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Weekend review/colleges finals/National League

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CAMOGIE fans will not want for variety of games this weekend as on Saturday three senior All-Ireland colleges finals will take place while on Sunday action will feature thirteen National League games.

An expected classic senior A college's final wil go ahead between first time senior All-Ireland finalists St.Mary's Magherafelt and last year's defeated senior finalists Presentation Athenry. Since the first senior All-Ireland Colleges final was played in 1969, no Ulster college has ever won the beautiful Corn Sceilg, but a determined Ulster side are aiming to rectify that on Saturday. Co-managed by Derry intercounty hurler Raymond Kennedy and Antrim intercounty camogie player Orla Donnelly they will leave no stone unturned in their bid to become the first Ulster college to win a senior All-Ireland title, while the Galway opposition who have all except two of last year's side will be equally determined in their bid to bring back the first senior trophy to Athenry since 1978.

St.Mary's co-manager Orla Donnelly feels "it would be an unbelievable sensation if we were to win on Saturday, we have been team building for the past few years, so we hope this will be our year, but we know we will face very tough opposition" Both sides will be back boned by several intercounty players and St.Mary's can call on nine players who were a part of last year's Derry winning U16 B All-Ireland winning team while some of the team also line out with Antrim. Athenry can call on senior intercounty players, Jessica Gill who has the power to instigate many scoring opportunities from centre back and Lorraine Ryan, who is a daughter of the famed Galway hurler Pascal Ryan and whose cousin Darina Ryan, daughter of another Galway hurler the later John Ryan captains the side.

As well as these players many of the Connacht champions play underage for Galway and they have an excellent free taker in young Noreen Coen.

While Magherafelt are bidding for their first ever title one must feel that it may just be Athenry's year. Last year they met Saturday's opposition in the semi-final, drew the first day and then won the replay. They then went on to meet St.Mary's Charleville in the final and wait for it, drew again!, but in the replay the Cork school proved their strength. Athenry managers Eoin Mc Gillacuddy and Caroline Carr are hoping to go one better this year, according to Eoin" a win on Saturday would be a huge achievement, it would be a great link with the past (Stefanie and Katie O'Dwyer, who are on Saturday's team are daughters of Anne Poniard, who captained the '78 side), if we go at it from the start who knows what might happen on the day!"

The strength of Tipperary camogie is evident in the colleges as two Tipperary schools will contest the B and C Finals on Saturday. The 'B' Final will feature St.Mary's Nenagh who have a number of intercounty players including captain Aoife Mc Loughney, daughter of the former Tipperary star hurler Pat Mc Loughney. However, the opposition, Castlecomer Community school can call on young player of 2006, Kilkenny's Marie Dargan who is likely to act as a thorn in the St.Mary's side. The second Tipperary school in action is Scoil Mhuire from Carrick on Suir who have the services of yet another Kilkenny starlet Katie Power and who will face Offaly side St. Brendan's of Birr.

Sunday's National League will see a repeat of last year's Gala All-Ireland final between Cork and Tipperary in Cork. Having lost their opening game to Wexford and just back from their holiday in Lanzarote the Rebels will be very anxious to make this their first win of the year, while Tipperary who overcame Galway in their opening clash will be very anxious to make two wins out of two.

Dublin, will have Wexford at home, with Wexford going well at present, and Dublin seeking their first win this is a game that could go either way, but the visitors from the Southeast may just shade it while Galway may prove too strong for Kilkenny in the final game in Division 1A.

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Mary's get caught by a goal in extra time

St Caimen's, College (Clare) 2-5
St Mary's, Charleville (Cork) 0-8
(After extra-time)

DISAPPOINTMENT for St Mary's Charleville, who failed to advance in the All-Ireland colleges Junior A championship, losing their replayed Munster final.

As in the first meeting between the sides, it was again a close affair, with the game going into extra-time before the title was decided. In the finish, just one score gave the title to St Caimen's, from the stick of centre-back Chloe Morey. In a master move by the Clare mentors, she was switched to full-forward role for extra-time.

St Caimen's led 1-5 to 0-6 at half-time. In the opening half the sides matched each other score for score.

Two Maria Reidy points settled Charleville in reply to Rachel O'Halloran's opening goal and with Eimear Healy and Kerri Brosnan matching Roisin McMahon, Noelle Corry and Aveen O'Shea points, just two separated the sides after 30 minutes.

