farrell won the ball at midfield and for the first time in the game passed it to Marie O'Neill who goaled from 20 metres.

Two minutes later M O'Neill picked up loose all around the '40' and shot to the net. The game had changed utterly. Watergrasshill added another 1-3 to run out easy winners in the end.

Scorers - Watergrasshill: M O'Neill 2-5 (0-2 frees, 0-2 '45s'), E O'Leary 1-0.

Buttevant: M T Foley 1-1, M O'Keeffe 1-0, A Cullen 0-1.

### Camogie

Congratulations to Gemma O'Connor of St Finbarrs, who was named as 'The Star' newspaper Player of the Year and will receive her award at a function in Croke Park in November, while her colleague Fiona O'Driscoll picked up another award from Dublin's Jury's Hotel on Monday.

The Camogie Board are running a major fund-raiser in the Curraheen Park Greyhound Stadium on Thursday November 21.

It's been a very expensive, but successful year, and they would appreciate support in terms of sponsorship of races and dogs, and any Board Officer will be only glad to help.

### Camogie

Big game here is the Munster Under 18 c'ship clash with Limerick in Ballincollig on Sunday at 2.30, and given that Cork have had the upper hand over the year, they are favourites to win.

The County Board are still seeking sponsors for their fund raising night in the Curraheen Park Greyhound Stadium on November 21st, and any Officer will give you details.

## Rockbán too good

Rockbán 6-3  
Tracton 2-8

determination from the restart but two Sile Burns goals helped Rockbán stretch their lead.

Burns again tormented the Tracton defence as she struck for goal number six but the Tracton reply was immediate with Aileen Twomey getting one back.

ROCKBÁN set up a meeting with Barryroe when they recorded an impressive six points victory over Tracton in the Junior B championship on Sunday last in Carrigahar, writes MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY.

Just three points separated the sides at the break after Elaine Harte, Valerie Mulcahy and Lillian Whooley scored goals for Rockbán.

Tracton got the vital breakthrough five minutes from half time when Jan Griffin goaled.

Rockbán showed fierce

Rockbán: S. Keohane, M. O'Keefe, M. Twomey, A. Geary, C. Foley, M. Cronin, C. Drinan, L. Crowley, N. Keohane, S. Burns, C. Conway, T. Howard, E. Harte, L. Whooley, V. Mulcahy.

Subs: J. Whooley for L. Whooley, N. Cashman for C. Drinan, C. Linehan for T. Howard.

Tracton: K. O'Sullivan, P. O'Callaghan, G. McCarthy, H. Jagoe, N. Hayes, E. Collins, O. Ambrose, J. Kind, M. Jagoe, R. Ambrose, A. Twomey, J. Griffin, C. Coughlan, N. Lynch, C. Ginnane.

Referee: K. Creedon (Clyda Rovers).

## Castlemagner and Cobh to meet in final

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY  
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Castlemagner 3-2  
Mayfield 2-4

Castlemagner stretched their lead with an Elaine Twomey goal and a point from Lorraine Duggan. Mayfield settled, fighting back with a Laura O'Brien goal. Boosted by this Mayfield had points from Catherine Barrett, Laura O'Brien and Susan Barrett without reply.

THE INAUGURAL junior B 13-a-side championship will see Castlemagner and Cobh meet in the final. In their meeting Castlemagner held a one goal interval lead of 2-1 to 1-1 thanks to opening half goals from Liz Ahern and Aine McSweeney while Catherine Barrett helped Mayfield stay in touch with her side's goal.

Castlemagner: K. O'Callaghan, S. Roche, M. O'Keefe, C. Healy, M. Noonan, L. O'Keefe, E. Twohig, E. O'Donovan, T. Twohig, K. Twohig, S. Falvey, A. McSweeney, L. Ahern. Subs: L. Duggan for R. Twohig.

Mayfield: T. Sheehan, M. McCarthy, D. Weathers, S. Joyce, L. O'Donovan, N. Foley, C. Barrett, E. Walsh, C. O'Reilly, S. Barrett, G. O'Connell, L. O'Brien, L. Phelan. Subs: G. Buckley for L. Phelan, S. Peelo for N. Foley.

## Margaret's strike a vital one for semi-final bound Inniscarra

Inniscarra 2-9  
Glen Rovers 1-4

By TIM BUCKLEY  
Juvenile Camogie

Youghal 1-2

A SECOND-HALF goal from Margaret McCarthy helped Inniscarra to victory in the U16 A Camogie Championship quarter-final last Monday evening.

After a very even first-half which ended 0-5 to 0-4 in their favour Inniscarra pulled away.

St Catherine's 9-13  
Carrigaline 1-3

DENISE TWOMEY was in tremendous form for St Catherine's

ine's in this U16 A Camogie Championship game. The east Cork side now go on to meet Inniscarra in the semi-final.

Aghabullogue 6-6  
Douglas 3-2

AGHABULLOGUE advanced on Saturday last to the U16 B Camogie Championship semi final despite a spirited Douglas performance.

Buttevant 6-3

GOALS from Tracy O'Reilly, Fiona O'Connell, Michelle O'Keeffe, Kim Carroll (two) and Triona O'Connell helped Buttevant to victory in this U16 C Camogie Championship quarter-final last Sunday.

Newcestown 3-3  
Dungourney 2-1

THREE goals in the first 10 minutes from Coleen Long and Alison Crowley laid the foundations for this good win by Newcestown in the U16 C quarter-final last Saturday.



Ballygarvan's captain Jennifer Browne trying to break past Milford's Lelia Long during the Cork County Camogie senior B championship final replay.

Picture: Richard Mills



## My best memory



Name: Brid O'Neill  
Lives: Ladysbridge, Co. Cork.

My greatest memory has to be being seated in the esteemed Corporate box in Croke Park for the All-Ireland camogie final between Tipperary and Cork this year.

I am a camogie fan all my life and this was indeed an honour for me. I can't disclose how I got there — let's say I have my contacts!

Anyway it was a wonderful experience. The best of it was watching our own Fiona O'Driscoll score three goals and three points. No wonder she got woman of the match.

To bring the colours back to Cork after being defeated so often was an occasion to cherish — and we are still celebrating the victory.

I had the best seat in the house and I'll never forget it.

● Send us your favourite memory to Echo Features Academy Street, Cork or call (021) 4802162.

ON THE BALL: Brid O'Neill's best memory is being at Croke Park when Fiona O'Driscoll scored for Cork in the Camogie final this year.

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# Cheers to pride of Leeside

By DEIRDRE O'REILLY  
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**BALLYPHEHANE** was a sea of red and white when two members of the Cork All-Ireland camogie team paid a visit to the girls' schools.

Winning team members Orla O'Sullivan, who is a past pupil of Maria Assumpta Girls' Primary School, and Gemma O'Connor, who is a Leaving Cert year pupil of the Presentation Secondary School, brought their All-Ireland O'Duffy Cup to the schools amid great excitement.

"The two schools came together and everyone dressed in red and white for the day," explained Eilish Geary, a teacher at the Presentation Secondary school.

"This was the first time that an All-Ireland winning camogie cup was brought to the school and everyone was so, so proud."

"On the day, there were more than 700 children aged between

four and 19 dressed in red and white cheering on their sporting heroes.

"Another past pupil Linda O'Connell was also on the winning team but was unable to come to the school on the day," added Ms Geary.

Gathered in the hall of Maria Assumpta Primary School, school principals, Sr Sheila Kelleher and Josephine Brennan, praised the girls and the camogie team for their achievement saying that both schools were very proud of them.

The winning players thanked the pupils for their continued support and Leaving Cert student Gemma O'Connor praised her teachers and fellow classmates.

The Cork camogie team became the toast of the county following their win over Tipperary in Croke Park on Sunday, September 15.

The winning score of Cork 4-9 to Tipp's 1-9 ensured the end of a four-year All-Ireland drought for the Leeside women.



Members of the All-Ireland senior camogie team during their visit with the cup to Ballyphehane Presentation Secondary School are past pupil Orla O'Sullivan, left, and sixth year student, Gemma O'Connor. Picture: Richard Mills.

## O'DUFFY CUP IN MACROOM SCHOOL



Una O'Donoghue, centre, captain of the Cork All-Ireland-winning camogie team, welcomed with the O'Duffy Cup by Caroline McSweeney and Nicola Tobin (trainers of the school teams) at St. Mary's Secondary School, Macroom.





FIONA'S FURY: O'Driscoll strikes with great vengeance for Cork's goal.

# RED ADMIRABLE

The All Ireland senior camogie final was a marvellous spectacle, with Cork thwarting Tipperary's four-in-a-row ambitions with a surprise late flourish. But it might not have been possible were it not for the mid-summer return of corner-forward supreme Fiona O'Driscoll.

It is definitely the year of the returning officers. First there was D.J. and then there was Fiona. Both wore helmets, played at corner-forward and had no 15 affixed to their backs. One was in black and amber the other in red and white. The similarities are amazing. Even the results are the same. Just as D.J. Carey came back in August for the All Ireland hurling semi-final, Fiona O'Driscoll had made her comeback, one month earlier, for the All-Ireland senior camogie quarter-final against Limerick. Both players had a ferocious appetite and a tremendous will to win, and in September both players slipped away with the most coveted prize in Gaelic games - an All-Ireland senior medal. Surely there is something to be learned from such short individual seasons yielding such positive results. There was no time for a lapse in form. No burn-out. When Carey and

O'Driscoll hit the field running late in their respective All-Ireland campaigns, their pure freshness stood them apart from the rest. Just as D.J. did the business against the Premier County and the Banner, Fiona O'Driscoll emulated him with her own sublime performances. The scorer of nine magical points against Limerick, she did not take too long to get going a few weeks later against Galway in the semi-final. Amassing 2-4 with considerable ease, it was so apparent that O'Driscoll was having the time of her life. She could do no wrong. The *Foras na Gaeilge* All-Ireland final awaited, a mouth-watering contest against three-in-a-row champions Tipperary. Cork relished so much the chance to get back at their newest rivals. Going through the league the Rebels' form had slipped alarmingly. For the first time in eight years they did not contest the final but

O'Driscoll's return to the fold was to be the catalyst they so badly needed. She was later to become the leader of the attack. She had done it all before. Yet the holder of five senior All Ireland medals was still the hub in the wheel when it came to Croke Park. Her family and friends from east Cork were there in plentiful numbers. Even a banner emblazoned 'Good luck to Nora, Fiona and Liz' found its way into the team picture after the game. (Nora and Liz were playing with Cork in the junior final - all three come from the Fr. O'Neill's club in Ballymacoda).

## FIRST STRIKE FIONA

Fiona sat very quietly in the bus on her way to GAA headquarters. Linda Mellerick was perched alongside her, equally silent. These two players were going for their sixth nugget of gold and spent this precious time in deep thought as they

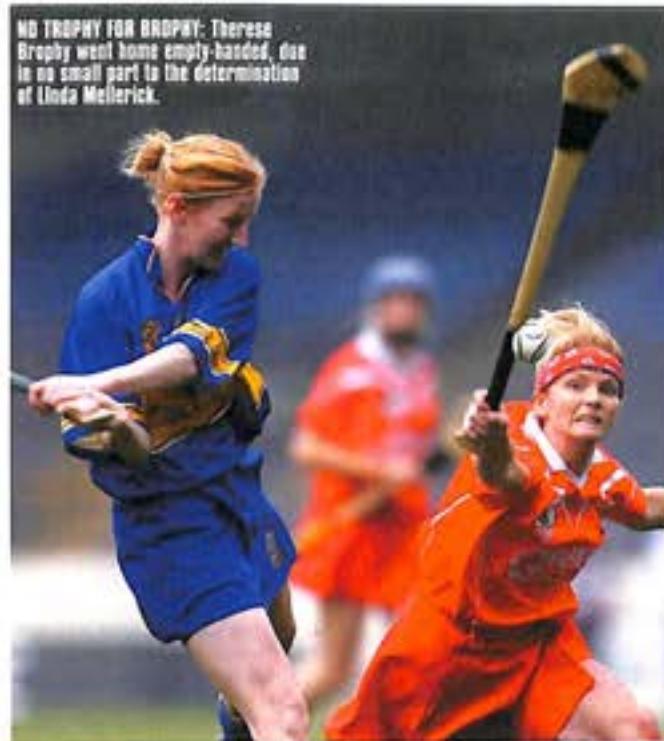
speculated on their prospects of striking it rich once more. But once the sliotar was thrown in the O'Neill's girl was anything but still. She drew first blood when the Artane Boys Band had scarcely stopped parading. They could still be seen scuffling from the scene when O'Driscoll fired over Cork's opening score. Another three minutes and she was busy involving Emer Dillon for the Rebel's second point. The Premier County enjoyed their best spell over the next ten minutes and accelerated into a four-point lead. The Cork ladies were vulnerable and needed to score. Thus the bus partners combined, with Fiona providing the finishing touches after Linda's shot was parried by Jovita Delaney. Goal number one had arrived, but most crucially the red and white was back on track. Another five minutes passed before the O'Neill's pocket rocket struck again. She rifled a

pile-driver at the Tipp custodian forcing her into a magnificent point-blank save, and the ball was deflected over the bar. The All Ireland champions led by one point at the break, but the east Cork girl was far from finished. Spurred on by an interval tongue-lashing from manager Pa Finn and trainer Jim McCarthy the final thirty minutes of play were put into context - it is now or never, and you have one half-hour to do it. The final act, scene two. Another miracle was needed. Rachel Moloney of the Courcsey Rover's club in Ballinspittle was introduced, and she was capable of producing it. It only took the blue and gold a mere 29 seconds to stretch their lead to two, and then three, with points from Philly Fogarty and Deirdre Hughes. At this stage Cork folk were preparing to wave goodbye. Tipp now looked hot favourites for the four-in-a-row. But the fat lady had not even warmed up her vocal chords. In fact she had to learn a new song as Cork rewrote the script. The Rebels' half-time lambasting gradually took effect and over the last 25 minutes of play they were a transformed Rebel outfit. No Tipperary player was allowed to play. First, Leaving Cert student Dillon popped over her third point (again orchestrated by O'Driscoll). Jennifer O'Leary (starting her first year as a third-level college student) reduced the deficit to one. The red and white was at least staying in touch. But the final 20 minutes were going to reveal an unbelievable ending.

## THRILLING FINISH

This is how it all unravelled. Captain Una O'Donoghue steered Cork's second goal into the right corner. Two minutes later Fiona decided to take a mini-tour of Croke Park. She started out around the 40 and those tiny steps grew faster and bigger but she almost came a cropper at the edge of the square. There she was surrounded, with nowhere to go. Yet she found a crack, and managed to free herself for one instant to palm to the net. Wow! It was impossible to keep up, but one dared not look away. O'Driscoll had it again. Her petite frame defied all gravity when we saw her grab from amongst a forest of sticks in the midst of the danger area. When she landed she unleashed a pile-driver that Delaney stopped

NO TROPHY FOR BROPHY: Therese Brophy went home empty-handed, due in no small part to the determination of Linda Mellerick.



CIARA FOR HELP: Una O'Dwyer and Ciara Gaynor have each other to lean on in the moment of defeat.

brilliantly but the high voltage forced the sliotar to inch over the line. Agonisingly for Tipperary the green flag was raised. Cork players went on bended knees thanking God for this All Ireland title that was surely theirs. The red and white in the crowd of 13,287 (which I firmly believe to have been an underestimate of the actual attendance) went ballistic. They had to wait another few minutes though. Ciara Gaynor went up the field to score Tipp's third and last point of the second-half. O'Donoghue and O'Leary carefully put the icing on the cake for the Rebels. The scenes that greeted Aileen Lawlor's final whistle will linger for some time yet. For not alone did it signal the end of a contest that had everything - pace, skill and drama - it also saluted two great teams that had brought the level of the game up another

peg or two. Tipperary may have lost the match but they still are a great team. Cork's thirst for success, after a relative drought by their standards, was what caught Tipp in the end. For that the Premier girls cannot be faulted. They are champions since being chastened by the red and white in that infamous league final of 1999. Players like Una O'Dwyer, Ciara Gaynor, Therese Brophy, Philly Fogarty, Deirdre Hughes, Emer McDonnell and Claire Grogan and others still have much more to give in the county jersey. Whether Michael Cleary remains at the helm is a matter for another day. Strong rumours suggest that he will be the next Tipperary hurling manager now that Nicky has called it a day. Cleary's playing qualifications alone would suffice but his sublime record with

the ladies over the last four years will do his case no harm either. As for Cork, they look that they will stay at the top of the game for a while at least. Nine of the starting fifteen are students. Of the remaining six, Mellerick is the only one to publicly declare her retirement. Eithne Duggan is attempting to withdraw, but it is clear that her colleagues will not let her go without a fight. O'Driscoll is not even contemplating such a bizarre idea. In fact it seems a trifle absurd to even mention the R-word. Stephanie Dunlea, Vivienne Harris and Mary O'Connor have still loads to offer. We are already looking forward to 2003.

## JUNIOR BREAKTHROUGH FOR KILKENNY

Folk who travelled to Croke Park on All-Ireland day were not alone served up with one good game, but two. The opening clash of the afternoon possessed all the hallmarks of a classic. Anytime that Cork and Kilkenny come together, one can expect fireworks. This All-Ireland junior final did not disappoint. Aoife Neary was the player to watch for. She had excelled in all her games so far this year. Others were Ann-Marie Young, Eimear Lyng, Edel Maher, Elaine Aylward, Catherine Doherty, Marie O'Connor and captain Jacqui Frisby. But what a start for the Cats! These felines certainly were at home on Croke Park soil. After half an hour of hotly contested play, the electronic scoreboard informed that Kilkenny had 2-9 to Cork's 1-4. What it did not reveal, however, was that Neary was accountable for 1-8 of this fine tally. The red and white was unable to come to terms with such tenacity. At least, not until one Brieger Corkery entered the fray after the interval. She was instrumental in bringing her side back into the game. Scorer of a goal, she was the chief organiser of the next two points, which were registered by a Caitriona Kelly free and a Colette Desmond point. It was too much to ask as the black and amber shut up shop, however. There was no way through for Cork as they desperately sought the equalising goal. Kilkenny held out to win their first ever title at this grade. By all appearances it will not be their last either. ■





RED TIDAL WAVE: Cork celebrate victory in the All-Ireland camogie final

# Rebels on the rampage



STAR IN STRIPES: Kilkenney junior captain Jacqui Frisby lifts cup

**A** campaign that started last February ended in elation for Cork as Una O'Donoghoe stepped up to receive the O'Duffy Cup in Croke Park on September 15.

The rampant Rebels ended Tipperary's three year dominance to take the All-Ireland senior championship title for the 20th time.

On the honours list The Leesiders are next to Dublin who hold a record 26 titles. Tipperary were expecting to grasp four in a row but Cork manager Pa Finn and his team had other ideas.

However neither counties figured in the national league.

Cork were chasing their eighth title on the trot when defeated by Limerick in the semi-final, but league and championship worlds apart.

In the All-Ireland final the champions dictated matters in the opening half but only managed to lead by a single point at the break 1-7 to 1-6.

But in the second half

**PJ FULHAM** recalls the Rebels uprising in 2002 as Cork wrenched the All-Ireland camogie title away from Tipperary in an action packed season that isn't over yet.

Cork gave an exhibition of determination and skill.

And so the county so steeped in tradition brought back the O'Duffy Cup on a scoreline of 4-9 to 1-9 thanks to a Fiona O'Driscoll hat-trick.

That performance should quell any idea she had of retiring. However Linda Mellerick who had an outstanding game did announce her intention to retire from inter-county action after the game.

Goalie Geraldine Casey has surely laid claim on her position by giving a splendid performance.

It was the end of glorious run for Tipperary who won their first title in 1999 the year the 15 players aside was inaugurated.

Trainer Michael Cleary blended together a splendid

team that enjoyed three wonderful years and produced star players in Deirdre Hughes, Noelle Kennedy and Eimear McDonnell.

No doubt the Premier County will be determined to fight their way back.

**H**owever, the other top seeds Galway and Kilkenny will also be hoping for a breakthrough.

The Rebel County failed to take the double on All-Ireland day when their junior team had to give way to Kilkenny who made history by securing their

**GALWAY** were hotly fancied for the Championship on the back of their League form but lost out to Cork in the semis.

first All-Ireland title since their seniors won the O'Duffy Cup in 1994.

The Cats victorious 2-11 to 2-8.

In the minor championship Cork retained their crown at the expense of arch-rivals Galway on a scoreline of 1-11 to 1-5.

Back to the national league where Galway took their first title since 1994 by defeating Limerick 6-6 to 1-7.

The Tribe were hotly fancied for the championship on the back of their league form but had to give way to Cork in the semi-final.

**S**ince then one of their star players Sharon Glynn has retired from the county panel, but she will continue playing for her club Pearsees.

Glynn is a wholehearted player and played a pivotal role in her county's first and only All-Ireland senior championship success in 1996.

Meanwhile Offaly took the national junior league crown when they overcame near neighbours Laois 3-13

to 2-6 in the final.

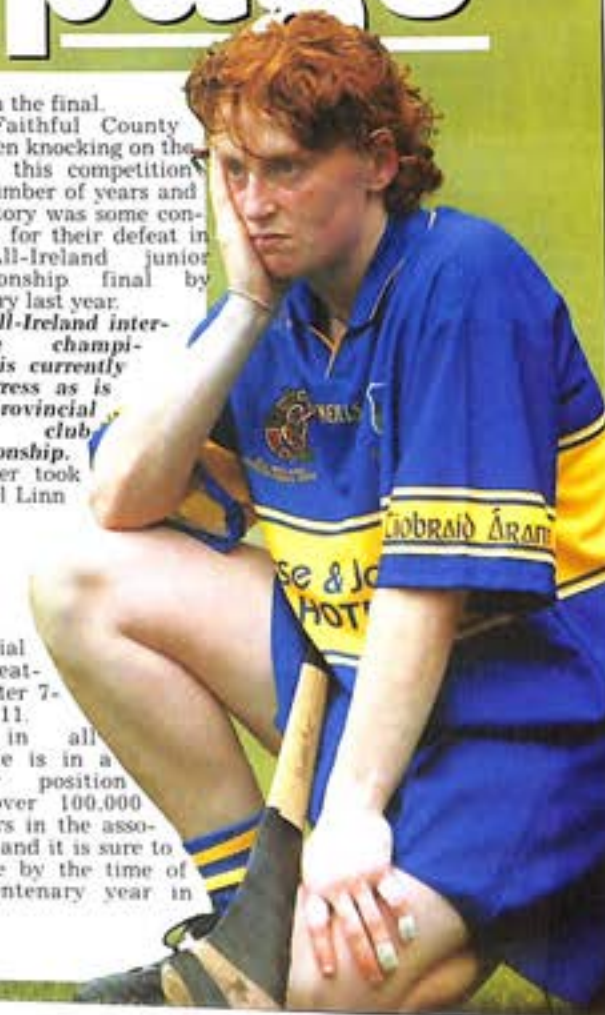
The Faithful County have been knocking on the door in this competition for a number of years and this victory was some consolation for their defeat in the All-Ireland junior championship final by Tipperary last year.

**The All-Ireland intermediate championship is currently in progress as is the provincial senior club championship.**

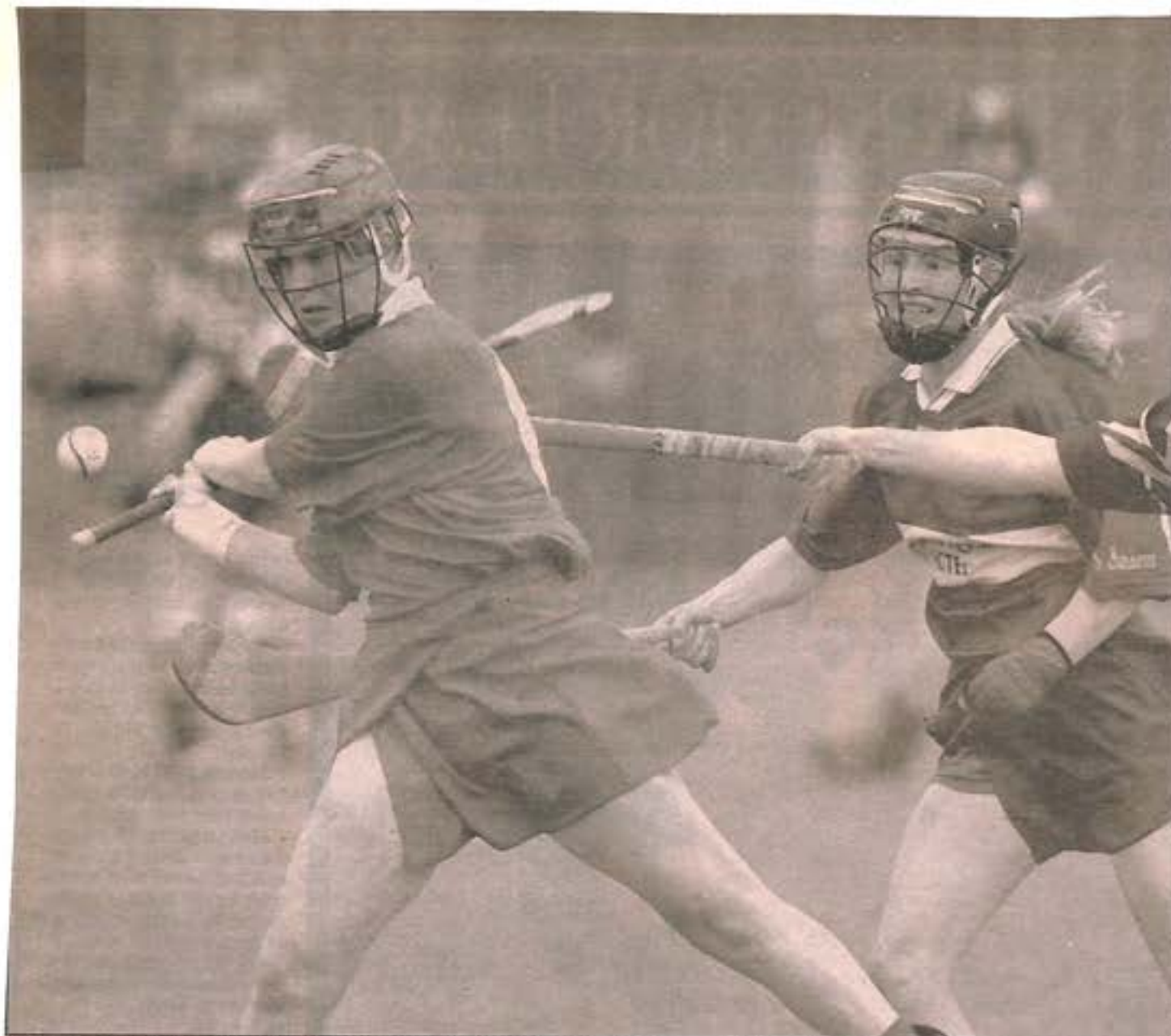
Munster took the Gael Linn Inter-

Provincial Cup beating Ulster 7-23 to 0-11.

All in all Camogie is in a healthy position with over 100,000 members in the association and it is sure to increase by the time of the Centenary year in 2004.







Camogie and ladies' football star Mary O'Connor was in fine form for her team over the weekend.

Picture: Eddie O'Hare

# Cork sides to the fore

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Marie O'Neill, Captain of the Loreto Convent Secondary School, Fermoy, U-16 (B) All-Ireland Camogie Champions 2002 accepting the framed scroll from Mayor Anthony Barry at a Civic Reception for the team at the UDC, Chambers, Fermoy on Tuesday evening.

## Milford destroy a shell shocked St Catherine's

Milford 14-7 St Catherine's 1-8 By TIM BUCKLEY Underage camogie

MILFORD were comprehensive winners over St Catherine's, winning their fourth title in a row in the U16 A Cork Co. Camogie Championship in Buttevant on Saturday morning last.

Milford took control in the opening ten minutes with a goal from Anna Geary and three points from Emer and Aine Watson. Denise Twomey replied with two points, for St Catherine's.

Anna Geary excelled at centre-field for Milford and with an ability to pick up loose ball all round the forward line she put in a personal tally of 5-3.

In the 15th minute Aine Watson pounced for a goal from 20 metres. Anna Geary added 1-1 in the 16th and 19th minutes before Denise Twomey reduced the arrears by three points between the 23rd and 26th minutes. Mil-

ford had the last say of the half with a goal each from Aine Watson, Anna Geary and Siobhán Davern in as many minutes to bring the half time score to 6-4 to 0-5 in favour of Milford.

The second half began very much like the first as Milford piled on score after score with Julie Sheehy, Justine Lynam and Aishling Thompson excelling.

**Scorers: Milford:** A Geary 5-2 (0-1 f), E Watson 3-3, A Watson 3-1, J Lynam 2-0, J Sheehy 1-0, A Thompson 0-1.

**St Catherine's:** D Twomey 1-8 (0-2 frees, 0-1 45).

**MILFORD:** S Carroll; M Roche, L Healy, M Broderick; S Sexton, E O'Riordan, E Curtin; A Geary, T McLoughlin; A Hehir, J Sheehy, A Watson; A Thompson, E Watson, J Lynam; J Dunne, A Finn, O Sheehan, S Meany, T O'Mahony, R Finn, C Galvin.

**ST CATHERINE'S:** M O'Keefe; O Neville, M Twomey, L Kearney; D Mulcahy, O Cotter, T Barry; N Mulcahy, A Hogan; D Twomey, M Collins, P O'Brien; C O'Brien, D Twomey, S Davern; E Lane, A O'Brien, G Carr, P Moroney, C Hurley, A Casey, J Hurley.

**Referee:** M Murphy (Buttevant).

## Aghabullogue to face Bandon in quarter-final

Aghabullogue 0-10 Newcestown 2-0 By MARY MCCARTHY Camogie

AGHABULLOGUE, thanks to their victory over Newcestown on Sunday last, will meet Bandon in the junior B championship quarter-final.

Aghabullogue set the early pace and led at the interval by 0-5 to no score.

Notables for the victors were Helena Moynihan and Emma Healy.

Cork 2-18 Limerick 0-0

Stronger in all sectors Cork experienced little difficulty in disposing of the challenge posed by Limerick in the Munster U-18 championship at Ballincollig.

Cork aided by the strong wind and driving rain in the opening half made good use of their advantages and led at the break 0-14 to no score thanks to the accuracy of Catriona Kelly Marie Neill,

Sarah O'Donovan, Breige Corkery Colette Desmond, Emer Watson and Catriona Kelly.

The Cork defence must be credited for a tremendous second half display against the strong wind and rain, with Ora O'Callaghan, Regina Curtin, Joan Twomey and goalkeeper Denise Twomey superb.

**Scorers: Cork:** C Kelly 1-3 (2 f), S O'Donovan 0-4, M O'Neill 0-3, M Watson 0-3, R Curtin 1-0, M Watson 0-2, C Desmond 0-2, E Watson 0-1.

**CORK:** D Twomey; O O'Callaghan, E O'Riordan, J Twomey, A Geary, R Corcoran, E O'Sullivan; B Corkery, R Curtin; C Desmond, C Kelly, M O'Neill; E Watson, M Watson, S O'Donovan Subs: G O'Connor for E O'Sullivan, M McCarthy for M O'Neill, T McCarthy for E Watson, J Lynch for A Geary, C Crowley for C Desmond.

**LIMERICK:** C Kelleher; M Fleury, M Dooley, A O'Brien, J Clifford, G McNamara, M O'Connor; C Mulcahy, A Sheehan; A Sheehan, A O'Connor, McAuliffe; M Corkery, N Collins, M McGrath Subs: M Cremin for M Corkery, C Noonan for M O'Connor, C Ryan for N Collins, S Collins for A Sheehan.

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Ladbroke's

## GOALS OF THE YEAR

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The Ladbroke's Goal of the Year competitions got underway in the July issue of *High Ball*. The top goals of inter-county senior Gaelic football and hurling have been selected every month, and a grand final awards ceremony will take place in December.

### HURLING



**Fiona O'Driscoll**  
(Cork) v. Tipperary  
All-Ireland Senior Camogie final

Fiona O'Driscoll's third goal for Cork in the All-Ireland camogie final, when fending off the attentions of Paula Bulfin and Una O'Dwyer, was pure magic. She took them on, outpaced them both, picked her spot and planted the sliotar in the back of the net. But it was only one instalment of her performance, one of the great Croke Park All-Ireland final individual performances in recent years, which left her with 3-2, including previous goals from a defensive error after 19 minutes, the run-and-strike effort after outpacing Paula Bulfin and Claire Madden after 40 minutes. So Fiona, who was thinking of retiring early in the year, joined the small group of players to score three goals in an All-Ireland final at senior level.



# Mellerick's

## swansong

Six All-Ireland medals to the good, Cork camogie star Linda Mellerick was able to bow out on a high thanks to an All-Ireland final hat trick of goals from Fiona O'Driscoll.



Una O'Donoghue happily lifts the Kay Mills trophy

Poor Tipperary didn't know where to look as O'Driscoll's goals bamboozled the All-Ireland champions out of their crown. In total the Cork corner-forward scored 3-2, and tormented the Tipperary rearguard throughout this absorbing final. The first of her goals came after 18 minutes when a Linda Mellerick long-range effort was palmed down into her path by Tipperary goalkeeper Jovita Delaney. It was a much-needed score for the Rebels as Tipp's Emer McDonnell scored the first goal of the match after 14 minutes. Deirdre Hughes passed to the unmarked McDonnell and she hit the ball hard and high past the helpless Ger Casey in the Cork goal. That helped Tipperary to a 1-6 to 1-5 interval lead.

A double blitz of points by Fogarty and Deirdre Hughes inside the first minute of the second half appeared to swing the game in Tipperary's advantage but astonishingly the Premier County would not score for another 20 minutes.

Emer Dillon and Jennifer O'Leary pointed for Cork to



# Kilcloyne paves the way for Cobh girls

Cobh  
Castlemagner

2-4  
0-4

By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY  
Camogie

magner under pressure.

COBH had to call on all their resources in the second half before taking the inaugural 13-a-side junior B championship title at the expense of Castlemagner.

A couple of Grace Kilcloyne goals in the opening quarter put Cobh in the driving seat and, aided by the strong wind, they continued to put Castle-

Deirdre Meaney and Mary Gullfoyle had two points apiece as Cobh went in at the interval leading by 2-4 to no score.

Castlemagner set about their task and points from Louise Duggan and Susan Foley had them back in contention.

Cobh had to be at their best and they were equal to the challenge, with

Aine Wilson and Deirdre Meaney in superb form. Susan Foley had two further points for Castlemagner but the vital goal failed to come and it was Cobh who took the honours.

**Cobh:** S. Gullfoyle, M. Shealy, L. McKiernan, A. Wilson, D. Meaney, A. Corr, S. Crowley, S. Looney, J. O'Keeffe, Y. McKiernan, C. Hogan, S. Kilcullen, M. Gullfoyle.

**Subs:** S. O'Connor for L. McKiernan, C. O'Shea for M. Shealy.

**Castlemagner:** K. O'Callaghan, M. O'Keeffe, S. Roche, L. O'Keeffe, M. Noonan, C. Healy, E. Twohig, E. O'Donovan, T. Twohig, S. Falvey, R. Twohig, A. McSweeney, L. Ahern. **Subs:** L. Duggan for T. Twohig, P. O'Shea for L. Ahern.

The draws for the U-18 A, B and C championships were made. The first round ties are to be played on the weekends of November 2/3 and November 10/11.

## U-18 A championship

### First Round

A - Barryroe v Ballinacorney  
B - Glen Rovers v St Catherine's  
C - Ballygarvan v Inniscarra  
D - Cloughduv v St Finbarr's  
E - Newcestown v Carrigaline  
F - Aghbullogue v Rockban

### Second Round

Winners F v Winners A  
Courcey Rovers v Winners E  
Winners D v Winners C  
Winners B v Millford

### Semi-finals

L v H and G v J.

# Rampant Cork advance

Cork  
Limerick

2-18  
0-0

by Mary Newman

Cork advanced at the expense of Limerick in the Munster U-18 camogie championship at Ballincollig, Co Cork, yesterday.

Cork, with the aid of the gale force wind, had built up a 14-point advantage at half-time. Any hopes of a Limerick revival were quashed inside two minutes of the restart when Cork's Regina Curtin had the game's opening goal. Cork's second goal from Cathriona Kelly four minutes from time sealed Cork's win.

**Scorers for Cork:** C. Kelly 1-3 (2 from frees, 1 from '45); S. O'Donovan 0-4; R. Curtin 1-0; M. O'Neill 0-3; M. Watson 0-3; C. Desmond 0-2; B. Corkery 0-2; E. Watson 0-1.

**CORK:** D. Twomey, O. O'Callaghan, E. O'Riordan, J. Twomey, A. Geary, R. Corcoran, E. O'Sullivan, B. Corkery, R. Curtin, C. Desmond, C. Kelly, M. O'Neill, E. Watson, M. Watson, S. O'Donovan. **Subs:** G. O'Connor for E. O'Sullivan, M. McCarthy for M. O'Neill, T. McCarthy for E. Watson, J. Lynch for A. Geary, C. Crowley for C. Desmond.

**LIMERICK:** C. Kelleher, M. Fleury, M. Dooley, A. O'Brien, J. Clifford, G. McNamara, M. O'Connor, C. Mulcahy, A. Sheehan, M. Sheehan, A. O'Connell, S. McAuliffe, M. Corkery, N. Collins, M. McGrath. **Subs:** M. Cremin for M. Corkery, C. Noonan for M. O'Connor, C. Ryan for N. Collins, S. Collins for A. Sheehan.

Cobh  
Castlemagner

2-4  
0-4

Two first-half goals from Grainne Kilcullen ensured Cobh were crowned inaugural Cork Junior B 13-a-side champions in the final at Blarney.



The All-Ireland winning Cork panel

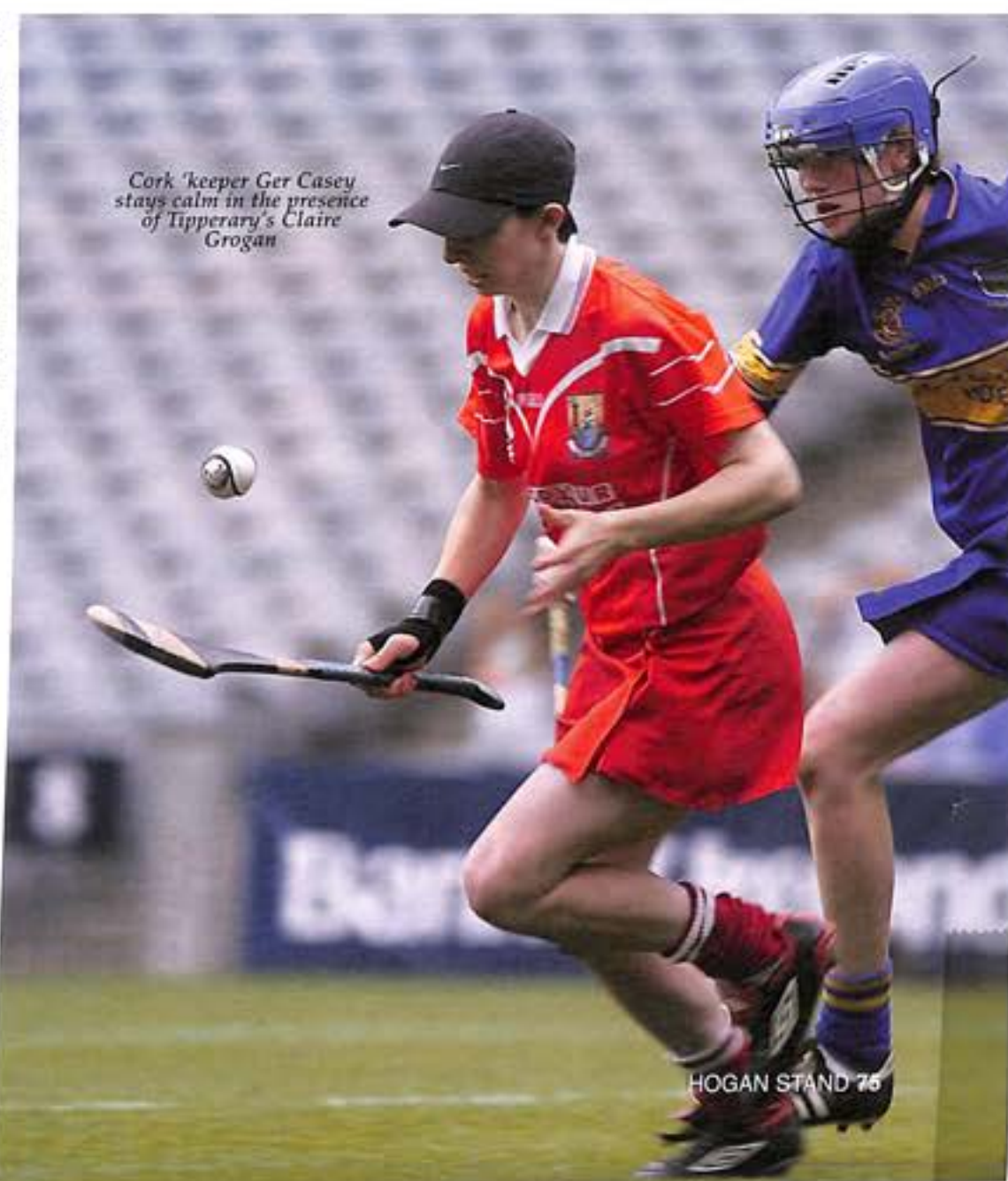
leave the scores 1-8 to 1-7, before a hat trick of goals dealt Tipperary a huge body blow.

In the 39th minute Cork captain Una O'Donoghue pounced on a loose ball and fired it low and hard past Delaney.

Three minutes later O'Driscoll scored her second of the afternoon after a surging run from 30 metres out, saw her find the back of the net. She left three Tipp backs for dead and accelerated towards goal, but she was brought to her knees just outside the square. Somehow she kept hold of the ball and slapped it home with her hand while still on the ground.

Tipperary were rattled and as they pushed forward in search of a reply, O'Driscoll punished some slack defending again in the 46th minute. She made a fantastic catch on the 20-metre line and ran towards goal once more. Her shot was slapped down to the ground by Delaney but unfortunately for the Tipperary goalkeeper the sliothar spun back under her legs and across the line. The game was over.

Those present will always remember the goal-scoring feat of O'Driscoll, which was like something out of a fairytale, a bit like the career of Linda Mellerick.



Cork 'keeper Ger Casey stays calm in the presence of Tipperary's Claire Grogan

HOGAN STAND 75

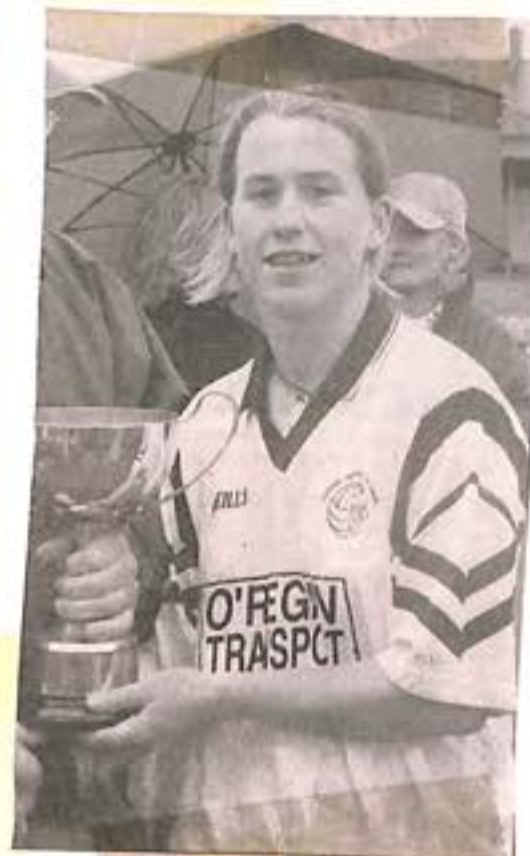
## CAMOGIE

Munster Colleges results

Senior A: Clonakilty 4-2 Mercy, Waterford 1-7; Senior B: Coeshford 4-11 Ursulines, Thurles 2-2; Kilkenny 3-4 Roscrea 2-2.

Senior League: Loreto, Fermoy 2-9 Carrigaline 2-7; Bandon 3-10 Waterford 3-4; Coeshford 4-4 Bandon 0-8; Intermediate League: Laurel Hill 1-5 Kilkenny 5-9; Ballygarvan 2-0 Borrisokane 5-3; Laurel Hill 5-7; Borrisokane 3-9; Ballygarvan 6-8 Kilkenny 0-7; JBC: Bandon 3-7 Clonakilty 2-1; St. Als 4-4 Coeshford 6-3; Borrisokane 8-5 Kilkenny 0-0; Shannon 1-3 Ursulines, Thurles 5-11; Cashel 1-3 Newcastlewest 0-2.

Junior 'C' Championship: Borrisokane 6-7 Bruff 1-2; Ennistymon 1-2 Hospital 0-0; St. Paul's 6-2 Dungarvan 4-0; Mount Mercy 4-2 Midleton 3-1; Kinsale 9-4; Glanmire 2-3; Youghal 2-4 Mount Mercy 3-4.



presents the Mun Mary O'Connor.



## Newcestown blaze a trail past Rockies to U16 final

Newcestown  
Blackrock

2-3  
0-1

by Tim Buckley

EVELYN CROWLEY'S goal for Newcestown towards the end of the first half was the difference between the teams in a very even first half of the U16 C Camogie Championship semi-final last Sunday.

The game, which was cancelled last weekend, went ahead in Blackrock under reasonable conditions considering the amount of rain which fell on the previous evening and night. Blackrock started the better and Grace Mulqueen, Andrea Brennan, Lynda Coughlan, Susan Meehan and Rosin deFaoite all impressed.

After about 20 minutes Newcestown began to take a grip of the game and from a ball won around the 30 metre mark, Coleen Long pointed to open the scoring. Five minutes later, Lynda Coughlan replied with a point for Blackrock from a 30 metre free.

At the 29th minute Anita Coughlan Newcestown took a 45 which landed on Evelyn Crowley's hurley. Evelyn turned and hit the corner of the net for a superb goal making it 1-1 to 0-1 at the break.

The goal before half time gave Newcestown a boost in confidence which became very evident as they began the second half. Anita Coughlan was outstanding at half back and together with Evelyn Crowley at centre field and Frances Deasy at centre forward began to send in quality ball to their ace full forward Coleen Long.