Charleville dug deep in the second half and a point from Emer Healy had them within a point of St. Caimen's inside four minutes. With play swinging from end to end both defences came under pressure but stood firm.

Battling for an equaliser, Charleville gave it everything. Cliona Galvin, Rebecca Rea and Lisa Cotter drove their side forward in search of the vital score.

Twelve minutes from full-time Emer Healy had the sides level with a point scored under pressure, and with the title up for grabs they battled on as they did a few weeks previously. With neither defences yielding it was all square, 1-5 to 0-8 at full-time. And so to extra-time.

The heavy conditions made it tough for two visa ably tiring teams and it was always going to be something small that would decide it.

Mary's had a penalty save as Roisin McMahon denied Charleville on the line before Chloe Morey got the vital goal to send the Charleville girls crashing out.

To their credit they fought to get on level terms once again, but tiredness and a superb St Caimen's defence denied them.

ST CAIMEN'S: O Duggan, C Whelan, C O'Leary, A Browne, J Mc Inerney C Morey (1-0) L Boyle, R MC Mahon (0-3), C Gallagher, C Chaplin, N Corry (0-1), C Nealon, M MC Grath, A O Shea (0-1) R O'Halloran (1-0). **Subs:** R O Brien for J McInerney E. Ryan for E O'Shea

ST MARY'S: K Biggane, S O'Flynn, R Finn, S Fitzgibbon, C Kelleher, O O'Mahony, C Galvin, R Rea, L Cotter, C Curtin, A MC Auliffe, K Brosnan (0-1), E Healy (0-5), M Reidy (0-2), D O Callaghan.



Anna Geary may be welcomed back to the Cork starting 15 this Saturday.

Cork battle old foes Tipp

SUNDAY Cork v Tipperary, Senior Division 1A NL, Cloughduv, 3.30pm

CORK and Tipperary meet tomorrow as both go in search of Division 1A National League points.

By MARY NEWMAN
Camogie

Tipperary hit the headlines in 1999 and went on to become one of the major forces in camogie.

Last September Cork made it back-to-back All-Ireland titles and had a victory over the old enemy in a lacklustre league final.

Earlier in that league series the sides played out a thrilling game but both finals failed to live up to the pre-match expectations.

The years continue to roll on but the rivalry remains as intense and it's time once again for another meeting.

Cork suffered a defeat in their opening game losing out by a point to a strong Wexford side.

They will be mindful of this as they search for victory. Another slip-up could be costly. With just the top two teams to contest the league final, points in every game are vital.

Tipperary got their season off to a good start with a 12 point victory over Galway. They were always in control with Eimear McDonnell grabbing two goals to help get their campaign off the mark.

This year, under a new management team, they are determined to do well and qualify for the league final.

Tony Delaney has replaced Paddy McCormack.

Paddy has stepped down after two years in charge and Tony is joined by Martin Dwyer, Marion Graham and Paul Delaney on the selection committee.

They introduced several new players to their lineout but never looked to be in danger.

The Galway attack was found wanting, failing to breach a strong Tipp defence.

With nine of their starting 15 from last season's All-Ireland decider on duty they had good displays from Julie Kirwin, Sinead Nealon and Trish O'Halloran in defence.

Philly Fogarty and Michelle Shortt dominated at midfield. Eimear McDonnell, who gave her usual solid display, was well supported by Geraldine Kinnane, captain Claire Grogan and Jill Horan.

County intermediate champions Silvermines and junior champions Shannon Rovers have supplied new members to the panel including Fiona Kennedy, Geraldine Stapleton, Siobhan McCarthy and Sabrina Larkin.

They will all be battling for places in the starting 15 as they strive to get one over on Cork.

Cork will again endeavour to unearth new talent. They are boosted by the return from Australia of Rosarie Holland but again, with no retirements reported, it's upwards and onwards as they seek back-to-back league titles.

Gemma O'Connor captains the side this year following on her club's St Finbarr's victory in last season's county championship.

She will be hoping for an improved performance from her fellow team mates as Cork strive to gain their first league points.

Against Wexford, just three Cork players got on the scoresheet. Jennifer O'Leary struck six points out of nine with Una O'Donoghue (2) and Gemma O'Connor also contributing. With 10 of their All-Ireland winning side on duty this was not a good return and the backroom team will be looking for a much improved display on Sunday.

It's expected that Rena Buckley and Anna Geary, who were only introduced as subs last time out, will make a return to the starting 15.