Within 10 minutes of the restart, Coleen Long had added 1-2 to Newcestown's tally. Blackrock then regrouped and began to regain control but their forwards never clicked on this occasion.

Otherwise, over the hour on the field of play there was never very much between the sides. Newcestown now go on to meet Watergrasshill in the final.

**Scorers** - Newcestown: C Long 1-3, E Crowley 1-0. Blackrock: L Coughlan 0-1 free.

**NEWCESTOWN:** J O'Neill, T Hurley, E Horgan, A Holland, L O'Sullivan, A Coughlan, A O'Driscoll, C Hurley, E Crowley (Capt), C O'Mahony, F Deasy, B Hurley, T McCarthy, C Long, A Crowley, K Collins, G Crowley, C Desmond, S Kennealy, S O'Leary, H O'Leary.

**BLACKROCK:** S Murphy (Capt), A Brennan, G Mulqueen, C O'Connell, A Roberts, J Griffin, E Crowley, L Coughlan, J Irwin, E Fielding, S Meehan, A Brohan, R deFaoite, C Kelleher, J Deasy, M O'Connell, S O'Keefe, B West, M Moynihan, L Spillane, S Cremen, M C Cumenin, N McCarthy, J Leahy, V Norberg, J McSweeney, A Murray.

**Referee:** C Egan (Glen Rovers).



Left: Éire Óg, runners-up in the under-16 B league.

## Early goals set pattern for harbour girls' victory

Cobh  
Castlemagner

2-4  
0-4

Cobh have two goals to spare in inaugural 13-a-side clash

COBH took the inaugural 13-a-side Junior B title when they had two goals to spare over Castlemagner in Blarney on Sunday last.

Weather conditions made the going hard for two gallant sides as they battled against the elements to serve up an entertaining contest.

Cobh won the toss and elected to play with the aid of the wind in the opening half and this was to be a crucial decision as all through the second half they had to be at their best to contain a determined Castlemagner side who tried to the finish to secure victory.

Cobh got the vital early breaks and two goals from Grainne Kilcullen set the pattern for a first half dominated by Cobh.

As they continued to keep the Castlemagner defence under pressure Cobh had points from Mary Guilfoyle and Deirdre Meaney to lead 2-4 to no score at the interval, thanks in the main to the steady supply of ball to their inside line and a solid defensive display.

If Cobh set the trend for the first half it

was Castlemagner who took up the story in the second as now aided by the elements they came back into contention.

Louise Duggan opened their scoring with a point and with Susan Foley and Duggan again pointing Cobh were coming under pressure.

Credit the Cobh defence where Aine Wilson and Sarah Guilfoyle despite coming under pressure worked tirelessly to contain the lively Castlemagner.

Louise Duggan added a further Castlemagner point but Cobh, despite failing to score in the second half, had done enough to secure their crown.

Cobh coach Paul McGee expressed delight at his side's success after the game. "We are delighted with the win, we had to work hard in the second half as Castlemagner came into the game but our defence held out."

The defence was marshalled superbly by club secretary Sarah Guilfoyle from her position between the posts and she was also pleased with her side's success after the game.

"The victory means a lot to our club and we are delighted with the win. It was hard to field a full 15-a-side panel and substitutes and this competition being organised was great hopefully we will go on from here."

This competition, in its inaugural year, has proven to be a great success organised especially for clubs who have trouble fielding full panels.

**Cobh:** S Guilfoyle, M Shealy, L Mc Kiernan, A Wilson, D Meaney, A Carr, S Crowley, S Looney, J O'Keefe, Y Mc Kiernan, C Hogan, S Kilcullen, M Guilfoyle Subs: S O'Connor for L McKiernan, C O'Shea for M Shealy

**Castlemagner:** K O Callaghan, M O'Keefe, S Roche, L O'Keefe, M Noonan, C Healy, E Twohig, E O Donovan, T Twohig, S Falvey, R Twohig, A McSweeney, L Ahern, L Duggan for T Twohig, P O'Shea for L Ahern

## Comprehensive win over Inniscarra by Youghal

Youghal  
Inniscarra

4-13  
0-1

Rockban  
Barryroe

2-8  
1-0

TWO goals in the opening half from Kelly McCarthy set the seasides on the road to victory as they led 2-6 to 0-1 at the interval with June Fitzgerald Ashley Corkery, Jessica Heaphy and Kelly McCarthy all pointing to stretch their advantage.

Youghal had excellent displays from defenders Ann O'Connell, Theresa Byrne and Kelma McCarthy who held the upper hand on the Inniscarra forward division.

ROCKBAN, in their first year in adult competition, continue their march and advanced to a semi final meeting with either Bandon or Aghbullogue thanks to a comfortable victory over Barryroe.

The sides were evenly matched in the early stages before points from Niamh Keohane and Sile Burns settled Rockban.

With Rockban's defence playing well Barryroe found it hard to make an impact.

Milford  
St Catherine's

14-7  
1-8

by Tim Buckley

MILFORD were comprehensive winners over St Catherine's, winning their fourth title in a row in the U-16A Cork Co Camogie Championship in Buttevant.

Milford took control in the opening 10 minutes with a goal from Anna Geary and 3 points from Emer and Aine Watson. Denise Twomey replied with 2 points, 1 from a free for St Catherine's. Anna Geary excelled at centre field for Milford and with an ability to pick up loose ball all round the forward line she put in a personal tally of 5-3.

In the 15th min Aine Watson pounced for a goal from 20 metres. Anna Geary added 1-1 in the 16th & 19th mins before Denise Twomey reduced the arrears by 3 points between the 23rd and 26th mins. Milford had the last say of the half

with a goal each from A Watson, A Geary and Siobhán Davern in as many minutes to bring the half time score to 6-4 to 0-5 in favour of Milford.

The second half began very much like the first as Milford kept on the pressure and piled on score after score with Julie Sheehy, Justine Lynam and Aishling Thompson excelling.

Denise Twomey hauled Cathelines back into the game with 1-2 in the last 5 mins but this was too little too late.

**Scorers:** Milford: A Geary 5-2 (0-1 free), E Watson 3-3, A Watson 3-1, J Lynam 2-0, J Sheehy 1-0, A Thompson 0-1.

St Catherine's: D Twomey 1-8 (0-2 free), 0-1 45).

**Teams:** Milford: S Carroll, M Roche, L Healy, M Broderick, S Sexton, E O'Riordan, E Curran, A Geary, T McLoughlan, A Hehir, J Sheehy (Capt), A Watson, A Thompson, E Watson, J Lynam, J Dunne, A Finn, O Sheehan, S Meary, T O'Mahony, R Finn, C Galvin.

St Catherine's: M O'Keefe, O Neville, M Twomey, L Kearney, D Mulcahy, O Corry, T Barry, N Mulcahy, A Hogan, D Twomey, M Collins, P O'Brien, C O'Brien, D Twomey (Capt), S Davern, E Linn, A O'Brien, G Carr, P Moroney, C Hurley, A Casey, J Hurley. Referee: Martin Murphy (Buttevant).

Cloghdub  
Ballygarvan

2-7  
2-4

CLOGHDUB tore the form book to shreds on Saturday evening last in Bishoptown and overcame a fancied Ballygarvan side to take the U16 B Cork Co Camogie title for 2002.

The tight marking tactics of Cloghdub coach John Cronin written all over this game paid off handsomely.

**Scorers:** Cloghdub: B Corkery 1-4, M Lucey 1-3 (1-0 free). Ballygarvan: C Dillon and O O'Riordan 1-0 each, T O'Donovan 0-2, A O'Riordan and S Lynch 0-1 each.

**Teams:** Cloghdub: M O'Connor, M Murray, M Lucey, A Dunne, P O'Riordan, B Corkery (Capt), S Buckley, N Barrett, S Lucey, A Cronin, M Kelly, M Lucey, O Ring, E Dunne, A O'Connor, A O'Sullivan, F Murphy, N Cronin, N Canty, S Shine, M Down, D Kelleher, D O'Connell, M Sheehan, S Pierce.

Ballygarvan: A Moynihan, D Keily, B Browne, D O'Mahony, M Ryan, S O'Sullivan (Capt), D Crowley, K Duane, A Browne, S Lynch, A O'Riordan, T O'Donovan, C Dillon, J Dunne, O O'Riordan, E Lynch, C O'Hea, A O'Hea, M Keohane, L Cosgrave, V Browne.

Referee Jack McGrath (Carrigaline).

## Milford take control to get fourth title



# Promising season at Munster colleges level

by Mary Newman

WITH students now well settled back to study, competitions at Munster colleges level are well under way already in the senior A championship. Sacred Heart Clonakilty have contested the opening where they recorded a 4-2 to 1-7 victory over Mercy Waterford. The next round will be a stern test for the Liam Nash coached Clonakilty side who face All-Ireland champions St Mary's Charleville.

Graded A this year following on their marvellous season last year,

Loreto Fermoy will face Borrisoleigh in their first game. Nenagh will meet St Patrick's Shannon. With the semi-finals down for decision before the end of November, the schools will then take a break with the Munster final pencilled in for February 1st.

The Senior B championship has also commenced, with Coachford recording a win over Carrigaline, and Ursaline's Thurles to book their semi-final spot against a Kilfinnan side who had wins over Cahir and Roscrea.

Bandon and Coliste Mhuire,

Ennis, have to meet before a winner progresses to meet Cashel in the quarter-final. Templemore and Scariff will meet in the last of the quarter-finals.

The Junior A championship has Ennis meeting Mercy Waterford, with the winners facing All-Ireland champions Charleville. Last year's Junior B winners Loreto Fermoy make the step up and will meet Nenagh in a semi-final clash.

The final is down for Feb 8th.

The Junior B championship is always one of the most hotly contested and the season ahead will be no

exception. Competition is well under way with quarter-finals to be played as follows: Presentation Bandon will meet Coachford Community College in an all-Cork clash; Ursaline's Thurles, in their second year in camogie competition, have advanced to meet Templemore or Scariff following their victory over St Patrick's Shannon; Cashel Community College defeated Newcastlewest in their opening game and will face Presentation Thurles or Carrigaline; St Caiman's from Clare meet Borrisoleigh.

The Junior C championship will

again take the format of twelve-a-side competitions for schools who may not have the numbers to field at fifteen-a-side and, already, competition has commenced with 42 schools participating. This competition helps enormously to keep the game alive in the smaller schools.

The Munster colleges also organise league competitions at senior, intermediate and junior grade while first year and sevens competitions will also take place through the school term, which promises plenty of activity as it progresses.

## Milford go goal mad as they cruise to county u-16 crown

MILFORD ..... 14-7  
ST CATHERINES ..... 1-8

### Juvenile camogie

with Tim Buckley

MILFORD were comprehensive winners over St Catherines winning their fourth title in a row in the U-16 A Cork County Camogie Championship in Buttevant on Saturday morning last.

St Catherines were always going to have an uphill battle with two of their players on the county minor team as opposed to five by Milford. A wholehearted performance from a spirited St Catherines side made it more difficult for the favourites than the score-line suggests.

Milford took control in the opening 10 minutes with a goal from Anna Geary and three points from Emer and Aine Watson. Denise Twomey replied with two points, one from a free for St Catherines.

Anna Geary excelled at centre field for Milford and with an ability to pick up loose ball all round the forward line she put in a personal tally of 5-3.

In the 15th minute Aine Watson pounced for a goal from 20 metres. Geary added 1-1 in the 16th and 19th minutes before Denise Twomey reduced the arrears by three points between the 23rd and 26th minutes.

Milford had the last say of the half with a goal each from A Watson, A Geary and Siobhan Davern in as many mins to bring the half time score to 6-4 to 0-5 in favour of Milford.

Best for Catherines in the backline were Noreen Mulcahy, Orla Cotter and Orna Neville. Marie Twomey had a great game at

full-back. Aileen Hogan, Deirdre and of course Denise Twomey were impressive in the forwards. The second half began just like the first as Milford kept on the pressure and piled on score after score with Julie Sheehy, Justine Lynam and Aisling Thompson excelling.

Catherine's Denise Twomey scored 1-2 in the last five minutes but this was too little too late.

**Scorers — Milford:** A Geary 5-2 (0-1 free), E Watson 3-3, A Watson 3-1, J Lynam 2-0, J Sheehy 1-0, A Thompson 0-1.

**St Catherines:** D Twomey 1-8 (0-2 frees, 0-1 '45').

**Teams — Milford:** S Carroll; M Roche, L Healy, M Broderick; S Sexton, E O'Riordan, E Curtin; A Geary, T McLoughlan; A Hehir, J Sheehy (captain), A Watson; A Thompson, E Watson, J Lynam. Subs: J Dunne, A Finn, O Sheehan, S Meany, T O'Mahony, R Finn and C Galvin.

**St Catherines:** M O'Keeffe; O Neville, M Twomey, L Kearney; D Mulcahy, O Cotter, T Barry; N Mulcahy, A Hogan; D Twomey, M Collins, P O'Brien; C O'Brien, D Twomey (captain), S Davern. Subs: E Lane, A O'Brien, G Carr, P Moroney, C Hurley, A Casey and J Hurley.

**Referee:** Martin Murphy (Buttevant).



The victorious Milford side who won the Cork county under-16 camogie championship with their trainers in Buttevant last Saturday.

CLOUGHDUV ..... 2-7  
BALLYGARVAN ..... 2-4

CLOUGHDUV tore the formbook to shreds on Saturday evening last in Bishopstown and overcame a fancied Ballygarvan side to take the U-16 B Cork County Camogie title for 2002.

Ballygarvan started the stronger with Caoimhe Dillon goaling in the sixth minute. Suzanne Lynch followed with a point in the ninth minute and Ballygarvan seemed to have the advantage.

Then Cloughdub gradually began to exert a tighter grip of the game allowing Brieghe Corkery to put in 1-2 and Marie Lucey add a point in the 20th minute. Aisling O'Riordan replied with a point for Ballygarvan

to make it 1-3 to 1-2 in favour of Cloughdub.

From here to the finish Ballygarvan were always hunting the game and never looked happy even though they never gave in. Brieghe Corkery and Marie Lucey added a point each for Cloughdub in the last five minutes and Trish O'Donovan replied with a point to bring the score to 1-5 to 1-3 at the break.

Ballygarvan again restarted the stronger and looked very threatening when Trish scored a fine point in the third minute. Two minutes later Brieghe Corkery had a point for Cloughdub to restore Cloughdub's two-point advantage.

Ballygarvan came looking for scores again and again but Cloughdub were very much in control in the back

line with the other Marie Lucey having a tremendous game at full back, Martha O'Connor outstanding in goal and Nicole Barrett having a great game at centre field.

As well as being forced to shoot a lot of ball wide Ballygarvan were awarded four '45s' and even though they had wind advantage failed to convert any of them. The roaming Brieghe Corkery also made life difficult for the Ballygarvan defence as she soloed out of her own defence into the forward line.

About the 21st minute of the half after one such run Cloughdub were awarded a 20-metre free.

Marie Lucey stepped up and drove it all the way to the net for a crucial score making it 2-6 to 1-4.

Ballygarvan rallied again but could not take full advantage of their possession.

They did find the net with four minutes remaining when the nifty Orlaith O'Riordan whipped the ball home but Marie Lucey finished the scoring with a point in the 29th minute.

The tight marking tactics of Cloughdub coach John Cronin written all over this game had paid off handsomely.

**Scorers — Cloughdub:** B Corkery 1-4, M Lucey 1-3 (1-0 free).

**Ballygarvan:** C Dillon and O O'Riordan 1-0 each, T O'Donovan 0-2, A O'Riordan and S Lynch 0-1 each.

**Teams — Cloughdub:** M O'Connor, M Murray, M

Lucey, A Dunne; P O'Riordan, B Corkery (captain), S Buckley; N Barrett, S Lucey; A Cronin, M Kelly, M Lucey; O Ring, E Dunne, A O'Connor. Subs: A O'Sullivan, F Murphy, N Cronin, N Canty, S Shine, M Down, D Kelleher, D O'Connell, M Sheehan and S Pierce.

**Ballygarvan:** A Moynihan; D Kiely, B Browne, D O'Mahony; M Ryan, S O'Sullivan (captain), D Crowley; K Duane, A Browne; S Lynch, A O'Riordan, T O'Donovan; C Dillon, J Dunne, O O'Riordan. Subs: E Lynch, C O'Hea, A O'Hea, M Keohane, L Cosgrave and V Browne.

**Referee:** Jack McGrath (Carrigaline).

All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie semi-final replay: Antrim 0-11 Tipperary 2-4

## Adams pulls strings for Saffrons' win

JANE Adams put holders Antrim through to their third All-Ireland Intermediate final in four seasons by pointing a 45 metre free on the as the clock ticked into injury time in yesterday's semi-final at Dunloy.

Adams had shot three earlier points from frees, all from difficult angles, and although this one was perhaps 10 metres in from the side-line, the importance of the strike made it just as difficult for the Rossa player.

This was a tough game played in cold but otherwise ideal conditions in Dunloy. Antrim played against the breeze in the first half, with Jane Adams dropping behind the half-back line and sweeping the ball clear.

The tactic effectively left Helen Breen in a free role at full-back for Tipperary,

but seemed to work as the Saffrons went in at the break 0-4 to 0-3 in arrears.

Linda Grogan had looked lively in the opening half, scoring three points, two from frees, but strangely she was substituted at half-time and it took her replacement a while to get into the game.

Points from Denise Darragh (2), Oonagh Elliott, and wing back Siobhan McCloskey early in the second half gave Antrim a deserved lead. They should have added more points before substitute Jill Horan got the last touch in a goalmouth scramble for a Tipperary goal.

Oonagh Elliott immediately pointed and within another three minutes, Antrim had restored their three point advantage, Adams firing over an awkward free and Denise Darragh shooting

her fourth point from play.

Again Antrim missed a few chances, before Tipperary broke in the 57th minute and Fiona Loughane shot an excellent goal from 25 yards. Then Antrim had a few half-chances before Jane Adams won the day with her pressure free.

This performance by Dominic McKinley's team was an improvement on the Ulster Senior final against Derry two weeks ago — but they are still not playing to their full potential.

There was still some hesitancy at the back, although the two Maureens — Duffin and Stewart — had good games. Siobhan McCloskey and Clara McGinley were others to do well, but the pace of the Tipperary counter-attacks caught the defence as a whole.

Jane Adams, Denise Darragh, Anne McKee and Oonagh Elliott all impressed further afield, but somehow Antrim lacked the killer instinct.

Tipperary really did not do enough during the first half to win the game, thereafter relying on breaks to snatch match-winning scores. ne Mulcahy, Helen Breen and Melissa Stapleton all caught the eye.

**Antrim:** C Doherty, C Gault, M Duffin (capt.), M Graham, S McCloskey, M Stewart, C McGinley, R Duffin, J Adams (0-4, all frees), E Mason, D Darragh (0-4), A McKee, O Elliott (0-2), G Connolly, E Dowds. Subs: Carla Doherty for E Dowds (46).

**Tipperary:** P Ryan, T Ryan, H Breen, M Ryan, D McDonnell, T O'Halloran, N Connolly, L Burke, N Mulcahy, M Short, Moira Ryan, M Stapleton, G Kinnane, L Grogan (0-3, 0-2 frees), M Looey (0-1). Subs: Fiona Loughane (1-0), for L Grogan (half time), J Horan (1-0) for Moira Ryan (35).

**Referee:** Aoife Woods (Armagh).



# Remarkable recovery as brave Maura grabs prizes

PEOPLE in sport who triumph over adversity deserve special mention.

Stories of courage abound throughout the broad spectrum of sport and next year, on our very own doorstep, we will see the results of great effort and determination when Ireland hosts the Special Olympics.

From time to time we have had tales of remarkable recoveries from injury and illness in these columns and we heard of another recently. Maura McNicholas is currently a five handicap golfer at the Ennis golf club in Clare, which she joined as a junior back in the early eighties. "My first sport was camogie and I really only got into golf towards the end of my camogie days," said Maura.

Like many camogie players who make the transition she showed a flair for golf and was a member of the Ennis team that won the Munster Senior Cup in 1993. A bank official with AIB she transferred to Dublin where she joined the Grange Club through an introduction by Sheena O'Brien Kenney, a former Irish International and team manager.

It was around this time that she became afflicted by "chronic fatigue" which has symptoms similar to the debilitating condition Myalgic Encephalomyelitis or ME as it is more commonly known.

"It was on and off at the beginning but then it got really bad. I got wiped out, exhausted, no energy after any kind of exertion."

She had always been fit and admits to being a perfectionist. "I would always drive myself hard and give full commitment." Such devotion and enthusiasm must have come from her mother Kitty who is one of Clare's best known camogie characters.



Colm SMITH

She won an All-Ireland senior camogie medal with Clare in 1974 (Maura was the team mascot) and subsequently trained the winning All-Ireland winning teams of 1981, '86, '93 and '95.

Kitty is also a keen golfer and mother and daughter play together regularly in fourball and foursome competitions.

Maura, herself, played for her school's under 16 team when she was only 12 and went on to win Junior and Intermediate All-Ireland medals with Clare.

Her determination also showed in her golfing days when she was one of only two junior girls in the club.

James Meade was looking after the junior boys at the time and invited the two girls to join the squad.

She remembers her first score as being 156 gross but the following year she went to the final of the Fergus Cup for juniors where Brian Gilligan beat her. Three years later Maura had reduced her handicap from 36 to 16.

It was during her time in Dublin that chronic fatigue began to affect her and she transferred back to Ennis.

"I went to doctors and hospitals, anybody I thought might be able to help but no one could tell me the reason

why." Maura is not one to take no for an answer and she set about the search for a cause and a cure.

"I tried acupuncture and it was the only treatment that brought me back to some kind of normality. I then began to study it in Limerick University and was able to treat myself."

"I had to change my lifestyle. I learned that people who tend to push themselves need proper rest and a proper diet. They also need to supplement the diet with extra minerals and vitamins."

It was typical that she should throw herself into the study with the same commitment as she did in sport. She actually went to Nanjing in China for an intensive course. Apart from acupuncture, she has also studied nutrition, kinesiology, injury management and fitness in sport and Swedish massage over a period of six years.

Maura is now back to full health, plays golf regularly and successfully off a five handicap. Ennis lady captain Maura Ryan was browsing through the club results recently and noticed the name Maura McNicholas appearing on several prize lists and decided to investigate.

She discovered that Maura had actually won eight gross prizes this year and featured in many other competitions, including winning the President's (Michael Connolly) prize to the ladies.

"I really didn't know how many I won. I'm really a club golfer at the moment because I'm pretty busy with my new profession but you never know what my happen a little down the road."

Maura did win the Leinster Junior Championship and was runner-up in both the Munster and Connacht Junior Championships before her problem manifested itself.



Maura McNicholas of Ennis golf club has overcome ME to bounce back to health and produce a series of winning performances.

## So close and yet so far for Eire Óg

IT was a case of being so close and yet so far for the Éire Óg Under 16 camogie side.

They made it to the final of the U16 B league, only to be agonisingly denied at the final hurdle by St Catherine's on a 2-8 to 1-2 score-line.

The Éire Óg girls can hold their heads high after this final, going under to a very strong St Catherine's side in a close and entertaining decider with





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# Inspirational Buckley leads Coachford to victory

Coachford College  
Ursulines, Thurles

4-11  
2-2

AN inspirational Mary Buckley led Coachford to victory over Thurles in the recent Munster Colleges Senior Camogie quarter-final played at Mitchelstown. Buckley contributed eight points with Margaret McCarthy, Margaret Cosgrave, Michelle O'Regan and Ciara Murphy also getting on the score sheet. The Tipp side led the game with

a point from inter-county star Michelle Short. Buckley cancelled out that score and added three more in the first quarter. The Coachford half-back line of Niamh O'Connell, Joan Twomey and Maura O'Leary were dominant, and when Fiona Buckley delivered a long clearance, Margaret Cosgrave gave keeper Siobhán McGrath no chance with a hand-passed goal. Mairéad Purcell registered a point for Thurles with Ciara Murphy drawing the save of the game from McGrath the

outstanding Thurles goalkeeper who flicked the shot over the bar. Laura Kavanagh for Thurles reduced the deficit to a goal when she finished to the net making it 1-5 to 1-2.

Thurles drew level on the resumption when Marian Houlihan doubled on a 45 but that was to be their last score. Coachford, led by Captain Joan Twomey and a rampant Mary Buckley, rallied their teammates. Buckley scored four more points and when the irrepressible Margaret McCarthy goaled after a great solo run, the Tipp side collapsed. Mairéad Ennequess, Emma Healy, Louise Roche and Orla McSweeney maintained the pressure on Thurles until the final whistle whilst Ursuline's prominent performers included Eileen Ryan, Noelle Green and Michelle Short. Coachford had already beaten Carrigaline 3-10 to 0-3 and now go on to meet Scoil Pól, Kilfinane in the semi-final.

**Scorers** Coachford: M McCarthy 2-1, M Cosgrave 2-0, M Buckley 0-8, C. Murphy and M O'Regan 0-1 each.  
Thurles: L Kavanagh and M Houlihan 1-0 each, M Short and M Purcell 0-1 each.

**COACHFORD:** E O'Keefe, M Healy, M Ennequess, C Cosgrave, N O'Connell, J Twomey, J O'Leary, M O'Regan, F Buckley, E Healy, M McCarthy, L Roche, C Murphy, M Buckley, M Cosgrave, O McSweeney, A O'Mahony, C Hogan.

**THURLES:** S McGrath, E Ryan, B Ryan, S Walsh, C McKee, N Green, T Butler, C Hennessy, T Johnston, M Short, M Purcell, C Johnston, L Kavanagh, M Houlihan, M Fanning, C McGann.

## Junior Sportsperson of the Year



Cork senior camogie player, Sarah Hayes, seen presenting the Junior Sportsperson of the Year award to Fiona Hurley at the Kinsale Community School Awards night.

### More honours for girls

The awards are coming thick and fast for the members of the victorious Cork senior Camogie team. Jennifer O'Leary was named the Celtic Ross Hotel/ 103 PM Sports Star of the Month for September. Emer Dillon became the first female winner of the Carrigdhoun Sports Personality of the Year, while Fiona O'Driscoll will pick up the Vodafone Player of the Month award at a function in Croke Park on Monday next and all are well deserved.



CAMOGIE STARS: Former Cork camogie star Therese O'Callaghan and current star Linda Mellerick helping the appeal.



Geraldine Casey and Jemma O'Connor of the Cork Senior Camogie Team (All-Ireland Champions) pictured at the civic reception in the Millennium Hall hosted by the Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr John Kelleher for Cork GAA teams. (See also GAA Pages and Social



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# Carrigdhoun GAA

## 'Personality of Year' award



Eimear Dillon of Ballygarvan, who received the Personality of the Year award from John Twomey, chairman South East Board and Jack Walsh, manager Actons Hotel at the recent South East GAA Dinner and Awards night in Actons Hotel, Kinsale.

This year's monthly award winners were Richie Butler of Valley Rovers, the Carrigaline Under 14 hurling team, Eimear Dillon (Ballygarvan), Pat O'Neill (Shamrocks), Ger Spillane (Ballygarvan), Anto Hegarty (Courcy Rovers) and Martin Coleman from Ballinhassig. But it was Eimear Dillon from the Ballygarvan club, who won an All-Ireland senior camogie medal, who was nominated as this year's Personality of the Year Award.

Eimear was one of the youngest ever recipients of the award, and in receiving the trophy from Jack Walsh, spoke of her gratitude to the Carrigdhoun division, the Ballygarvan club and her family for her support.

A successful year for not only camogie, but in football and hurling awaits teams in the Carrigdhoun division in the next twelve months.

## CELTIC ROSS WEST CORK SPORTS STAR



Jennifer O'Leary, centre, of Barryroe, a leading member of the Cork team that won the All-Ireland senior camogie final, being presented with the Celtic Ross West Cork Sports Star of the Month award for September by Nollaig Hurley, general manager of the Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery. Also included, from left, are adjudicators Con Downing, Southern Star, and Paudie Palmer, 103FM County Sound, and Dafydd Woods, manager, Celtic Ross Hotel leisure centre.



Sheila and Stephen Golden with Kay Dunne from the Camogie Board and above right; Conett Desmond, Ciara Healy and Paula O'Connor from the Cork senior camogie team (All-Ireland Champions) at the civic reception in the Millennium Hall hosted by the Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr John Kelleher. Pictures: Gerard Bonus/B Photo



The Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr John Kelleher, hosted a civic reception in the Millennium Hall in honour of the All-Ireland winning Cork senior camogie side, captained by Una O'Donoghue; the All-Ireland winning minor camogie team, captained by Elaine O'Riordan; County SHC winners Blackrock, captained by Dave Cashman, County SFC and IFC winners Nemo Rangers, captained respectively by John Coogan and Conor Buckley; county IHC winners Delaneys, and U-21 football champions Nemo Rangers, captained by Eoin Weldon. Pictures: Gerard Bonus/B Photo.



# Meath's camogie Royals

The Royal County of Meath may be much better known for their footballing skills but back in '69 the St. Francis club of Cortown put camogie on the map. It is also well known that the Meath King of football Sean Boylan had his hand in camogie some years ago, so who knows what he may do if he ever retires from his footballing position! By Máire Uí Scoláí.

In those far off days gym slips and sashes were the order of the day, quite different to the sponsored Kepak jerseys worn by this year's Meath team when they took on the then reigning Leinster champions Offaly down in Rath one rainy summer's day in the Leinster championship. Cortown is not renowned for its camogie or hurling history, but back in '69 a group of young girls decided to do something about it. One Maureen Kenny who later became the first chairperson of the club decided to get the priest to announce it from the altar at Sunday Mass that there was talk of a camogie club being formed.

That was the start of the St. Francis club. From a starting fifteen the club grew until they reached the senior grade in '73 but sadly they folded in '74. However, during those intervening years they put Cortown very much on the map with their major win of '72 when they beat Kentstown in the junior championship final.

While the early years saw Maureen Kenny as chairperson her vice-chairperson of the day was Mary Ward. The first secretary of the club was Eileen English while Marie Coogan looked after the money matters. Fundraising soon became an important aspect of the club and a disco was held in the parish hall, which then made a handsome figure of £100, a lot of money back in '69 and '70. It was thought that other discos might be held but the parish priest of the time said the lights would have to be on and that as the younger generation will know that is not on and so no more discos were held. How times have changed!

However, that still did not dampen the spirits of St. Francis, as they were determined to keep the camogie alive. Their colours became purple and white and in '71 the girls reached their first ever championship final. The girls made

their own uniforms when they purchased rolls of material. Many may have thought that 1971 was going to be their year as they reached their first junior championship final, but Stamullen had other ideas. There was joy and excitement as they drew with Stamullen in the final but the replay sadly did not go their way and thus they had to wait until the following year.

While success was gathering within the club, the members soon began to wear the Meath colours of green gymslip and yellow sash. Rose Healy, Kay Maguire and A. Waters were among several players who wore the county colours with pride. Talking with Rose Healy the excitement in her voice about playing for the county was evident, "It was brilliant to play for your county, you made such friends." While Dublin beat Meath in '72 in the Leinster championship it still has fond memories for Rose.

That Meath/Dublin match saw some great play according to a local paper of the time. Meath were ahead at the break by 2-0 to Dublin's 1-02. However, the second half saw the Dubs pull away and thus they won 6-02 to Meath's 4-0.

Without a doubt '72 was a year that Rose and St. Francis will not forget too easily. Early that year the signs that

silverware might rest on the house began to take root. Pat McElhenney, who hurled with Athboy realised that these young lasses had talent and so he trained the girls. According to Rose: "He certainly put us through our paces, it was tough, but in the end rewarding as we went on to win our first final that year."

Rose was accompanied with her three sisters Brigid, Elizabeth, and Therese and when they reached the junior championship final that year they were more than determined to make up for the previous year. And so the first ever silverware of any kind made its way back that year to Cortown after beating Kentstown 3-01 to 1-01 in the final, which was played in Páirc Tailteann.

That day the Cortown girls were made fight for their first title as Kentstown were leading 1-01 to Cortown's 0-0 at the break. However, they came back out in the second period and they kept the Kentstown girls scoreless while they ran out worthy winners. Needless to say the celebrations lasted far longer than a day. That year the club won several

Tournaments, but sadly that became the last year for the club, as they folded in '74.

While they folded the memories live on and for their twenty fifth anniversary they decided to come together and rekindle the memories of that famous win of '72. While camogie may not be played in Cortown nowadays these ladies refuse to let those golden memories fade away into the sunset and so every five years they get together for a reunion.

Later on this month they will hold a reunion, it promises to be a night of nostalgia, when the scrapbooks are likely to be cleaned of the cobwebs and the photographs will be laughed at. Sadly missing from this year's reunion will be the late Helen Mulroe who died some time ago following a road accident. May she rest in peace.

Today, camogie may not be played in Cortown, but the Royal County can now boast of seven clubs. Kilmessan are



The Meath junior team of 2002 who lost out to Offaly

presently the county champions. Two years ago Meath entered the National Junior League in Division 4 and they probably surpassed themselves when they reached the League semi-final. While they were beaten on the day, they had topped the division four in their first year of competition - no mean feat. This year saw them moved up a division and while they may not have reached the same standard, the experience is bound to stand them in good stead.

Talking to county secretary Anne Dempsey, the future of camogie seems bright in the county. "We have had several calls from people enquiring about very young girls wishing to play, so perhaps we may well go down the road of indoor camogie, and with a possibility of further sponsorship in the future who knows what we may well do."

commented Anne, who is also thinking ahead of coaching courses for the county as well. It sounds that we may well see Meath coming back on stream in the near future.



The winning Cortown side of '72, front l/r: Noreen Mulroe, Mary Kerrigan, Margaret Duffy, Rose Gill (cpt), Mary Duffy, Brid Herward, Marie Coogan. Back (l/r): Evelyn O'Halloran, Brigid Gill, Elizabeth Gill, Helen Mulroe (RIP), Maureen Kelly, Teresa Gill, Margaret Coyne, Bernie Kenny.



Mrs Killenan of the Meath County Board presenting the Junior championship cup of 1972 to the Cortown captain Rose Gill. Looking on is Mary Duffy on the right, while at the back is Noreen Mulroe



The 1972 photograph that says it all, as the Meath junior championship cup sits proudly in the Gill household, where the three Gill sisters, Rose, Elizabeth and Teresa were the proud holders of three medals

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Cork camogie player Fiona O'Driscoll receives her Vodafone Player of the Month award for October yesterday.

# Fiona's star is shining bright

**YOU HAVE to hand it to the girl.**

In one of the greatest sports stories of 2002, Fiona O'Driscoll completed an amazing year yesterday by being honoured as the Vodafone GAA Allstars Monthly award winner for camogie at a function held in Croke Park.

It was a long road back for the Fr O'Neill's player after taking a break at the beginning of the season.

Thankfully for her, and for Cork, she rejoined the county squad after the league and set about leaving her mark on every sod she graced over the next few months.

Fiona looked back over the year and on why she decided to return to the fold.

"I kept in contact with Mary and Paula O'Connor to see how training and the matches were going," she said.

"I suppose when I went to see Cork playing Kilkenny in the league I kind of felt like an outsider.

"I went up to see them play Limerick in the league semi-final. All the time I was thinking I would take a year out and then go back. But then I realised if I took the full year, would I be able to get back the fitness level?

"I began to dwell on it and the fact that we had been doing a lot of training with the club I found that I still had to maintain a certain standard of play myself and therefore was doing a lot of training of my own.

"With a little gentle persuasion too from my mother, I went back, and the first few nights I was dying. It was that bit faster than what I was used to."



All-Ireland winning camogie player Fiona O'Driscoll signs her autograph for pupil William Healy at Davis College, Mallow.

Picture: Gavin Browne

By **THERESE O'CALLAGHAN**

Camogie

With that came her first game and when the girls travelled to play Kilkenny in a challenge match shortly before the first round of the All-Ireland championship, the buzz was back and the Coláiste Chóilm Ballincollig teacher felt that things were beginning to fall into place once again.

"That kind of galvanised everybody because the girls were so disappointed with the league semi-final defeat to Limerick and their poor performance.

"Mary O'Connor was back playing that day too. She had been out injured all season."

With everything falling into place, the season passed quickly by. Fiona recalls her feelings on the morning of the All-Ireland final.

"I was dreading the final the week coming up to it. I felt the morning would be so long because the game was not until after four.

"I wondered how the hell are we going to put down the day? But I surprised myself by being very relaxed.

"The morning of the game I felt more relaxed than I had been in years.

"I had one of my best All Irelands in 1992 and I was not nervous then. And I had it in my head that I would have to be like that again."

Does lightning strike twice? In this

case, yes. Fiona played a final that most players just dream about.

"I just went cracked immediately after the game. Somebody caught me for an interview and that calmed me down a bit.

"There was a huge crowd up from home and the Ballincollig juvenile section was there as well. Meeting family and friends immediately after was brilliant," she added.

Joining Fiona at the luncheon this week were her family and members of her club from Ballymacoda.

Playing colleague Paula O'Connor was there, along with Cork manager Pa Finn and selector Rose Desmond. Representing the county board were chairperson Sheila Golden and Mary Moran.

After accepting her award Fiona, who is a child welfare and liaison officer with the county juvenile board, said: "Winning the All-Ireland was the be-all and end-all, everything else is a bonus.

"If Cork had not won there would be no awards, so this is in recognition of the work and commitment that the girls have shown."

It has been non-stop recognition since winning the All-Ireland, with awards from the Irish Independent/Jury's Hotel, Silversprings Moran Hotel, RTE Player of the Match and later this month she will be honoured by the Jury's Hotel group in Cork.

With such a hectic schedule since winning her sixth All-Ireland senior medal, she has not had much time to think of her future and all she will say is: "It would be a great way to go, but as of now I am staying on."



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Mayo footballer Marcella Heffernan, right, and Cork camogie player Fiona O'Driscoll who were presented with their Vodafone Player of the Month Awards in Croke Park yesterday. Heffernan, won her third All-Ireland senior football medal against Monaghan in September. O'Driscoll was honoured for her performance in collecting her sixth senior All-Ireland camogie title in Cork's win against reigning champions Tipperary. Picture: Brendan Moran



Cork camogie star Fiona O'Driscoll and top Mayo footballer Marcella Heffernan chat after receiving their Vodafone Player of the Month awards at Croke Park yesterday. Picture: Brendan Moran



Mayo footballer Marcella Heffernan, 2nd from left, and Cork camogie player Fiona O'Driscoll, 3rd from left, who were presented with their Vodafone Player of the Month Awards for October by John Kavanagh, Director of Technology Operations, Vodafone, left, and Sean McCague, President of the GAA, at a luncheon in Croke Park, Dublin. Football. Picture Brendan Moran



## U18 club action gets underway at last

DESPITE the lateness of the year championship action at under 18 club level began over the past weekend as the county board endeavours to complete its last championship competition before the break.

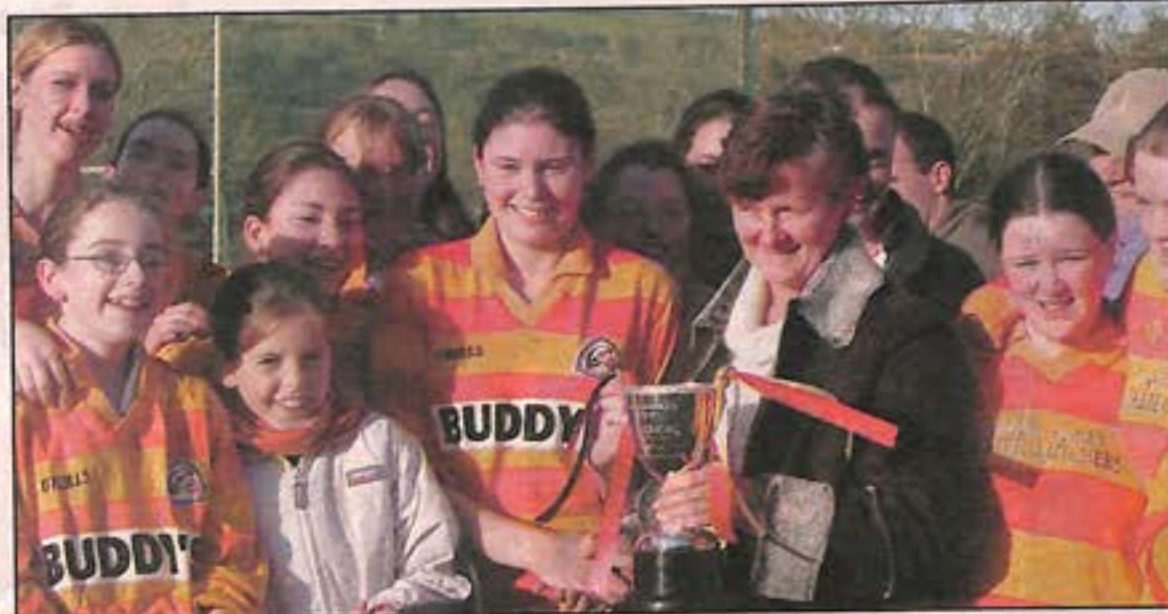
The county board announced at its last meeting that a third under 18 competition is to be introduced with a C grade championship organised. It is hoped that this new competition will encourage clubs who may have felt the standard of competition was just that bit too high to now enter under 18 C where they will compete on an even keel with other clubs in a similar situation.

In all there will be three competitions and it is hoped, weather permitting, that the finals will be finished before Christmas.

Success at inter-county level has seen the competitions run a little behind schedule, and there is still some unfinished business on the inter-county scene with the Intermediate team scheduled to play Antrim in the All Ireland final on November 17 while the Munster under 18 semi-final fixed for that day now looks set to be moved to November 24.

The draws for the Under 18 A B and C championships were made as follows with first rounds to be played on or before the weekend of November 10/11.

**Under 18 A championship**  
**First Rounds**  
 A Barryroe v Ballinhassig  
 B Glen Rovers v St Catherine's  
 C Ballygarvan v Inniscarra  
 D Cloughduv v St Finbarr's  
 E Newcestown v Carrigaline  
 F Aghabullogue v Rockban  
**Second Rounds**  
 Winners F v Winners A  
 Courcy Rovers v Winners E  
 Winners D v Winners C  
 Winners B v Milford  
**Semi-finals**  
 I V H  
 G V J  
**Under 18 B Championship**  
 A Eire Og v Tracton  
 B Buttrvant v Ballyhea  
 C Na Piarraig v Kilbrittan  
 D Youghal v Valley Rovers  
 E Clonakilty v Shabh Rua  
 F Douglas v Fr O Neills  
**Second Round**  
 Winner A v winner C  
 Brian Dillons v Killeagh  
 Winner B v Winner F  
 Winner E v Winner D  
**Semi-finals**  
 J V G  
 I V H  
**Inaugural under 18 C Championship**  
 A St Fanahan's v Erin's Own  
 B Ballinascarty v Newtownshandrum  
 C Castlyons v Mayfield  
 D Bishopstown v Blarney  
**Second Rounds**  
 E Kildorrey v Winners B  
 F Dungourney v Winners C  
 G Winners D v Winners A  
 H Bandon v Kilshannig  
**Semi-finals**  
 F V H  
 G V E



Mary Roche presenting the Thade Roche Cup to the Captain of Newcestown's U16 Camogie team after taking the Co. U16C title on Sunday in Brinny.

# Thrilling title win for Newcestown

Newcestown 2-1  
 Watergrasshill 1-3

by Tim Buckley

THERE was great outpouring of joy and jubilation in Brinny as Newcestown took the U16 C Cork Co. Camogie Championship title for 2002 after a great win over a very tough and skillful Watergrasshill side.

Conditions were excellent at Brinny on Sunday afternoon and the rain held off for what was a riveting game of Camogie which preceded the Intermediate Hurling Final. Watergrasshill went into this game as slight favourites having won the league earlier in the year.

Coleen Long opened Newcestown's account with a lovely point from 20 metres out near the sideline. Marie O'Neill replied with a point for Watergrasshill. On the 12th minute Coleen Long again won the ball about 30 metres out, being crowded out intelligently palmed it forward to Evelyn Crowley who doubled on it to the back of the net. Amazingly a minute later Marie O'Neill for Watergrasshill sent in a long speculative shot which dropped close to the Newcestown goal and Mary O'Leary gave Newcestown's Janice O'Neill no chance to make it 1-1 apiece. M O'Neill added another point from a free for the 'Hill before half time.

Newcestown threw themselves into the fray in the second half, superbly led by their captain, Evelyn Crowley, dominating centre field and doing a superb job marking Watergrasshill's Cork minor player Marie O'Neill. Edel Horgan and particularly Anita Coughlan gave nothing away. For Watergrasshill Helena O'Neill's work rate was amazing clearing ball after ball from her backline. Noreen O'Farrell worked hard right to the very end, but was never as influential as she usually is. On the 14th minute

Watergrasshill fail to close the gap despite brave effort at Brinny

stage Watergrasshill seemed headed for victory when two minutes from time the inspirational Anita Coughlan won the ball inside Watergrasshill's 40. She cut through the defence and blasted to the back of the net to give Newcestown a one point advantage. For the next two minutes Watergrasshill surged forward in search of a score, but Newcestown held on.

Scorers- Newcestown: C Long 1-1, A Coughlan 1-0. Watergrasshill: M O'Neill 0-3 (0-2 frees), M O'Leary 1-0.

Newcestown: J O'Neill; T Hurley, E Horgan, A Holland; L O'Sullivan, A Coughlan, A O'Driscoll; C Hurley, E Crowley (Capt); C O'Mahony, F Deasy, B Hurley; T McCarthy, C Long, A Crowley; K Collins, G Crowley, C Desmond, S Keneshy, S O'Leary, H O'Leary.

Watergrasshill: A Gardiner; S J Murphy, L Cronin, H O'Neill; C Cronin, L Bracken, C O'Farrell; M McAteer, M O'Neill (Capt); N Buckley, N O'Farrell, E O'Leary; E O'Riordan, E Leahy, A O'Connell; M O'Leary, J O'Riordan, J Collins, B O'Regan, M Murphy, O Martin, D O'Reilly, J Fouhy



## Douglas victory despite brave Fr O'Neill's challenge

Douglas 3-3  
 Fr O'Neill's 2-2

by Mary Newman

Leading by a goal at the break, 2-2 to 1-2, Douglas had to withstand a strong Fr O'Neill's challenge before advancing in the Under-18 B championship.

Michelle O'Donovan gave Douglas an early lead with a well-taken goal, and with Jenny O'Donovan and Laura Walsh pointing they stretched their advantage before Kate Ahern and Gearóidine Kearney had points for Fr O'Neill's.

Both defences came under pressure as play swung from end to end. Niamh O'Donovan stretched the Douglas advantage with a goal but Gearóidine Kearney replied quickly for O'Neill's as they turned trailing by just a goal, 2-2 to 1-2.

Substitute Rachel O'Sullivan put two points between the sides with her first touch but O'Neill's quickly pulled it back with a Roisin Corcoran goal. Just one point separated the sides and as O'Neill's worked hard to gain the upper hand, Douglas stood firm.

Niamh O'Donovan pointed to stretch the gap to four points and it was enough to see Douglas safely through after an entertaining contest.

## Aghabullogue five-goal blast puts them in control

Aghabullogue 5-7  
 Bandon 2-3

by Mary Newman

A strong second half display which yielded five goals saw Aghabullogue book their place in the county junior B championship semi-final.

Bandon led 1-3 to 0-3 at the break, having played with the aid of the wind in the opening half, with Aoife O'Neill notching up their tally of 1-3, as Helena Moynihan, and Patricia O'Flynn were on target for Aghabullogue.

From the restart Aghabullogue showed fierce determination substitute Emma Healy led the come back with a point and from here on it was Aghabullogue who set the pace of the game. Goals from Fiona Buckley, Karen Flynn, Mary Twomey and Tracy McCullagh gave Bandon a mountain to climb. Valerie Crean had a late Bandon goal, but it did little to affect the outcome as by now Aghabullogue were in the driving seat.

Left: All Ireland winning Cork Camogie Captains Elaine O'Riordan (Minor U16) and Una O'Donoghue (Senior), with Lord Mayor John Kelleher at the Lord Mayor's Gala for winning Cork GAA teams last week at City Hall.



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# Camogie girls win first tournament to honour memory of Agnes Keane

Turloughmore Junior Camogie team captured the inaugural Agnes Keane Memorial Tournament on Sunday last. The tournament, which was set up to perpetuate the memory of former Turloughmore player and Club Chairperson, Agnes Keane, was hosted by Turloughmore Camogie Club.

Agnes Keane who was daughter of former Turloughmore hurler the late Alfie Glavin and his wife Mary, passed away at a young age following a serious illness and her husband Tom, and daughters – and all her daughters play camogie – with Turloughmore, presented the Cup for a tournament to perpetuate the memory of a great servant of the club.

Turloughmore had defeated Cois Fhairraige in the Semi final and then faced the challenge of Kilconieron in the final. In the end the Turloughmore side proved too strong for their opponents. Daughters of Agnes Glavin, Lisa, Nicola and Katie threw in the ball for different games, and at the end of an absorbing day victory had come out with Turloughmore. Mary Glavin, mother of Agnes Keane, presented the runners-up with their medals, while Tom Keane, husband of Agnes, presented the Agnes Keane Memorial Cup to Turloughmore Captain, Nicola Madden.

Founder of Turloughmore Camogie Club and

## Turloughmore

current Club Chairperson, Ann Kearney, who played camogie with Agnes Keane, came out of retirement for the final minutes of the final to play in the inaugural tournament and played alongside her daughter Fiona. Thirty years ago Ann was a member of Presentation Convent Oranmore camogie team that became the first ever camogie team to take an All Ireland Title west of the Shannon.

The Turloughmore junior panel who captured the inaugural Agnes Keane Memorial Tournament were Nicola Madden, captain; Emer Kearney, Aoife Shaughnessy, Nicola Gill, Linda Kearney, Laura O'Brien, Geraldine Connolly, Aoife Shaughnessy, Lisa Keane, Catherine Luddan, Yvonne McHugh, Fiona Kearney, Amanda McGrath, Kelly Ann Murphy, Orla Shaughnessy, Marguerite Duffy, Deirdre Gill, Emer Fahy and Pauline Doherty.



Champions . . . Mary Buckley, captain of Inniscarra U-15 camogie team, receiving the Focus Development Cup From Finbarr Bradley.



All-Ireland winning Cork camogie captains Elaine O'Riordan (minor and U-16) and Una O'Donoghue (senior) with Lord Mayor John Kelleher at the Lord Mayors' Gala for winning Cork GAA teams last week in City Hall.

## Inspired Inniscarra get the better of near neighbours Éire Óg in Muskerry league final

INNISCARRA . . . . . 3-3  
EIRE OG . . . . . 0-2

**C**ONDITIONS were excellent at Ballincollig on Monday last for the under-15 12-a-side Muskerry Camogie League final.

The first half was a very close and even affair with only a point given away by either sets of backs and both points from placed balls. For Éire Óg Lisa Maria O'Mahony had an excellent game in goals.

She confidently caught and cleared balls to her wings. Clionadh McCarthy, Lorraine Murphy, Maria Kelleher and Sarah Donovan didn't give an inch and the hard working Claire Carroll hit out long clearances which were added to by Muireann Corkery and Marion Galvin centre-field.

At the other end of the field for Inniscarra Noreen Healy kept a clean slate, Christine Cosgrave full back covered well while Grainne Meehan, Lisa Kavanagh and Mary Buckley put in great performances.

The second half was a much different affair. From the throw-in Rena Buckley won the ball and pointed to set Inniscarra on their way. The game opened up and Inniscarra playing like champions went on the offensive with Claire Moloney and Sinéad O'Connor working

## Coachford College in a cruise

COACHFORD COLLEGE . . . . 4-11 URSULINES . . . . . 2-2

**T**HE accuracy of Mary Buckley (who ended with eight points), coupled with the athleticism of Margaret McCarthy, were the contributing factors in the Munster Colleges Senior B camogie c'ship quarter-final, played at Mitchelstown on Wednesday.

Thurles had inter-county stars Cora Hennessy, Tara and C Johnston, Noelle Green and Michelle Short in their starting line-up and led the game with an easy Mairead Purcell point.

Mary Buckley opened the Coachford account and another two points in the opening quarter, before Margaret Cosgrave soloed through for the Muskerry side's first goal.

Louise Roche, Clara Murphy and Emma Healy were playing well and the full back line of captain Joan Twomey, Niamh O'Connell and Maura O'Leary coped well with Tipperary inter co trio.

Michelle short converted a '45', but when Michelle O'Regan found M McCarthy loose on the '40', the All-Ireland medal winner added a point to the Cork sides score.

Buckley converted a '45' before Thurles corner forward Laura Kavanagh blasted the sliotar past Emma O'Keefe to put a goal between the sides on the stroke of half time.

Tip goalie Siobhán McGrath made an excellent save from Ciara Murphy, who had to be satisfied with a point.

This rallied her team and when Cora Hennessy delivered a chance to Marian Houlihan, the Tipperary minor finished expertly to leave a point between the sides, with 15 minutes remaining.

Coachford upped the tempo with Mairead Ennaguess, Fiona Buckley, M Cosgrave and in particular Joan Twomey increasing their work rate.

Mary Buckley took control and added another but superb points on the trot to take a commanding five point lead. Margaret McCarthy added two goals, with Margaret Cosgrave finishing the proceedings with a flick to the net, for a long-range free.

Coachford now meet Scoil Pól, Kilfinane, in the semi-final.

**Teams and scorers — Coachford:** E O'Keefe, M Healy, M Ennaguess, C Cosgrave, N O'Connell, J Twomey, M O'Leary, M O'Regan, F Buckley, L Roche, M McCarthy 2-1, M Cosgrave 2-0, M Buckley 0-8, C Murphy 0-1. **Subs:** O McSweeney, A O'Mahony, C Hogan.

hard around centre-field. Half forward Margaret Cosgrave put in a tremendous second half and was very influential in allowing R Buckley make raids

into the forward line and put two goals, both from long range shots, on the scoreboard inside 12 minutes of the restart. Rachel O'Riordan,

Yvonne Twomey, Niamh Dineen for Inniscarra had some great moments but could not put any ball past Éire Óg's excellent keeper. However for Éire Óg

Margaret O'Herlihy, Erin Corkery, Lia Doyle and Claire Purcell did not lie down but fought hard to break the grip of the Inniscarra defence.

However the slight favourites from the outset Inniscarra went on to add 1-2 in the remainder of the half and Éire Óg's only reply for the half was a splendid point by Claire Purcell from a '45' in the fifth minute.

This was a tremendous win for Inniscarra being the first club to put their name on the splendid cup presented to the Muskerry Camogie Board by Focus Development.

**Scorers — Inniscarra:** R Buckley 3-3 (0-1 free). **Eire Óg:** C Purcell 0-2 (0-1 free, 0-1 45).

**Teams — Inniscarra:** N Healy, L Kavanagh, C Cosgrave, G Meehan, M Buckley, S O'Connor, R Buckley, C Moloney, M Cosgrave, N Dineen, Y Twomey, R O'Riordan, A M Casey, M Buckley, M Forde. **Eire Óg:** LM O'Mahony, C McCarthy, L Murphy, C Carroll, S Donovan, M Kelleher, M Galvin, M O'Herlihy, E Corkery, M Corkery, C Purcell, L Doyle, S Gleeson, E Kelleher, D Twomey, K White, C O'Keefe, C McCarthy.

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

### CAMOGIE

Leinster Senior Championship final: Kilkenny 3-7 Wexford 3-6

Cork U18 Championships: Newcestown 5-8 Carrigaline 1-5; St Catherine's 5-2 Glen Rovers 1-2; Cloughduv 3-6 St Finbarrs 1-2. U18 B Championships: Eire Og 5-7 Tracton 1-2.



# Three titles on trot for potent Pearses

**Pearses, Galway 2-13 :: St. Ibars, Wexford 1-5**

—by Sean Walsh—

COMPETITION specialists Pearses captured their third All-Ireland senior camogie title in a row and their fifth crown in total after an emphatic victory over St. Ibars, Wexford in Sunday's All-Ireland Club camogie final in Ballinasloe. Wind, rain and heavy conditions were the order of the day, but the Galway champions were undaunted and recorded a comfortable victory, and in so doing created their own niche in camogie history.

*Pearses have developed into an awesome package at this level. Their physical power, sheer hurling skill, teamwork and combination play, allied to great belief in their own ability ensure that they have become the team to beat. It seems that the bigger the challenge becomes, the better the team responds. Eight county titles and now five All-Ireland titles since 1992 is proof of their credentials, though ironically, Pearses have endured some of their stiffest tests within the county.*

Sunday's final was effectively over at half time, when the reigning champions led by 10 points and had the advantage of the stiff breeze to come. A

devastating closing 13 minutes of the first half, when they struck for an unanswered 2-4 rocked a disappointing, if youthful, St. Ibars side, and set Pearses on the victory trail.

St. Ibars had wind advantage in that first half and things looked good for the Leinster champions when **Brigid Curran** and **Kate Kelly** shot two points in the opening five minutes.

Slowly though, Pearses got to terms with the game, and a delightful point on the turn from **Sharon Glynn**, settled them on six minutes. She subsequently added a 45, and thus a well-taken **Michelle Glynn** score meant that by the time **Kate Kelly** shot a 14th minute free, the sides were level at 0-3 apiece. It was significant that Pearses had restricted St. Ibars from building a lead with the wind, and soon St. Ibars's world was to crash down around them.

The Pearses scoring spree was ignited by a searing run half the length of the field by dynamic wing back **Martina Donnellan**, which ended with a point on 17 minutes. Almost immediately, **Veronica Sweeney's** pass found corner forward **Shauna Ward** who crashed to the net.

Two minutes later, with Pearses at full throttle, Sharon Glynn, in typical fashion, struck for goal from a 20 metre free past the unsuspecting St. Ibars defence. Those two goals within as many minutes were to

prove the undoing of the St. Ibars's challenge.

2-4 to 0-3 down, St. Ibars found it difficult to cope with the strong running Pearses game, as **Michelle Glynn** at centre forward, **Carmel Hannon** in midfield, and the half back line of **Martina Donnellan**, **Tracey Laheen** and **Martina Harkin** provided a powerful platform for the Sharon Glynn inspired attack.

Three further Glynn frees by half time, the second of which came after a Tracey Laheen surge forward, left Pearses 2-7 to 0-3 ahead at half time, and they had the aid of the elements to come. In essence, the die had been cast.

The second half proved to be low-key and largely devoid of pattern. Midfielder **Kate Kelly**, who had an excellent game for St. Ibars, went low with a 22 metre free within 45 seconds of the re-start, but Pearses keeper **Louise Curry** blocked her effort. **Michelle Murphy** blasted the rebound over the bar, and it could have been a goal.

However, once St. Ibars were prevented from getting goals, the remainder of the second half saw Pearses content to hold onto what they had. Sharon Glynn's 34th minute free restored Pearses 10 point lead - 2-8 to 0-4 - as scores became a rare commodity.

**Lorraine Lally** sped onto an **Aine Hillary** pass on 42 minutes only to see her goal shot flash just wide, while two minutes later St. Ibars's **Margaret Kelly** saw her goal effort repulsed. Indeed, while a ball was later cleared off the Pearses goal



**CLEAR**... Pearses **Aine Hillary** delivers the ball upfield against St. Ibars of Wexford in the All-Ireland Club camogie final at Ballinasloe.

line, one had the impression that Pearses were never in any difficulty, and that they were always capable of re-awakening to deal with any crises. That point was to be proven in the final five minutes.

**Kate Kelly** and **Sharon Glynn** had swapped frees by the 52nd minute, before St. Ibars's sub **Leona Tector** blocked down keeper **Louise Curry's** attempted clearance, and Tector hand passed to the net to leave St. Ibars 2-9 to 1-5 in arrears. Pearses immediately upped the ante, as if stung by the concession of that goal, and they finished in style.

**Sharon Glynn** pointed a free and **Orla Kilkenny** shot two fine points in a row. Kilkenny saw her subsequent 59th minute goal effort saved at the expense of a 45, which was converted by crowd favorite **Sharon Glynn** to the cheer of the day and really the final scoreline of 2-13 to 1-5 was fitting.

In truth, St. Ibars were disappointing on the day. Perhaps their first experience of an All-Ireland final got to them, but their real problems lay in attack where they lacked a cutting edge. A final tally of 1-5 tells its own story, with only two of their five points coming from play. That said credit must be given to a rock solid Pearses rearguard. The inspirational **Kate Kelly**, **Emma Carroll**, **Sandy Carr**, **Catherine Doyle** and **Brigid Curran** (early on) did well for a side whose eldest player is 26.

Another glorious day then for Pearses, though the semi-final victory over Cashel was perhaps the key moment of their season. **Sile Barrett**, the outstanding half back line of

**Martina Donnellan**, **Tracey Laheen**, and the superb **Martina Harkin**, midfielder **Carmel Hannon**, and **Michelle Glynn** all shone for the victors, while **Lorraine Lally** and **Orla Kilkenny** also enjoyed good moments.

Fittingly, **Sharon Glynn** won the **Petie Glynn memorial player of the game award** - though **Harkin** must also have been in strong contention. **Glynn**, who so often has been Pearses inspirational leader, excelled with a personal tally of 1-9. Afterwards, **Aine Hillary** became the first player to accept the O'Carroll Cup for the third year in a row.

**Pearses:** L. Curry; S. Barrett; A. Ward; P. Burke; M. Donnellan

(0-1); T. Laheen; M. Harkin; A. Hillary; C. Hannon; O. Kilkenny (0-2); V. Sweeney; M. Glynn (0-1); S. Ward (1-0); S. Glynn (1-9); 1-6 frees, 0-2 45s; L. Lally. Sub: R. Lally for Sweeney (35 mins).

**St Ibars:** J. Murphy; E. Roche; E. Carroll; C. Doyle; A. Cullen; S. Carr; L. Corrigan; F. Cullen; K. Kelly (0-3; 0-2 frees, 0-1 45); M. Murphy (0-1); J. O'Connor; B. Curran (0-1); M. Kelly; M. Hearne; A.M. Kelly.

Subs: E. Murphy for A.M. Kelly (22 mins); L. Tector (1-0) for M. Murphy (43 mins); O. Cullen for F. Cullen (58 mins).

**Referee:** Eamonn Brown (Tipperary).

## Pearses crown jubilee celebrations

**PEARSE'S** 2-13  
**ST IBAR'S** 1-5

**Máire Uí Scolai**  
All-Ireland Camogie Club Final

PEARSE'S celebrated their 25th anniversary in great style when they won their third All-Ireland club title in a row and fifth in all when they defeated St Ibar's Shelmali in the final at Duggan

Park, Ballinasloe yesterday.

Played in heavy conditions, Leinster champions St Ibar's were first off the mark with a Brigid Curran point in the third minute. However, Pearses, who have never lost a club final, looked threatening and gradually the Glynn machine began to work with player of the match and top scorer Sharon Glynn knocking over their opening point four minutes later.

While Ibar's tried hard, in particular Kate Kelly, their finishing power was lacking, and their half-back line found the Pearses' forwards a handful.

Suddenly, it all began to click for Pearses with two goals within two minutes - the first from Shauna Ward and the second from Sharon Glynn from a 30-metre free. It left the champions ahead by 2-7 to 0-3 at the break.

Playing into the town end in the second half, Pearses, aided by a gentle wind, took control and kept Ibar's to 1-2. The late consolation goal came from substitute Leona Tector who hand-passed to the net with six minutes remaining.

Pearses put in a storming finish, knocking over five points in the final four minutes to clinch their fifth All-Ireland title.

**SCORERS** — Pearses: S. Glynn 1-9, S. Ward 1-0; O. Kilkenny, M. Harkin 0-2 each. St Ibar's Shelmali: L. Tector 1-0; K. Kelly 0-3; B. Curran, M. Murphy 0-1 each.

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**ST IBAR'S** — J. Murphy, E. Roche capt, E. Carroll, C. Doyle, A. Cullen, S. Carr, L. Corrigan, F. Cullen, K. Kelly, M. Murphy, J. O'Connor, B. Curran, M. Kelly, M. Hearne, A. M. Kelly. Sub: A. Fox for M. Murphy, E. Murphy for A. M. Kelly.

**REF** — E. Brown (Tipperary).

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**CHAMPIONS AGAIN . . .** the Pearses camogie team who created history at Ballinasloe on Sunday when they won the All-Ireland senior title for the third year in a row. Back row (left to right): Sharon Glynn, Shauna Ward, Sheila Barrett, Veronica Sweeney, Lousie Curry, Michelle Glynn, Tracey Laheen, and Carmel Hannon. Front row: Aisling Ward, Martina Harkin, Aine Hillary (Capt.), Patricia Burke, Orla Kilkenny, Martina Donnellan, and Lorraine Lally.



**ON THE RUN . . .** Pearses Martina Harkin is in control of this situation against St. Ibars in the All-Ireland Club Camogie final at Ballinasloe last Sunday



**THE CUP THAT CHEERS . . .** Pearses captain Aine Hillary holds the O'Carroll Cup aloft after becoming the first captain in history to lift it for the third year in a row following her team's comfortable win over St. Ibars of Wexford at Duggan Park, Ballinasloe, on Sunday.



**THE ATTACK . . .** Pearses Michelle Glynn heads towards the St. Ibars posts during the All-Ireland Club camogie final at Ballinasloe Sunday. Photos Iain McDonald.



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Pictured above is Eithne Duggan, a member of the Cork senior camogie All-Ireland winning side, surrounded by members of Bishopstown underage players, when she Ciara Healy and Rose Desmond brought the O'Duffy Cup to a training session. Picture: Mike English

# Chase is on for third All-Ireland

CORK will be hoping to bring the curtain down on adult inter-county competition with a win when they travel to Dublin on Sunday next to contest the Intermediate All-Ireland final. Holders Antrim will provide stiff opposition and Cork are under no illusions as to the task facing them. Having lost out narrowly in the junior final, the Leesiders are, nevertheless, very aware of the importance of Sunday's final.

In their opening game back in September Cork showed great determination, defeating a fancied Derry side by two points. Dublin were the next to fall as Cork came from behind with six minutes remaining, grabbing three late goals to win by five points. On these performances Cork are more than capable of going all the way as they endeavour to bring the county its second title in the intermediate grade.

The intermediate competition was inaugurated to help breach the gap between the junior and senior grades and was primarily seen as a competition for counties not strong enough for senior. Counties who fail to succeed in the opening rounds of the senior championship are

automatically entered in the Intermediate championship and, ironically, it was the Cork senior side who ended the Antrim interest in this season's senior competition.

As holders and All-Ireland champions, Antrim will go in as favourites to retain their title. In their semi-final outing against Tipperary they had to go to a replay before finally shaking off the challenge with just one point to spare.

Jane Adams, Elaine Dowd Ann McKee and captain Maureen Duffin are amongst the stars of the side and will be the players expected to get the vital scores for their team on the board.

Cork showed tremendous determination in their semi-final outing against

Dublin, coming from behind to record victory.

Captained by Hilda Kennedy, the side includes Breige Corkery, Emer Watson, Denise Twomey and Colette Desmond who form the backbone of a young Cork side.

Coach Pa Murray has worked hard with his panel, despite the lateness of the season, and they are looking forward to Sunday's game.

"It's an All-Ireland final and we are very determined to take the title. Antrim will be very focused but we have a good side who will not be found wanting," he says.

Certainly a victory is well within Cork's grasp as they strive to conclude what has been a wonderful season.

## Camogie ladies set to go to the dogs!

HAVING reached four All Ireland finals, winning two, losing one narrowly and about to contest the fourth, one would be forgiven for thinking that the camogie fraternity would by now be getting rather weary at the end of a long season.

The opposite is very much the case as the ladies prepare to cross the finishing lines in a manner of speaking.

Curious? Well Thursday night next is the date pencilled in for a benefit night at the dogs in the splendid Curraheen Park track and given the success that the camogie ladies have brought to the rebel county they are hoping for a huge response to their big venture.

Sheila Golden county board chairperson explained about the venture: "Success comes with a price, and we were very fortunate to secure the sponsorship of Punch Industries for our adult teams, while Barry's Tea came on board with the minors."

While sponsorship helps enormously one has to keep the day-to-day affairs going as well, and now the county board officers are busy working at what they hope will bring in much needed finance.

"When the manager of Curraheen Park offered us the benefit night seven ago we jumped at the chance despite the short time available to us, as we were very much aware just how hard it is to secure a night to hold such an event. We are selling advertisements in the programme and are also looking for nominators for the dogs. We especially hope that many former camogie players will come forward and nominate the dogs which are for sale at €20 each.

Firms or individuals interested in sponsoring can contact a member of the committee on 7337136 or 4397710. Given the success rate of camogie players a phone call will guarantee your supporting certain winners.

## Newcestown, Cloughdub lead the way to victory

FOUR under 18 championship game were decided on Sunday last. In the C grade Bishopstown received a walk over when Blarney were unable to field a team.

**Newcestown 5-8 Carrigaline 1-5**

Newcestown made all the running and had build up a solid half time lead of 5-8 to no score in their outing against Carrigaline in Newcestown. Carrigaline's second half revival was led by Terri O'Keefe who had their goal.

**Cloughdub 2-6 St Finbarr's 1-2**

Cloughdub came from behind at half time 1-2 to 1-1 to defeat the Barrs in Toghher.

**Eire Og 5-3 Tracton 1-2**

In the B championship Eire Og advanced at the expense of Tracton in Ovens

**St Catherines 5-2 Glen Rovers 1-2**

Four Denise Twomey goals in the opening half sealed victory for St Catherines.

## Juvenile camogie

### Two in a row for Inniscarra U11s

**Inniscarra 4-0 Rockban 0-0**

FOR the second year in a row Inniscarra are Muskerry camogie champions at U-11 level. Having led the group stages, they came into the final as favourites. However, the Rockban girls fought hard.

The standards of skill and commitment displayed in this hard-fought final were admirable, and both clubs must be commended for the high level of preparation of the players.

Of the two teams, the Inniscarra girls seemed the more determined and kept attacking the Rockban

goalmouth. At the other end of the field, the Inniscarra defence was very solid. Meig Collins, Jackie O'Herlihy, Laura McCarthy and Siobhan McCarthy defended gallantly. All of the Rockban shots on goal were ably dispatched by the skilful Joanne Casey who was, as usual, superb between the posts. At half-time Inniscarra led by two goals. In the second half Inniscarra took the game to Rockban with excellent displays of skill and fitness by the centre field trio of Jessica Farmer, Clionadh Connolly and Catherine O'Brien who played a captain's part by sending ball after

ball to the forwards. Forwards, Emma Kingston and Danielle Dilworth set up many attacking plays for the goal-scoring duo of Claire Sheehan and Aine Ni Riain who scored two each.

Other players on the Inniscarra panel were: Emily O'Donovan, Ellen Finnegan, Claire Finnegan, Amanda Twohig, Gillian Flynn, Emma Kelleher, Kate Humphries, Aoife O'Callaghan, Ann-Marie Healy, Eimear McCarthy, Deirdre O'Callaghan, Caroline McCarthy, Aine O'Connor, Rosemarie O'Mahony, Laura Burke, Mary Desmond and Susan Buckley.

### Winners Bandon ahead throughout clash with Cashel

**Presentation, Bandon 3-13 Cashel 3-6**

BANDON qualified for their third successive Munster Colleges Senior B camogie semi-final by virtue of their seven-point victory over a Claire Grogan-led Cashel. Colette Desmond opened the Cork school's account with three points before Grogan replied with two frees. Desmond added a goal, with Breda Tuohy scoring another, before Grogan got her side's third score of the first half. The Bandon side led at

half time, 2-8 to 0-3, and could afford to move Donovan into the forward line for the resumption.

Margaret Murphy scored two points but Grogan finished the first of her three goals past Janice O'Neill. Claire Ryan scored a point for the Tipperary school and her side was given a great boost when Grogan billowed the net again with five minutes remaining. Bandon increased the tempo with Aine O'Sullivan and Sarah Donovan scoring points to leave the Cork side seven points ahead on the final whistle.

## Camogie stars and selectors honoured

THE victorious Cork senior camogie team together with their selection committee and county board were honoured in style on Saturday last as guests of honour of Cork County GAA board dinner at the Imperial Hotel.

The victorious team along with the Cork senior footballers who took the Munster Championship were presented with their medals also honoured on the night were surviving members of the victorious hurling and football teams of 1952, 53, 54.

Amongst the guest who spoke on the night were Pat Rafferty President of the National Camogie Association, Deputy

Lord Mayor Cllr Sean Martin and Mr Con Murphy, Sile Golden and Jim Cronin.

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tribute to her team for their performance and echoes their thanks to the GAA and camogie for their help in making her sides All Ireland dream come through

Football captain Colin Corkery in speaking also had special words for the camogie team "Your victory brought the county a much needed All Ireland title and the standard of your play was tremendous, hopefully we will go on and emulate your success in the year ahead."

Both Sile Golden and Jim Cronin the county board chairmen addressed the gathering with Ms Golden making a presentation to Mr Cronin.

Tim Buckley



Camogie star Linda Mellerick finds life after All Ireland glory is busier than ever



**BIG WELCOME:** Cork camogie player Linda Mellerick brings the all-Ireland winning trophy to her former schools, St Patricks national and secondary. Picture: Eddie O'Hare

# In demand Linda is fit for hectic life

**AFTER** winning the All-Ireland camogie final with Cork, Linda Mellerick could have been forgiven for thinking her schedule would become a little less hectic.

She couldn't have been more wrong.

"The invitations have just come in left, right and centre," the Ballyvolane girl said.

"It's great, but it's hectic. We've gone from a life of pure fitness to one of socialising and debauchery," she joked.

As well as the usual appearances and social occasions, the entire team have been kept busy with visits to each of the 13 local clubs represented on the Cork panel.

Linda, an accountant with Paco Clothing in Bandon, is used to a busy schedule.

As well as her busy work life and intensive training

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with the Cork team and her own team, the Glen Rovers, she also has to find time to study for accountancy exams.

"I just leave home in the morning for work in Bandon and don't get home until 9.30 or later," she said.

While the rest of the city is still sleeping in their beds, Linda is up bright and early to escape the traffic on the drive from Ballyvolane to Bandon.

Before work, she squeezes in a swim.

After a hectic day at work, it's straight back to the city for either training or classes in Cork Institute of Technology and Griffith College.

When training is at its peak, Linda can be out with the Cork team three or four times a week and with the Glen Rovers at least twice.

Her classes for her final accountancy exams, which she has spread over the last five years, take place on free evenings and at the week-ends.

"I am glad it's the last year of studying. The easiest part is getting to the college for classes, the hardest is finding time to do some study," she said.

Luckily, Linda's employers, the Paco Clothing Company, have been very supportive and she has always been an active person.

"I've always been like that," she said.

"Sometimes I get tired but I do feel if you keep active, you can usually feel better than someone who just comes in every evening and collapses on the coach," she laughed.



**ALL IRELAND WINNER:** Linda Mellerick at the launch of the Evening Echo Christmas appeal in aid of the Children's Leukemia Ward at the Mercy Hospital. Picture: Neil Danton



**TOP MARKS:** Cork camogie player Linda Mellerick gets a welcome from pupils from Scoil Oilbheir, Ballyvolane, during a visit by the Cork camogie team. Picture: Eddie O'Hare

## Camogie a sure bet for success

By MARY NEWMAN

Camogie Benefit night

**FOLLOWING** a great year on the playing fields, the Cork Camogie Board are gone to the dogs as they hold a benefit night at Curraheen Park Greyhound Stadium on Thursday November 21.

The season thus far has been a tre-

mendously successful one, with the county annexing Senior and Minor All-Ireland titles with the Intermediate team meeting Antrim on Sunday in search of the county's third major trophy.

Add in four pro-

vincial titles and the haul certainly looks impressive.

The organisers have in a very short space of time worked hard to secure sponsorship but vice chairman, Marion

McCarthy is hopeful that there is still a lot more good will out there.

"We are really calling on all camogie players past and present to come out and show their support, nominators for the dogs cost €20 while there is plenty

of advertisement space available on the programme, quarter page, half page or full page ads are waiting to be taken up".

The organising committee headed up by county chairperson Sheila Golden and Marion

McCarthy are sending out a timely reminder to all the clubs to get their nominators names back in to the any committee member.

Individuals or companies interested in supporting the event should contact 021-7337136.

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By MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY

Cork Camogie round-up

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Camogie followers are reminded that the camogie board is holding a benefit night at the Curraheen Park greyhound track tomorrow (Thursday) at 8pm.

With a 10 race card there is sure to be great interest in the event, which is the county board's major fund-raising event as they bring the curtain down on a tremendously successful year for Cork camogie.

● Despite failing to register a score in the second half, Rockbawn had enough in hand to beat Aghabullogue 2-2 to 1-3, advancing to the junior B final and a meeting with Killeagh.

Ten minutes from the break Lillian Whooley grabbed a Rockbawn goal and with Sile Burns pointing a 45 metres free, Rockbawn held a two goal interval advantage 2-2 to 0-2.

With 10 minutes remaining Deirdre Twomey put just two points between the sides with an Aghabullogue goal and now the pressure was really on the Rockbawn defence.

To their credit they stood the test with Mary O'Keeffe, captain Mary Cronin and Maria Twomey working tirelessly to ensure Rockbawn passage to the county final.

● A solid second half display against Youghal saw Killeagh win 2-12 to 1-7 to advance to a Junior B championship final meeting with Rockbawn.

The winners turned over three points ahead 1-6 to 1-3 after Rebecca Collins, Angela Walsh and Mary O'Connor contributed to the Killeagh scoreline.

Youghal kept in touch thanks to a Kelly McCarthy goal and points from Shauna Cunningham.

Killeagh upped the pace from the restart and were boosted with an Angela Walsh goal in the second minute.

Shauna Cunningham narrowed the gap with a Youghal point but Killeagh responded with two points from Walsh.

Despite a strong Youghal challenge and a June Fitzgerald point the Killeagh defence held solid and denied Youghal the goal they needed.

## Camogie

THE weather in Dublin washed out the All-Ireland Intermediate Final, so it's back to Kilmacud Crokes Ground in Glenmalur this Sunday at 2pm as the Rebel ladies bid for a third title with Antrim providing the opposition.

Last Saturday night in the Imperial Hotel the senior team were guests of honour at the County GAA Board's Dinner, and it was an excellent night with Cork captain Una O'Donoghue the recipient of a beautiful presentation from Chairman Jim Cronin in honour of their great achievement.

The Camogie Board's Annual Convention is due to take place in a few weeks time and it will mark the end of an era as Chairperson Sile Golden will vacate the position she has held with distinction since 1988. In that period, Cork has enjoyed great success in all grades, and as a selector for next Sunday's Intermediate team it would be nice to bow out with another All-Ireland win.

It's a fairly busy weekend for camogie, but doubts about times and venues surround a couple of games, all brought about by last week's postponement.

The Cork U-18 team were due to play Waterford in the Munster semi-final on Saturday, but because of the dual involvement of some players this game may be deferred, although it must be said that even without some players, Cork would be much too strong for the Waterford girls at this level.

One game definitely on is the Junior B c'ship final pitting Killeagh against Rockbawn on Sunday at 3pm at a venue to be

confirmed. It should make for an interesting encounter as both have good players on view.

In fact, there are senior All-Ireland medal winners in each team - Mary O'Connor will lead the Killeagh challenge, while Sile Burns is the key player for Rockbawn, who will be without injury victim Catriona Foley.

Not so long ago Killeagh were the top team, not only in Cork but in the Country, but a combination of factors forced a regrade. Now they are very determined to move back up the grades in a desire to reclaim former glories and Sunday could be the first step in that process.

Angela Walsh, Susan O'Neill, and Carmel Deane will have important roles to play against a team that has enjoyed good success at under-age level in recent years.

Niamh Keohane, Valerie Mulcahy and Elaine Harte have all impressed in their run to date, but the loss of Foley puts them at a huge disadvantage. With the vastly experienced Mary O'Connor leading the Killeagh charge, they get the nod to win this one and head for A grade competition next year.

## Another All-Ireland up for grabs

With two All-Ireland titles already resting on Leeside, and had the Juniors played for the duration it should be three, Cork camogie bids for a hat-trick next Sunday when they travel to Dublin to face an Antrim outfit that already completed in the Senior C'ship, but this time with the Intermediate title at stake.

Cork defeated Derry and Dublin, the latter with a late scoring burst, to reach this final and despite a lot of club activity in recent weeks, the selectors are reasonably confident of winning this title, for the second time.

Collette Desmond, Linda Dorgan, the Watson sisters Emer and Maire and captain, the experienced Hilda Kenneally, are all part of a team that are determined to end the season for the Rebel ladies on a high.

Antrim are the holders and accounted for Tipperary after a replay and having played in Senior competitions all year, will see this as an ideal opportunity to build for next season and continue the progress they appear to be making.

This is their third final and will call on Maureen Duffin, Oonagh Elliott, Elaine Dowds and Grainne Connolly and will be favoured to retain their title, Cork though will make them work hard for victory and could spring a surprise.

The Junior 'B' semi-finals are also on this week-end. On Saturday Youghal and Killeagh meet at 2.30 in Pilmore, and with Mary O'Connor in their team the latter should win, while on Sunday in Kilbarry it's Aghabullogue and Rockbawn.

A nice gesture by the County G.A.A. Board will see the winning Senior team present at the Boards annual dinner in the Imperial Hotel on Saturday night at which Camogie President Pat Rafferty will present the players with their All-Ireland medals.

Finally on Camogie, the Boards big fund-raiser is on at Curraheen Park Greyhound Stadium on Thursday next (November 21) and after such an expensive year your support would be welcome, a great nights entertainment is assured.

## Finn to stay with Rebel camogie side

By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

Camogie latest

CORK'S chances of retaining their All-Ireland senior camogie championship title were given a huge boost yesterday with the news that manager Pa Finn had decided to remain at the helm for the 2003 campaign.

Ending weeks of speculation as to his future Finn declared when it came down to making the decision, it really was not a difficult judgement to make.

"I thought hard about whether I should stay or go since winning the All-Ireland, but this success has meant so much to me in the end it was an easy choice."

Although the County Convention will not take place for another couple of weeks, Finn already knows there will be some changes to his three-person backroom team as selector Rose Desmond who represented the Bishopstown club is not seeking re-election.

There is likely to be some additions too to the playing panel, with the long-serving Eithne Duggan and Linda Mellerick both indicating that they have played their last game with the county side.

● **HARTLEY AWARD:** Waterford's Fergal Hartley was last night named Hurler of the Year by the Munster GAA Council.

The Footballer of the Year award went to Anthony Lynch of Cork. Michael Babs Keating of Tipperary won the Hall of Fame in football with Clare's Dan McInerney taking the hurling award.

Hurler of the Year: Fergal Hartley (Waterford).

Footballer of the Year: Anthony Lynch (Cork).

Camogie Player of the Year: Fiona O'Driscoll (Cork).

Ladies Gaelic Footballer of the Year: Donna Frost (Waterford).

Handballer of the Year: John Kirby (Clare).

Distinguished Service in Administration: Tony O'Keeffe (Kerry).

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## Cork withstand late Antrim rally

**Cork** 3-6  
**Antrim** 1-10

by Mary Newman

CORK had to withstand a late Antrim rally before being crowned All-Ireland intermediate camogie champions at Clán na nGael Grounds, Dublin yesterday.

Cork went in as underdogs but showed determination from the throw-in as Antrim, aided by the wind, were constantly under pressure from a lively Cork attack.

Linda Dorgan's eighth minute point opened Cork's account after Breege Corkery set her up for the game's opening score. A minute later, Antrim took the lead when Jane Adams caught the Cork defence and finished a 30-metres free to the net. Cork's response was immediate when Linda Dorgan set up Marie Watson for Cork's opening goal. Antrim dug deep and three points without reply from Gráinne Connolly, Jane Adams and Denise Darragh put two points between the sides. The physically stronger Antrim now threatened to take over. But with their midfield pairing of Breege Corkery and Regina Curtin working tirelessly and goal-keeper Denise Twomey bringing off three tremendous saves, Cork quickly gained the upper hand after Valerie Maher finished to the net after Christine Doherty had saved Colette Desmond's initial shot. Carla Doherty levelled with an Antrim point but Valerie Maher regained Cork's advantage with a blistering volley to the net after good work from Emer Watson.

Doherty again replied with an Antrim point to leave Cork ahead 3-1 to 1-5 at the break. Cork looked the more confident side through the sec-

**Cork celebrate after winning the All-Ireland intermediate camogie championship in Dublin yesterday. Below: Cork's Breege Corkery is chased by Antrim's Jane Adams. Pictures: Inpho**



ond half despite Edel Mason putting just one point between the sides inside two minutes of the restart. It was to be 20 minutes again before Antrim registered their next score.

In the interim Cork stretched their lead to six points with Regina Curtin, Colette Desmond, Marie Watson and Breege Corkery all on target.

With eight minutes remaining, Antrim finally broke the Cork defence when Jane Adams pointed. Two minutes later, the same player put four points between the sides and now Antrim were revitalised.

Two points without reply from Gráinne Connolly and Denise Darragh saw Cork living dangerously. But three minutes' injury time failed to produce Antrim's winner as Cork ran out winners with keeper Denise Twomey named player of the match.

**Scorers for Cork:** V. Maher 2-0, M. Watson 1-2, L. Dorgan, R. Curtin, C. Desmond, B. Corkery 0-1 each.  
**Antrim:** J. Adams 1-3, G. Connolly 0-2, D. Darragh, C. Doherty, E. Mason 0-1 each.  
**CORK:** D. Twomey; C. Deasy, J. O'Sullivan, L. Sweetman, A.M. Fleming, N. Ahern, J. Twomey, R. Curtin, B. Corkery, C. Desmond, H. Kenneally, L. Dorgan, V. Maher, M. Watson, E. Watson.



**Subs:** M. O'Neill for H. Kenneally, R. Myers for V. Maher.  
**ANTRIM:** C. Doherty, C. Gault, S. McMullen, M. Duffin, S. McCluskey, M. Stewart, C. McGinley, R. Duffin, J. Adams, A. McKee, D. Darragh, G.

Connolly, U. Elliott, E. Mason, C. Doherty, Sub M. Graham for R. Duffin.

**Referee:** A. Durham (Dublin).

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# Rampant Killeagh maul hapless Rockb  n

Killeagh 8-12  
Rockb  n 1-3  
By MARY NEWMAN  
Cork Camogie Round-up

KILLEAGH took the junior B county title when they defeated Rockb  n in Middleton on Sunday last.

With Mary O'Connor opening the scoring with an early point Killeagh settled and O'Connor had 1-2 on the score board before Valerie Mulcahy had Rockb  n's opening score. Any chances of Rockb  n staging a revival were quashed by the accuracy of Mary O'Connor and Katie Linehan. Angela Walsh who by the half time break had their side leading 5-9 to 0-2.

O'Connor and Walsh started the second half with Killeagh points and again it set the trend for what was to follow as the East Cork girls continued their dominance. An Elaine Harte Rockb  n goal was followed by a Sile Burns point but by now Killeagh were well on their way to the title. Substitute Noelle O'Donovan added two goals with Angela Walsh having the final say with her third goal before the full time whistle.

Killeagh: C Deane, C Kirby, M Rohan, A Manning, A M Walsh, S O'Neill, C O'Brien, M Smiddy, K Kelleher, A Walsh, M O'Connor, C Tracy, G Cunningham, R Collins, K Linehan, Subs: N O'Donovan for K Linehan, S Linehan for R Collins, C Harnedy for G Cunningham, C Walsh for S O'Neill.

Rockb  n: S Keohane, S Webb, H O'Keefe, C Drinan, M Cronin, S Burns, A Geaney, N Keohane, L Crowley, T Howard, V Mulcahy, C Conway, L Whoolley, E Harte, J A Whoolley.

Referee: T Sheehan (Mayfield).

There two games played in the U-18 A championship saw Milford continue their under age dominance and book a semi final spot while Ballygarvan had to battle to the finish before defeating Inniscarra to book their place in the semi final. The results were Ballygarvan 3-5 Inniscarra 3-4, Milford 4-9 St Catherines 1-0.

Treasa Mc Carthy was on target for Inniscarra in an opening half where wind advantage played a huge part in her sides half time interval lead of 3-2 to 0-2.

If Inniscarra had dom-

inated the opening half Ballygarvan proceeded to do likewise for the second as now aided by the elements they threw everything at their opponents. Three Sarah O'Donovan goals brought Ballygarvan back into the game as Rena Buckley and Treasa Mc Carthy pointed to keep Inniscarra hopes alive. With minutes remaining Catriona Kelly levelled matters with a pointed free and seconds later the same player gave her side the lead with a well struck point. Inniscarra battled for an equaliser but the resolute Ballygarvan defence held firm to record victory.

Ballygarvan: A Moynihan, K Brown, B Brown, S O'Sullivan, M Ryan, S A O'Halloran, D Crowley, K Dwane, J O'Sullivan, A O'Riordan, C Kelly, T O'Leary, C Dillon, S O'Donovan Subs: S Lynch for C Dillon, O O'Riordan for T O'Leary.

Inniscarra: E O'Keefe, S Cahill, E O'Mahony, E O'Sullivan, M Buckley, R Buckley, K Ryan, E Hayes, E I O'Sullivan, M McCarthy, M O'Regan, M O'Callaghan, A O'Herlihy, D O'Riordan.

Three Marie Watson goals in the opening half gave Milford an interval lead of 3-2 to 1-0 with Deirdre Twomey on target for St Catherines. A further Marie Watson goal and three points with sister Emer contributing four points left no doubt about the result as Milford progressed with ease.

Milford: S Carroll, M Roche, E O'Riordan, S Sexton, E Curtin, S Linehan, L Healy, A Geary, R Curtin, J Sheehy, J Lynam, A Watson, M Watson, E Watson, A Hehir.

St Catherines: Y O'Neill, A Cotter, M Twomey, O Neville, D Mulcahy, A Mangan, T Barry, N Mulcahy, O Cotter, A Hogan, D Twomey, M T Collins, K Twomey, D Twomey, L Noonan, Subs: M Morrison for L Noonan, P O'Brien for T Barry.

## Killeagh 6-9

## Brian Dillons 3-2

WITH Caoimhe Harnedy, Katie Kelleher, Pamela Fitzgerald, Noelle O'Donovan, Ann Hegarty Ann Marie Walsh and goalkeeper Carmel Deane all getting on the scoresheet Killeagh were too strong for Brian Dillons who had good performances from Aoife Finnegan, Ann Daly and Emma Lane in the U-18 B championship at Brian Dillons.

## Valley Rovers 1-7

## Youghal 1-6

MAJELLA Mc Carthy's equalising point was quickly followed by a winner as she knocked over two late scores to help Valley Rovers advance in their U-18 B championship clash over Youghal.

All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie final: Antrim 1-10 Cork 3-9

# Saffrons are squeezed out by rebel side

CORK goalkeeper Denise Twoomey almost single-handedly dethroned Antrim in yesterday's All-Ireland Intermediate camogie final.

The game was played in the grounds of Clan na nGael/Fontenoy in Ringsend after the Kilmacud Crokes pitch was declared unplayable on Saturday.

From a neutral point of view it was excellent fare for this time of year and for the conditions, but Antrim will be disappointed with the result. They certainly did enough to win, but the concession of scores at vital points was the deciding factor.

Denise Twoomey though was inspired and deserved the Player of the Match accolade ahead of team-mates Jean O'Sullivan at full-back and Brieger Corkery in the middle of the field, while Jane Adams and lively corner-forward Carla Doherty did very well for the losers.

Yet it looked as if Antrim were getting off to a great start, when Jane Adams fired a free to the Cork net after 10 minutes. Crucially, Marie Watson responded almost immediately with a Cork goal.

The Saffrons worked well for

## AT A GLANCE...

Antrim fail in their bid to secure the All-Ireland Intermediate title

the next quarter of an hour but three points from Grainne Connolly, Jane Adams and Denise Darragh were scant reward for that effort.

However, it must be said that O'Sullivan and Twoomey held the Cork line of defence very well and their efforts were rewarded when Val Maher barged her way through for the lead with a 24th minute goal.

Carla Doherty managed to equalise for Antrim, but the champions were dealt a hammer blow as the game entered first half injury time, with Maher banging home a third Cork goal.

Carla Doherty shot a point in response but the half-time score line of 3-1 to 1-5 did not bode well for the northerners who had put a mighty effort into those 30 plus minutes.

Edel Mason's point on the restart should have lifted them but instead, Cork shot five points in a row to put six between them, midfielder Brieger Corkery, who was hav-

ing an excellent game scoring the last of them.

Antrim came good again in the final 10 minutes with three pointed frees and a late point from Grainne Connolly, but they could not breach the excellent Denise Twoomey for a goal that would - at that late stage - surely have retained the title.

Antrim's late start in preparation for this competition meant that in each of their games they struggled at crucial times and that eventually some team would get lucky.

Cork took that lucky break or two that fell their way and for their opportunism added a second Intermediate title to their much-celebrated Senior in September.

## MATCH STATS

Cork: D Twoomey, C Deasy, J O'Sullivan, L Sweetnam, A M Fleming, N Aherne, J Twoomey, R Curtin (0-1), B Corkery (0-1), C Desmond (0-1), H Kinneally (capt), L Dorgan (0-1), V Maher (2-0), M Watson (1-2, 0-2 frees), E Watson Subs: M O'Neill for H Kinneally, R Myers for V Maher  
Antrim: C Doherty, C Gault, S McMullen, M Duffin (capt.), S McCloskey, M Stewart, C McGinley, R Duffin, J Adams (1-4, 1-2 frees), A McKee, D Darragh (0-1), G Connolly (0-2), O Elliott, E Mason (0-1), C Doherty (0-3, 0-1 free)  
Sub: M Graham for R Duffin  
Referee: Aine Dermah (Dublin)

## Another Final for camogie team

IT'S been a fabulous year for the Cork inter-county camogie teams, and the win in the Intermediate final last Sunday meant three out of four titles now reside on Leeside, and the cherished grand slam was very nearly secured.

Antrim were really stung by the strength of the Cork challenge and it was great to see Hilda Kenneally a player who has worn the Cork jersey with distinction captain the side. It was an honour well deserved, and congratulations go to all involved.

Next Sunday it's the turn of the U-18 team as they travel to The Ragg for a Munster final meeting with Tipperary and victory would give Cork a clean sweep of all Provincial titles.

In the corresponding Minor final of three years ago, Tipp were winners by a single point and many of the same players will be in action again, and with Cork having won the last two Minor All-Irelands and the current holders of this competition, they will be keen to end the season on a winning note.

Claire Grogan, Cora Hennessy and Fiona O'Dwyer will lead the Tipp challenge and having lost to Cork in all grades this year they will see this as an ideal opportunity to gain a small measure of compensation.

As for Cork, they will rely on many of the players who have enjoyed a success laden season, and with Gemma O'Connor, Breege Corkery, Catriona Kelly, Denise Twoomey and the Watson sisters, Emer and Maire, all in top form, you would have to fancy the

champions to retain their title and in the process complete a year that will be hard to emulate in the future.

Incidentally, the fund-raising night in the Curraheen Park Greyhound track last Thursday was an outstanding success, and the Board would like to thank all those who helped make it possible, not least the sponsors without whom such a night would not have been possible.

## Individual awards for Cork players

LAST Saturday night in Croke Park, a number of Cork players were honoured by *The Star* for outstanding displays during the year, among them Wayne Sherlock, Anthony Lynch and camogie player Gemma O'Connor. An Taoiseach Bertie Aherne did the honours which I am sure added to the occasion and again well done to all recipients.

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Cork's Valerie Maher goes past Antrim's Siobhan McCloskey in the Intermediate Camogie final yesterday at Ringsend. Picture: INPHO

# Kenneally retires as Rebels land a treble

Cork  
Antrim

3-6  
1-10

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie final

## LIFE CANNOT get better for Cork's camogie players.

Yesterday after a late venue switch from Kilmacud to the Clann na nGael/Fontenoy grounds in Ringsend, they completed a magnificent treble for the Red and White when, against all the odds, outstanding captain Hilda Kenneally collected the Purcell Cup in the All-Ireland Intermediate championship final.

"A tremendous honour," was how the popular Newcestown player reacted to this latest accolade to become domiciled on Leeside.

"I am thrilled to be captain of this

great team," she said. "It is a great way to round off the year and a great way for me to retire from the inter-county scene."

And how fitting it is for Kenneally to bow out - she now holds medals at senior, intermediate and junior level.

With the senior and minor titles already safely tucked away it was a tall order to ask Cork's second string to produce the goods against Antrim's first team, but one they revelled in. And with brilliant keeper Denise Twomey receiving the Player of the Match award, it was a clean sweep for the Rebel County.

A goal just before half-time gave Cork the tonic they needed. Prior to

this it looked as if they would go in at the break trailing by one point but instead when Valerie Maher pounced for her second goal, it gave them a two-point cushion, 3-1 to 1-5.

In fact the red and white had to fight hard to get into this contest as it was Antrim who had the first say when Jane Adams goaled from a free early on in the game, but Marie Watson was alert to cancel out the score with her major a minute later.

Despite Antrim getting the opening point upon the restart, Cork were in no mood to let the northern girls back into the game. They scored five points before Adams got her sides second score of the half after 20 minutes.

And with the Cork defence and Twomey in superb form, Antrim could not get back into the game.

However, they did score three late points in injury time but it was not enough to deny Cork in a superb game of camogie.

Scorers - Cork: V Maher 2-0, M Watson 1-2 (0-2), L Dorgan, R Curtin, C Desmond and B Corkery 0-1 each.

Antrim: J Adams 1-3 (1-1), C Doherty 0-3 (0-1), G Connolly 0-2, D Darragh and E Mason 0-1 each.

CORK: D Twomey; C Deasy, J O'Sullivan, L Sweetman; A M Fleming, N Ahern, J Twomey; R Curtin, B Corkery; C Desmond, H Kenneally (capt), L Dorgan; V Maher, M Watson, E Watson. Subs: R Myers for V Maher, M O'Neill for H Kenneally.

ANTRIM: C Doherty; C Gault, S McMullen, M Duffin (capt); S McCluskey, M Stewart, C McGinley; R Duffin, J Adams; A McKee, D Darragh, G Connolly; U Elliott, E Mason, C Doherty. Subs: M Graham for R Duffin.

Referee: A Derham (Dublin).

## Carrigaline edge out Colaiste Choilm

Carrigaline Comm College 2-1  
Colaiste Choilm 0-1

by Mary Newman

A VERY successful Cork colleges second year blitz had a grand finale with Carrigaline Community College and Colaiste Choilm going to extra time to decide a winner.

Six schools participated in what was again a resounding success for the Cork Colleges organising committee.

Grouped I two sections with three teams - Colaiste Choilm overcame Dunman-

way and Blarney before making it to the final, where Carrigaline, under the guidance of Ollie Troy, had come through a group where they defeated Coachford and Kinsale.

The final was a thrilling game as both sides put aside their tiredness to serve up a classic. Carrigaline took an early lead when Una O'Farrell pointed, and with both defences on top scores were at a premium. Vicki O'Grady and Hilary Egan were superb for Carrigaline as were Marie O'Donoghue and Maeve

Buckley for Colaiste Choilm.

Carrigaline looked to be on their way to the title but a Ciara McSweeney point with one minute remaining ensured it finished all square and extra time loomed.

By now the heavy underfoot conditions had taken their toll on the sides, but nevertheless they continued to battle it out. It was very much a case of first score being vital, and it was Carrigaline's Suzanne Lynch who gave her side the edge with the game opening goal two minutes into the first period

of added time. With the pendulum now swinging in their favour the Carrigaline's side pressed for home. Una O'Farrell grabbed a second goal before the break to leave her side two ahead at the turn over. Colaiste Choilm battled bravely to get back into contention with Niamh McKenzie and Ciara McSweeney working hard. Now sensing victory there was no way Carrigaline were going to let it slip as they worked to the finish to ensure victory after a enjoyable day's camogie which had a fitting finale.



Killeagh  
Rockban 8-12  
1-3

by Mary Newman

**K**ILLEAGH took the junior B county title with ease over a Rockban side who never really got to grips with the task in hand due mainly to the dominance of Killeagh's Mary O'Connor and Angela Walsh whose accuracy in front of goal played a crucial part in their victory.

By the mid-way stage the game was over as a contest as Killeagh led 5-9 to 0-2, thanks mainly to the accuracy of Mary O'Connor, Angela Walsh and Katie Linehan.

Rockban battled hard to get into the game and had points from Valerie Mulcahy and Elaine Harte but by the break had a mountain to climb.

O'Connor and Walsh started the second half with Killeagh points and again it set the trend for what was to follow as the East Cork girls continued their dominance. An Elaine Harte Rockban goal was followed by a Sile Burns point but by now Killeagh were well on their way to the title.

Substitute Noelle O'Donovan added two goals to their tally to seal a wonderful day for the Killeagh club.

**KILLEAGH:** C Deane, C Kirby, M Rohan, A Manning, A M Walsh, S O'Neill, C O'Brien, M Smiddy, K Kelleher, A Walsh, M O'Connor, C Tracy, G Cunningham, R Collins, K Linehan. Subs: N O'Donovan for K Linehan, S Linehan for R Collins, C Harnedy for G Cunningham, C Walsh for S O'Neill.  
**ROCKBAN:** S Keohane, S Webb, H O Keefe, C Drinan, M Cronin, S Burns, A Geaney, N Keohane, L Crowley, T Howard, V Mulcahy, C Conway, L Whoolley, E Harte, J A Whoolley.  
**Referee:** T Sheehan, Mayfield.

Ballygarvan  
Inniscarra 3-5  
3-4

**DESPITE** trailing Inniscarra by three goals at the break Ballygarvan held their nerve to advance by a narrow margin in the under-18 A championship quarter final clash in Ballygarvan on Saturday.

Inniscarra quickly grabbed the initiative, thanks to the excellence of Treasa McCarthy who bagged three goals in the opening period. Two points from Rena



Valerie Maher goes past Siobhan McCloskey during the All Ireland Intermediate Camogie Cup Cork v Antrim Siobhan McCloskey.

Picture: Billy Stickland/INPHO

## Skill pays off for Killeagh

Buckley stretched the Inniscarra lead as Sarah O'Donovan and Julie Sullivan kept Ballygarvan in contention with two points to leave Inniscarra ahead 3-2 to 0-2 at the break.

Sarah O'Donovan struck for her side's opening goal inside minutes of the restart. The same player added a point and when she struck for a second goal Inniscarra had a battle on the hands.

With five minutes on the clock Sarah O'Donovan had the sides level with a well-taken goal and now the game was there for the taking.

Ballygarvan edged ahead with a pointed Catriona Kelly

free and, with three minutes remaining, the same player ensured her side's advancement with a second point.

Inniscarra applied the pressure but could not breach the Ballygarvan defence.

Killeagh  
Brian Dillons 6-9  
3-2

**KILLEAGH** continued their advance in the under-18 B championship at the expense of Brian Dillons at the Tank Field.

Goalkeeper Carmel Deane took up an outfield position following an injury to an outfield player and she proved to be just as proficient in front of

goal as her All Star brother Joe Deane when she grabbed two goals for Killeagh.

From early on the Killeagh strength was evident.

Valley Rovers 1-7  
Youghal 1-6

**JUST** one point separated the sides at the end of an entertaining under 18 B contest in Brinney. Majella McCarthy with two Valley Rovers points gave her side a lead they held to the finish as Gillian Harrington and Lucey Hawks impressed.

Kildorrey 6-4  
Ballinascarty 1-1

**KILDORREY** led 3-1 to one goal in their under 18 C clash with Ballinascarty thanks to first half scores from Jillian O'Brien, Ann Dunne and Orla Murphy.

Ballinascarty kept in touch, thanks to a Marie Canniffe goal.

On the resumption Kildorrey showed their strength as goals from Eileen McCarthy and two from Orla Murphy ensured victory, despite Ciara Deasy adding a Ballinascarty point.

Milford 4-9  
St Catherines 1-0

**HOLDERS** Milford made their journey to Conna a winning one when they had top much strength for the home side in the under 18 A championship quarter final.

Marie Watson was the toast of her side contributing 4-3 to Milford's total. In the opening half three goals and a point were recorded by Marie with sister Emer contributing two points. Deirdre Twomey notched up the St Catherines goal.

With the Milford defence well on top and keeping a close eye on St Catherines top scorer to date, Denise Twomey, the home side found the going tough and scores impossible to come by.

For Milford Marie and Emer Watson continued their dominance with Marie adding a goal and three points and Emer four points.

## Millstreet camogie club off to flying start

by John Tarrant

**CAMOGIE** is buzzing in Millstreet these days and with every good reason because when it comes to progress and initiative, it's difficult to match the strides of the newly formed Millstreet Camogie club.

Training is underway twice weekly and participants enjoyed a number of competitive games across North Cork and they ventured to Cork City to play St Finbarr's in recent weeks.

The club was formed earlier in the year by DJ Golden and has established itself thanks to a competent and enthusiastic band of players who have laid the foundation to its success by their participation in the Sciath Na Scol Competition.

And to reward the endeavours of young players, a 40 strong group took the trip to Croke Park for the All Ireland Senior Camogie Finals recently.

The party caught the special camogie train at Charleville and, following a quick visit to McDonalds and the Garden of Remembrance, the group headed to Croke Park and occupied prime seats in the Hogan Stand and met both the President of Ireland Mary McAleese and An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern.

The club owes a debt of gratitude to all trainers and parents, to Millstreet National School and its Principal Joan O'Mahony and to Millstreet Juvenile GAA club for its presentation of jerseys and sliotars.

Officers elected to guide the club over the year ahead are Chairman, DJ Golden, Secretary, Veronica O'Callaghan, Treasurer, Ber Murphy and PRO, Catherine Sheehan.

To raise funds, the club hosted a highly successful Table Quiz and the staging met with an overwhelming response.

## St Mary's camogie and basketball teams riding high in Munster

**STUDENTS** from St. Mary's School Charleville are carving a new sporting niche for themselves in the game of basketball while in camogie both their senior and junior teams are still dominating the Cork scene and will contest the Munster final in both grades.

In basketball the school's senior team reached the semi-final of the Cork County Championship after wins over Macroom and Millstreet but went down to Roscarbery.

However the team is still involved in the Limerick League following their win over Scoil Carmel Limerick.

The school's Cadettes team has qualified for the Cork County final by virtue of wins over Millstreet, Macroom, Coachford and Ballincollig and will

now meet Roscarbery in the final in what will probably be their toughest test to date as the senior team were already beaten by the West Cork side.

Like their senior counterparts the Cadettes are still involved in the Limerick League when they won their game against a team from Hospital, Co. Limerick.

The 2nd Year team won both their matches against Limerick sides, St. Nessans (53-13) and Presentation School Limerick (43-17) while the 1st Years have played three games accounting for St. Nessans (26-6), Presentation (24-19) and lost out to Hospital.

In camogie the senior team are in another Munster final having defeated Clonakilty by 6-8 to 0-5 and they will

now meet Loreto School Fermoy in the Munster decider. The junior team will renew rivalry with St. Mary's Nenagh in their Munster decider after overcoming Mercy College Waterford in the by a score of 3-9 to 0-1.

The St. Mary's School 1st Year camogie team are in training for their first match which will take place after the Christmas holidays while the under 16's Sevens won the Munster final blitz beating Loreto Fermoy in the final.

The Intermediate team are currently on top of their group and will meet Clare side Scariff in the Munster quarter final and in the Junior 'B' competition this side went down to Colaiste Mhuire Ballincollig after a brilliant performance on a score of 3-6 to 2-5.



Ger Casey and Eilene Duggan enjoy Cork camogie win





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## Giving it his all

**WHEN it comes to the winning of All-Irelands and county titles, it is the little things that make the difference.**

I was reminded of this principle when the Glen Rovers Camogie Club honoured the Cork senior All-Ireland winning Camogie team at the Glen Club last Sunday evening.

In 2001, Cork lost the All-Ireland semi-final to Tipperary after a replay. There was nobody to blame. The team had prepared well and gave it their best shot. Tipp were the better team, that's all there was to it.

So, what changed in twelve months? Very little really: Tipperary were as strong as ever and they had their eyes firmly fixed on winning a fourth All-Ireland title in-a-row.

The Cork panel was much the same too. However, coach Pa Finn had made one vital change to the backroom team. He brought in Jim McCarthy to look after the physical preparation of the team. All of the players that I spoke to on Sunday evening agreed that Jim's arrival gave the Cork squad the little extra edge that they needed for last September's classic final.

"It's not that Jim changed very much of our training

routine" former captain Denise Cronin told me. "It was that he brought a new focus and sense of purpose to what we were doing. The Cork panel is a very experienced group of players and unknowingly, we had begun to go through the training routines without pushing ourselves for that little extra effort."

"Jim changed all that. We noticed the changes in small ways when we played. Players started to win more ball against the odds."

Another former Captain Lynda Mellerick agreed. "Jim constantly reminded us of the importance of each session. As well as making sure that we drank plenty fluids during training and that we ate the correct foods."

Cora Keohane of Barryroe said, "His sense of humour is great and it added a lot to the atmosphere in training."

For Jim McCarthy himself, 2002 certainly came as a pleasant change of fortune. He is a former All-Ireland Feile na Geal winning captain and he was also the Cork Minor Football captain. He battled away for years as one of St. Nicks' best players on teams whose hopes were crushed early and often by powerful Nemo, Barrs and Castlehaven outfits.

When Jim began coaching

teams, in the early 1990s, he set about doing so with his usual thoroughness. He did the courses and read the books, but success was slow in coming.

It is very hard for any coach to keep going to the field year after year without any success. But, despite any tangible achievement, Jim never dropped his standards. Even when teams that he had put a lot of work into were beaten, he would apply his unique sense of humour to the situation and carry on.

To crown his 'annus mirabilis', Jim coached the St Nicks minor team to the premier minor county football championship title two weeks after the All-Ireland Camogie success.

Presentations are the order of the day at such gatherings as last Sunday night. The Glen Camogie Club made one such presentation to Jim. I read the inscription. It began "To Jim, for his work with the Cork etc etc". There was no surname or no title of trainer, just "Jim".

It dawned on me that they were right. Jim McCarthy puts as much work into every team he has ever trained as he did with the Cork Camogie team. They got nothing extra, it was "just Jim".

Both he and the Camogie team deserved their success.



Jim McCarthy brought a new focus and sense of purpose to what the Cork camogie team were doing, according to former captain Denise Cronin.

## Emer is going places

AS befits a team that won a classic All-Ireland camogie final, awards are still being heaped on the Cork camogie players.

In one recent ceremony, Cork centre forward, Emer Dillon of the Ballygarvan club was honoured with the Carrigdhoun Sports Personality of the Year Award.

This is the first time a fe-

male has won this award since its inception in 1988 and Emer is a most worthy recipient. Emer is the latest in a long line of multi-talented athletes to emerge from Cork.

Her list of "honours won" is almost unbelievable for someone who is just turned nineteen.

So far Emer has won four All-Ireland Camogie

medals, one senior, one intermediate and two minor. She holds a record three Munster Camogie championship medals.

She has also won numerous underage titles with the Ballygarvan Club.

Not content with that, Emer has also blazed a trail through the sport of hockey.

She won a European Cup

Winners Cup medal with Harlequins as well as caps for Munster and Ireland.

Taking all that into account, it is little wonder that Emer is the Carrigdhoun Sports Personality of the year.

She is great example to any young aspiring athletes and she is sure to be a great ambassador for Cork in the coming years.



John Twomey and Jack Walsh present Emer Dillon with her trophy.

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**T**OMORROW night, at the Cork camogie convention in the Doughcloyne Hotel, it will be emotional for two long-serving officers about to retire; the chairperson, Sheila Golden, and the registrar, Kay Dunne.

Sheila and Kay have both served as officers and selectors for victorious Cork intermediate and junior teams.

As chairman of the board since 1988, Sheila Golden says now is an opportune time to retire; she has recently overseen three All-Ireland victories, by the minor, intermediate, and senior sides, while, last weekend, the under-18 team won the Munster title.

Kay Dunne has served as registrar since 1996, and was a selector for this season's All Ireland-winning intermediate team.

Kay was treasurer from 1987 to 1990. As players, both women won senior county championship honours.

The position of president will be contested by Sheila and Kay, Lillie O'Sullivan having died last December.

The vice-chairman, Marion McCarthy, from St Finbarr's, will be the new chairman; the board will be in capable hands. As vice-chairman, Marion oversaw many important projects. With St Finbarr's, she won junior and intermediate championships, and is chairperson of Seandún.

The outgoing fixtures secretary, Mary Bugler, will be the new vice-chairman. The position of secretary will be contested by the former county secretary, Tracy Sheehan, from Mayfield, and the outgoing secretary, Pat Murray, from Bishopstown.

The treasurer and the PRO, Mary McSweeney and Mary Newman, have been returned unopposed. Paul Murray, a brother of the secretary, Pat, has been made an officer of the county board.

There have been no nominations for the positions of registrar and fixtures secretary. In a year when the county has been successful on the playing field, this is a disappointment.

The selection committees for the year will also be decided. The outgoing senior selector, Pa Finn, has been nominated. He will contest the position with the former All-Ireland-winning captain, Sandy Fitzgibbon, and Pat Murray. Two of them will be elected, and joined by a representative of the county champions, Cloughduv. Last year's

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CIT Sports Bursaries and CIT/Munster Council GAA Scholarship 2002 winners, at the Metropole Hotel, Cork: Moira Ryan (camogie - Clonoulty/Rossmore) Paula O'Connor (camogie - Newtownshandrum) Miriam Deasy, CIT sports officer, Máiréad Kelly (camogie - Galbally) and Grace McNamara (camogie - Adare). Picture: Neil Danton

selector, Rose Desmond, did not seek re-election.

There are a number of contestants for the junior selection committee. The county champions, Milford, will have a nominee, who will be joined by two others, to be chosen from six nominees, the outgoing members, Lillian Zincent, and Ollie Hallihan, and Mary O'Sullivan, Sheila O'Brien, Tracy Sheehan, and Pat Murray.

The Cork minors have won four All-Ireland titles in five years. The successful team of John Cronin and John Quinn is seeking re-election. Contenders are Liz O'Mahoney, of Brian Dillon's, and Gerard Sheehan, from Douglas. The successful candidates will be joined by a representative of the county champions, Cloughduv.

The general purposes committee members, Noreen Daly, Claire Donegan, Christine O'Regan, and Tom Kiely have been returned to their position, and will be joined by two members elected from the floor.

There are no motions down for decision, but the motions passed by the juvenile convention will be put to the floor for ratification.

## Paula one of four camogie stars honoured with bursaries

CORK Institute of Technology paid tribute to its best sportsmen and women with the presentation of bursaries and Munster Council GAA scholarships.

Four camogie players were honoured, in a year in which the college hosted the Ashbourne Cup.

The Cork senior player, Paula O'Connor, from Newtownshandrum, was the unanimous choice for a Munster Council scholarship; she played a key role in Cork's O'Duffy Cup win.

A fourth-year business studies student, Paula played in the Ashbourne cup with the CIT and was one of the key players in the college's qualification for the competition; they won the Purcell Cup, in 2001, which guaranteed a place in the Ashbourne Cup.

This year has been one of Paula's best in the Cork jersey; she was inspirational at half-back in the All-Ireland and National League. She has won two All-Ireland senior

medals, a Gael Linn Purcell Cup, and provincial honours.

Munster was well represented amongst the bursary winners; two Limerick inter-county players, Mairead Kelly, from Galbally, and Grace McNamara, from Adare, each received one, as did Moira Ryan, from Tipperary's Clonoulty/Rossmore club. Moira is the sister of inter-county hurler, Declan.

The GAA recipients of Munster Council bursaries were the Cork footballer, Graham Canty, and the Cork hurler, John Gardiner.

Paul Tierney, from Blackrock, Gary McLoughlin, from Douglas, Alan Cronin, of Nemo, Brian Murphy, of Bride Rovers, Vincent Hurley, of Courcy Rovers, Michael Prout, of Shamrocks, Aidan O'Mahony, of Rathmore, Alan O'Connor, from Charleville, Kieran Murphy, of Sarsfields, Micheal Reidy, of Dromcollogher, and DJ Fleming, from Kildrummin, received bursaries.

# Cork girls gets Presidential seal of approval

AT A very pleasant function in the Mansion House on Monday last, young Cork camogie players Breege Corkery and Jennifer O'Leary were honoured by the President Mary McAleese.

The occasion was organised by Mrs McAleese to acknowledge Ireland's sporting stars with the two young Cork players chosen following their marvellous year with the county teams.

Jennifer O'Leary was a member of the All-Ireland winning Cork senior team that took the title over holders Tipperary and following her impressive display the young Barryroe star was suitably chosen by Aras an Uachtarain as one to be honoured.

Breege Corkery has enjoyed a marvellous year both with Cork and her club Cloughduv having played a starring role in Cork's All-Ireland minor winning victory over Galway where she was named player of the Match. Breege went on the

following week to repeat the feat as she helped Cloughduv take their second Cork senior county championship title and in the process was again named as Player of the Match.

Coming on at half time in the All-Ireland junior final, Breege gave a performance that had the crowd wondering just where she was for the opening half. Despite only coming on at half time, 16 year-old Breege, was named Player of the match.

Bishopstown	3-2
Erin's Own	0-1

BISHOPSTOWN continued their progress in the U-18 C championship when they recorded a victory over Erin's Own at Bishopstown. Weather conditions were not favourable to camogie but both

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Camogie Round Up

sides gave it their all in quest of victory.

Bishopstown led 0-1 to no score at the interval thanks to a Miriam Crowley point and from the restart they continued their dominance with Catherine Fogarty and Tara Coffey notching up three goals between them. Doireann Murray added a Bishopstown point to their tally to ensure her side's progression to a semi final meeting with Kildorrey.

Ballyhea	3-5
Douglas	2-2

PARTICIPATING for the first season in U-18 competition, Ballyhea progressed to the semi-final the U-18 B championship with a good victory over Douglas.

The home side made the better start with a goal inside three minutes from Cork minor Mary Coleman. Coleman boosted Ballyhea with two points before Douglas had a Jenny O'Donovan point. Sarah Douglas and Karen O'Leary kept Ballyhea ahead with further points before Niamh O'Donovan set sister Jenny up for Douglas second point to leave Ballyhea leading 1-4 to 0-2 at the break.

The second half saw Karen O'Leary finish a free to the net. Now eight points to the good Ballyhea looked comfortable but credit Douglas who showed great spirit with Louise O'Regan and Jenny O'Donovan grabbing two goals to cut the deficit to two points.

Cork Tipperary 2-7 1-0

ATROCIOUS weather failed to dampen Cork spirits as the county made it a clean sweep of provincial titles in 2002.

A Marie O'Neill goal twelve minutes into the contest saw them lead 1-5 to no score at the break, the points having come from Catriona Kelly, Collette Desmond and Marie Watson.

Marie Watson grabbed a vital Cork goal mid-way in the second half, with ten minutes remaining substitute Lizzie Woods finally managed to breach a resolute Cork defence to fire home their only score. Cork's response was instant with Regina Curtin and Collette Desmond adding points to ensure a marvellous grand final for Cork.



## Camogie

**E**LEVEN years after taking on the role of vice chairman of the Cork Camogie Board, Marion McCarthy from the St Finbarrs club steps in the breach as the chairperson of the Cork Camogie Board while outgoing chairperson Sheila Golden was honoured with the role President. Outgoing fixture secretary Mary Bugler assumes the role of vice chairperson while registrar Kay Dunne, who had indicated she was not seeking re-election, agreed to again assume the role.

A big attendance at the Doughcloyne Hotel heard Secretary Pat Murray tell delegates that Cork had enjoyed its most successful year in a long time on the inter county playing fields. With the annexing of three All Ireland titles the game is on a firm footing. This sentiment was also echoed by the outgoing chairperson Sheila Golden in her address.

Amongst the many who paid tribute to the outgoing chairperson were two former Presidents of the cork County Board Mary Moran and Nora Newman. Ms Moran said that Sheila Golden had given tremendous service to Cork camogie both as chairperson for the last fifteen years and very much earlier in the days when she was county secretary. "When I myself first came into administration Sheila Golden was one of the officers who guided me and for that I am grateful to her". Mrs Newman in paying her tribute said: "Sheila in my term as President we worked closely together, sometimes we may have had difficult decisions to make, but we always got to the root of the problem and solved it without bringing undue attention and hype to the matter in hand. You have given great service to Cork Camogie and on behalf of everybody here I wish you well in your retirement". Joan O'Driscoll from the Fr O'Neill club said: "As a parent of a Cork senior player I wish to place on record the thanks of the players and parent for the efforts Sheila has made, the amount of game you attended



Marion McCarthy (right) performing one of her first duties as the new chairperson of the Cork County Camogie Board making a presentation to Sheila Golden outgoing chairperson at last night's convention in the Doughcloyne Hotel. Sheila was elected President.

## McCarthy is new Cork Camogie Board chairperson

with the Cork team was incredible and has not gone unnoticed, your help and support to the players was always there and for that we the parents are very thankful".

It was an emotional night also for Marion McCarthy as she assumed the role of chairperson. "Sheila Golden will be a hard act for me to follow but I hope I will do your faith in me proud", Mar-

ion thanked her club St Finbarr's and the delegates for nominating her to serve as chairperson, and made a presentation to Sheila Golden.

Officers elected: Hon President Sheila Golden, Chairperson Marion McCarthy, Vice Chairperson Mary Bugler, Secretary Pat Murray, Treasurer Mary Mc Sweeney, Registrar Kay Dunne, PRO Mary Newman McCarthy.

Mary Newman

## Bandon sweep to final as St Mary's brushed aside

Bandon 6-3  
St Mary's Charleville 4-2

BANDON advanced to the final of the Cork Colleges Senior B final when they had to much strength for St Mary's Charleville's second string. With Sarah O'Donovan playing an influential role at centre field and the Nyhan sisters, Marguerite and Anna, playing leading roles, Bandon gained the upper hand and quickly put the Charleville girls under pressure.

Charleville worked hard to contain the lively Bandon side and with good play from Aine Watson, Fiona Morrissey and Mary O'Mahony they were always in contention. However, the stronger Bandon side maintained their momentum to the final whistle to book their place in the final.

Coachford Comm College 4-7  
Loreto Fermoy 3-6

Leading at the break by one point, Coachford had to pull out all the stops before advancing at the expense of Loreto Fermoy after an exciting Senior B Cork colleges semi-final clash.

Loreto were grateful to goalkeeper Denise Twomey who brought off a tremendous save from Margaret Cosgrave in the opening half, while up front they had excellent displays from Marie O'Neill and Noreen Farrell.

The accuracy of Mary Buckley, Emma Healy and Margaret McCarthy ensured that the mid-Cork side were well in contention at the break as Loreto led by the narrowest of margins.

With Denise Twomey operating at full forward for the second half the Coachford defence had to be on their toes. Two early goals from Twomey saw Loreto stretch their lead to seven points. Failing to fold Coachford regrouped, and with Joan Twomey superb at centre back they quickly rallied. With Mary Buckley, Ciara Murphy and Niamh O'Connell pointing they had the gap down to four, and now with the bit between their teeth they pressed for home.

Margaret Cosgrave grabbed a goal, and when Emma Healy added another it ensured no way back for Fermoy, who failed to breach the Coachford defence excellently led by Joan Twomey.

## Carrigaline Camogie Club celebrates four county titles

by Howard Crowdy

UNDOUBTEDLY this was the most successful year ever in the history of the Carrigaline Camogie Club, winning an unprecedented four county titles making them one of the strongest and now most respected camogie clubs in the county.

Sheila Golden, Chairperson Cork County Camogie Board congratulated the club on such a marvellous year and said that the commitment given by the players and mentors

was 'second to none'. She was delighted to be present at a function honouring the county champions, in this, one of her very last functions as chairperson of the County Board after 15 years service.

Club chairman Tony Condon also spoke of the commitment given by the players and trainers, while Kevin O'Driscoll, Chairman Carrigaline GAA Club also congratulated the camogie club.

The Carrigaline Court Hotel was packed with not only the current panel of players, but also present

were members of the victorious Carrigaline (then St John's) team who last took County honours almost 50 years ago.

Amongst the trophies which were on display during the evening were the Cork County Junior A Championship trophy; the Cork County Junior B Championship trophy for 2001 (which was played early in 2002); the Cork County Junior A League trophy; the Under 16 County League trophy and the All Ireland O'Duffy Cup which was brought to Carrigaline by Cork camogie captain Una O'Donoghue.

Various County medals were presented to the players and selectors, with Cork Captain Una O'Donoghue presenting the Cork Under 16 medals and Agnes O'Leary, a member of the 1954 team who last won County honours, presenting the Junior A medals to the team. Jack O'Connor made a special presentation to Trish O'Sullivan who won an All Ireland camogie medal with the Cork minors this year while Sorcha McGrath was honoured for being the youngest ever referee at the National Community Games. Emma Greene, cap-

tain Junior A team, made presentations to selectors Des O'Connell, Tony and Ollie Conlon and Tom Kiely while the committee made a very special presentation of a crystal bowl to Des O'Connell for his services to the club over many years.

50 year old hurleys which were used in the 1955 Junior A League Final and the 1956 Junior A Championship winning teams were brought in by Jack O'Connor, while Maureen O'Sullivan brought in the sliothar which was used in the famous 1955 final which also attracted a great deal of interest.

## Valley Rovers see off Clonakilty

Valley Rovers 1-4  
Clonakilty 0-3

VALLEY ROVERS continued to make progress in the Under 18 B championship recording a four point victory over Clonakilty in Brinney on Sunday last.

The visitors dominated the opening stages of the game but met with a strong Valley Rovers defence who made scores hard to come by for the Clonakilty attack. Nicola O'Donovan opened the scoring with a Clonakilty point, but Marie Cottrell quickly gave Valley Rovers the advantage when she first timed to the net.

Two Elma O'Mahony points before the break gave Valley Rovers 1-2 to 0-1 interval advantage.

On the resumption Hazel O'Regan cut the deficit with a point but with Lucy Hawks and Clodagh Deasy in scoring form Valley Rovers continued to hold the upper hand.

Clonakilty worked hard to get the vital goal but with Sharon Whelton, Laura Davis and Ashling Lynch solid in defence Valley Rovers kept them at bay. Nicola Donovan showed her football skills with a kicked Clonakilty point to cut the arrears to four points, but the margins was enough to see Valley Rovers through after an entertaining contest.

## Clean sweep of titles in camogie for Cork

Cork 2-7  
Tipperary 1-0

by Mary Newman

CORK made it a clean sweep of provincial camogie titles when they captured the under-18 championship title at the expense of Tipperary in The Rags yesterday.

Appalling weather conditions failed to dampen the determination of the Cork girls who played with the aid of gale-force wind and driving rain in the opening half.

Two Catriona Kelly pointed frees saw the visitors lead by the midway

stage before Marie O'Neill finished to the net when Kelly's third free fell short in the square. With the weather conditions against them, Tipperary struggled and found the going hard against a strong Cork side. Boosted by this, Cork kept the pressure on up front. Three points without reply from Colette Desmond, Marie Watson and Catriona Kelly saw them Cork led 1-5 to no score at the break.

Turning to defend their lead against the elements, Cork's defence walked trojanly with Gemma O'Connor, Joan Twomey and Elaine O'Riordan solid throughout. Midway through the second half, Marie Watson grabbed a vi-

tal goal that in truth, signalled the end for Tipp.

Scorers for Cork: M. Watson 1-1, M. O'Neill 1-0, C. Kelly 0-3, C. Desmond 0-2, R. Curtin 0-1.

Tipperary: L. Woods 1-0.

CORK: D. Twomey, D. O'Callaghan, E. O'Riordan, E. O'Sullivan, A. Geary, G. O'Connor, J. Twomey, R. Curtin, B. Corkery, C. Desmond, C. Kelly, M. O'Neill, S. Donovan, M. Watson, E. Watson. Subs: R. Buckley for B. Corkery, R. Corcoran for D. O'Callaghan.

TIPPERARY: P. Ryan, D. O'Connell, H. Breen, C. Graed, J. Kirwan, T. O'Halloran, L. Breen, A. Mulcahy, M. Tynan, M. Shortt, C. Grogan, G. Horan, E. Ryan, M. Stapleton, G. Kirwan. Subs: CM. Fogarty for M. Stapleton, L. Woods for C. Grogan, H. Coughlan for L. Breen.

Referee: Mr J. O'Donnell (Clare).

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A FANTASTIC season of success was completed on Sunday with the annexing of the Munster U-18 title, thus completing a grand slam of Provincial C'ships, and but for a two point defeat in the All-Ireland Junior C'ship all major honours would rest on Leaside. It was a great way for retiring Chairperson Sile Golden to end her tenure in the Chair.

The Board's Annual Convention will be held on Wednesday next in the Doughcloyne Hotel, Togher, and St Finbarrs' Marian McCarthy will assume the position of Chairperson. Considering her outstanding contribution to the game at both club and county level, it is a well deserved honour and we wish her well in the coming year.

LEDDY (née O'Kiely) (Ide) — Died December 19, 2002, aged 80. Still young and in love with her man Farrell Leddy. Her children Máire, Ester, Lile, Brid, Naisie, Ana, Fionnuala, Feargal, Giollaíosa; loving spouses; her 25 grandchildren; Jo James; Una and the O'Leary family — are still amazed by her. Delighted daughter of Cormac and her. Loving sister and friend of Diarmuid, Esther (O'Donoghue), the late Máire and their families. Remembered with love and admiration as a doctor in Sheffield, singer, free spirit, camogie player and sea nymph in the 40 Foot. Bold Ide is tackling still. Our thanks to the staff of St. Vincent's Hospital especially the excellent kind gentle team in Intensive Care. Gb's will is done. Life would be lonely without her song but her friends and relations still hear it — and feel her spirit. Funeral Mass today (Saturday) at 10 a.m. at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Donnybrook followed by burial at Shanagh Cemetery, Shankill. "Trócaire Dé ar na mairbh".



# St. Mary's Clady

St. Mary's Clady prepare to celebrate 40 years.

During that time Gaelic games were a top priority in sporting terms. The school has enjoyed considerable success on the field and has helped to produce players for Derry and Antrim in camogie and football.

Miss Moya Forde introduced the girls to camogie in those early years and at present Mrs Geraldine Brown is continuing the trend. Pupils have won two Ulster Colleges titles, one at senior level and at U14 and in more recent years have been crowned Co. Derry champions on many occasions since that particular competition was formed. Last year the U16's became the Ulster County champions whilst the U14s reached the Ulster Colleges Final. Lisa Stratten, Aisling Diamond, Bronagh Diamond and Sabrina Heaney are all Derry names for the future and Caroline Magee and Eilis McKenna will certainly feature in Antrim camogie circles.



The U16 Derry Vocational Schools camogie champions 2001/02 with coach Mrs. G Brown



The U14 Derry Cup is presented to Andrea Hyndman from Moira McCloy

# St. Patrick's

# Maghera

## CAMOGIE

Another excellent year in camogie saw the College girls reaching the semi-final stages in the Junior event while the Senior team were worthy Ulster champions after being taken to a replay in their Ulster Final - the elusive All-Ireland though still just out of reach after a narrow semi-final loss. The U16 team actually won their event twice in the same school year with the delayed final of 2000/01 seeing St Patrick's having their name inscribed twice on the trophy. The U14 team brought the trophy haul to 4 with an excellent victory in their final and the Year 8 team reached the quarter-final of their event. Thanks to all the ladies involved for their commitment and success this year.

From left: The successful Mageean Cup winning squad; The St. Patrick's MacRory Cup team; Ulster champions in camogie



# History of Gaelic Games in St. Michael's Lurgan

St. Michael's Grammar School, Lurgan stands in an idyllic elevated setting on the outskirts of Lurgan overlooking Lough Neagh enjoying panoramic views of the Sperrins to the west and the Mourne to the east. Founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1924 as an all girls' boarding school, St. Michael's has been a co-educational school since 1972, catering for students aged 14-18. It has a long and proud history of achievement in Gaelic games.

St. Michael's Grammar School has been a nursery for camogie players for many decades. When a girls only school, it dominated Ulster Schools Camogie. In the 50's and 60's lifting the Ulster Colleges Senior and Junior titles on many occasions. They won the senior titles in 1957/58; 1966/67; 1967/68; 1968/69 and also achieved junior success in 1955/56; 1956/57; 1957/58; 1964/65; 1966/67; 1967/68; 1968/69; 1971/72. The school has achieved a record of eight

Junior titles a feat only equally in recent years by St. Mary's Magherafelt.

The present camogie team has the ability to build on the success of the past. In 2000/01 they reached the Ulster Colleges Shield Final and were narrowly beaten by St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon. Last season 2001/02 they reached the Ulster Colleges B semi final and were narrowly beaten by the eventual All-Ireland finalists.

The current panel draws players mainly from two local clubs in Lurgan, Clan na Gael and Clann Eireann. St. Enda's, Derrymacash has provided many players as did the Antrim club, Aghagallon. The panel includes Aine Purdy (captain), Niamh McGeown, Roisin Leonard, Sinead Leonard, Maebh Morarity, Andrea McAlinden, Roisin O'Hagan, Maria Donnelly, Orla McStravick, Aileen Gordon, Ciara Tighe, Carol McConville, Emma Bowring, Eimear Hagan.

The Camogie team is coached and managed by Eglis and Tyrone County Player Catherine Farley. Mrs Farley is no stranger to the camogie field having achieved an Ulster Senior Club Championship medal and numerous Tyrone Senior Championship and League medals.

Also well known Clann na Gael and Armagh camogie stalwart Marian McStay (nee McCrory) who played on the winning Ulster Senior St. Michael's team of 1955 and 56 provides experience and referees many of the Ulster Colleges matches. Mrs McStay's experience and expertise in camogie has been recently recognised when she became President of the Association in Armagh in 2001.

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# Carrig relive glory days

**CARRIGALINE** Camogie Club celebrated their success in the County Junior A championship with a victory dinner in the Carrigaline Court Hotel.

Among the guests present were Cork senior captain Una O'Donoghue, and County chairperson Sheila Golden.

Special guests on the night were 11 members of the club's winning county junior championship team of 1954.

Soon after that win, the club fell on lean times and the game floundered in the area.

In 1991 the club was re-established and since then has gone from strength to strength.

The first adult championship success was recorded in December 2001 when the county Junior B annexed the title and remarkably in less than 12 months the club has taken the A title.

As a result they are now promoted

By **MARY NEWMAN MCCARTHY**  
Cork camogie round-up

to Senior B ranks.

Also honoured on the night were the members of the club's U16 B team who took honours earlier this season.

The hard-working committee behind the club is ably led by chairman Tony Conlon who, in his welcoming address, praised the efforts of the players and mentors with special mention for junior selectors Tony Conlon, Tom Kiely, Des O'Connell, and Ollie Conlon.

Club vice-president Agnes O'Reilly and Cork Captain Una O'Donoghue made the medal presentations to the team while their was a special presentation to young club referee Sorchá McGrath who had the distinction of refereeing the National Community Games final this year.

Agnes Sullivan, a member of the club's 1954 side present on the night, had a very interesting piece of mem-

orabilia on display — proudly showing off the hurley and sliothar used in that 1954 final.

Agnes was a member of the Shamrock's club until 1949 when she joined Carrigaline and enjoyed many great years until the early 60's.

She is still active and with a great interest in the game.

Following the presentation all present enjoyed a great evening.

Outgoing vice chairperson Marion McCarthy from the St Finbarr's club will tonight take over as chairperson of the Cork county camogie board when Sheila Golden hands over the reins after 15 years.

It will be a nostalgic occasion for both Sheila and Marion who have served together since 1991 while another long-serving officer will also be severing her connections as regis-

trar when Kay Dunne retires.

Both Sheila and Kay have given tremendous service to Cork camogie, as playing colleagues with south Presentation Past Pupils they won Senior county championship honours in 1968, '69 and '70.

Sheila served as county board secretary from 1962 to 1968 and returned in 1988 to take over the position of chairperson a post she has served with distinction. Kay Dunne was treasurer of the board in 1980 and returned to office in 1987 to serve until 1990. In 1996 Kay took up the registrars' office and has served Cork camogie loyally.

Both officers have contributed enormously to what is the Cork success story, no more so than this season when the county captured three All Ireland titles. Ironically, both Sheila and Kay were selectors with

the victorious side.

Long-serving vice chairman Marion McCarthy takes over the position of chairperson.

Currently chairperson of the Seandun divisional committee, Marion has served an excellent apprenticeship.

A former player with the Barr's where she has given a lifetime of service, Marion is the holder of junior and intermediate championship medals with the Togher club.

Outgoing fixture secretary Mary Bugler will take over the position of vice chairperson, while there will be a contest for the position of secretary with former county secretary Tracy Sheehan, Mayfield, opposing the outgoing secretary Pat Murray, Bishopstown.

Both the treasurer and PRO are again returned unopposed.



Members of the Carrigaline 1954 Junior County winning team with Sheila Golden and Una O'Donoghue.

## CORK CO. SENIOR CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP - FINAL

Played in Pairc Uí Rinn 09/08/02

**CLOUGHDUBH 4-07 ST FINBARRS 1-14**

**Cloughdubh:** Aoife Murray, Joanne O'Callaghan, Sinead Corkery, Ora O'Callaghan, Stephanie Dunlea, Jamie Lynch, Marie Corkery, Sinead Buckley, Breige Corkery, Orla McCarthy, Jean Lucey, Catherine Corkery, Una O'Donoghue (captain), Aoife Buckley, Ciara Cronin. Subs used: Zelia McDonnell.

**St Finbarrs:** Ellen Clifford, Claire Harrington, Deirdre Clarke, Marie McCarthy, Karin Buckley, Linda O'Connor, Colette Kirby, Claire Kirby, Joanne O'Connor, Jenny Duffy, Ber Maher, Rachel Myres, Valerie Maher, Orla O'Sullivan, Collette O'Mahony. Subs used: Cathriona Myers.

**Referee:** Peter Downey (Inniscarra).



Emer Dillon, Ballygarvan Camogie Club, receiving the Personality of the Year Award from Jack Walsh, General Manager Acton's Hotel, sponsors, and John Twomey, (left) Chairman of the South-East Cork Board.

## GLAMOROUS TALENT

The Personality of the Year award went to the only lady nominee, Emer Dillon of Ballygarvan. The competition for this award was the toughest for years. Included were Anto Hegarty, Courcy Rovers outstanding goalkeeper, Richie Butler, star minor hurler from Valley Rovers, Ger Spillane of Ballygarvan, one of the outstanding young footballers in Carrigrohoun, Martin Coleman yet another goalkeeping star from Ballinhassig, Pat O'Neill from Shamrocks with 34 years of refereeing service to his division and county behind him and finally the Carrigaline under 14 hurling stars winners of an All-Ireland Feile in County Antrim earlier this year.

Emer's main claim to fame was of course

her memorable display at midfield for the Cork senior camogie team in the All-Ireland final this year. Emer is the most talented camogie star in our division and county and this is thanks to huge commitment and dedication by her to preparation, training and coaching since she first took up the caman in Ballygarvan National School. When Jack Walsh, General Manager of Acton's Hotel, the event sponsors, opened the sealed envelope and announced her name it was greeted with huge acclaim and applause. She had come in ahead of an illustrious field and made history by becoming the first lady to take this prestigious award.

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