Tipp are wary of having another lacklustre start

SUNDAY
Cork v Tipperary,
Senior Division 1B NL,
Cloughduv, 3.30pm

CORK had a perfect start to their Division 1B national league campaign as they defeated Wexford by the narrowest of margins to take the first points on offer ***writes*** **MARY NEWMAN.**

Trailing at the break, Cork showed plenty of courage to fight back, Aisling Thompson unerring from the placed ball and Regina Curtin, Lynda Dorgan, Eimear O'Sullivan and Rachel Myers all impressing.

Last season, losing just one game cost Cork a place in the latter stages of the league and the backroom team are mindful of this and are determined to go all the way this year. They bounced back from their disappointment in the league to settle down and take the inaugural All-Ireland Senior B title and they can call on seven of that starting 15 again this year. A definite non-starter is Miriam Deasy who has retired from intercounty camogie while seven of the side, having won senior A medals as members, of the panel are now ineligible for senior B. However, as so often happens with the second side in counties, the panel is not finalised and we can expect to see plenty of players introduced through the league.

Tipperary lost out in their opening game to Galway, a lacklustre opening half costing them dearly as they trailed by 16 points at the interval. However they were a transformed side for the second half but it was not enough to bridge the gap. Cork will be mindful that they notched up 4-8 in that outing, full-forward Siobhan Ryan dominating proceedings while others to impress included Nolette O'Dwyer, Sheena Ryan, Julie Delaney and Jackie O'Connor.

Games between second teams are hard to predict; last season Cork held the upper hand in both the league and championship outings between the counties but we will have to wait to see the respective lineouts before prediction the outcome of this one.

Supporters are asked to note both senior division 1A and 1B games will take place at 3.30pm on adjoining pitches in Cloughduv GAA grounds

National League, round up, Div 1A &IB

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National Camogie League Roundup Div 1A & IB
By Cóilín Duffy

Galway player Ann Marie Hayes certainly had a busy afternoon yesterday, but the day ended with mixed results. Hayes was impressive for the Galway Senior B side who accounted for Kilkenny by 1-14 to 2-3 before playing for the full 60 minutes in the Senior A encounter, however the Cats ran out five points winners in that encounter.

Kilkenny were certainly a hungry side in what was a goal fest as they finished 5-5 to 2-9 winners with Jackie Frisby (2) and Lizzie Lyng getting the opening half goals for the Cats while Hayes and Veronica Curtin were firmly on song for Galway.

Veronica Curtin continued to remain a strong player in the second half, but goals from Marie Dargan and Ann Dalton for Kilkenny ensured victory for the visitors.

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Wexford tasted victory on the double over Dublin at UCD by 0-9 to 0-7 in a tight 1A encounter with Kate Kelly scoring five points for the winners; and by 2-19 to 2-5 in the Senior B encounter with Dublin coming back well from a 1-11 to 0-1 deficit at the interval.

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McDonnell goal earns Tipp draw with Cork

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Kilbrittain's young stars



Above: U-14 camogie team, County winners, back row: Trish O'Sullivan(trainer); Lisa Moloney, Karena Twohig, Stacey O'Sullivan, Mary O'Mahony, Cait O'Donovan, Mairead Coughlan, Grainne O'Brien, Laura O'Callaghan, Miriam Hodnett, Ann Marie Sheehan, Denise Hurley, Amanda Desmond (Trainer). Front: Cliona O'Donovan, Chloe Collins, Grainne Butler, Jennife Cashman, Lisa O'Neill(captain), Edel Fielding, Aisling Butler, Roisin O'Brien, Hope Hickey.

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Cork robbed by late goal

Controversial point sets up Woods to tie the game



LINDA MELLERICK

Cork	0-11
Tipperary	1-8

A CONTROVERSIAL final minute saw Tipp steal a share of the spoils in this National Senior division 1A League in Cloughduv yesterday.

Despite the fact that Cork should never have found themselves in such a vulnerable position, a Lizzie Woods point, waved wide by the umpire, was mistakenly registered as a score by the referee and it proved to be the critical factor.

It is hard to imagine any other pitch withstanding the appalling weather that prevailed. But Cloughduv's new setting was in excellent condition and withstood the hardy elements.

Tipp opened the scoring a minute in with a point from Emer McDonnell. Clare Grogan and Jennifer O'Leary hit over a 45 and free respectively. Fast and lively, the play swung from end to end, with Tipp making the better use of their possession. Eighteen minutes in they led by 0-5 to 0-2 with McDonnell and Grogan the main tormentors.

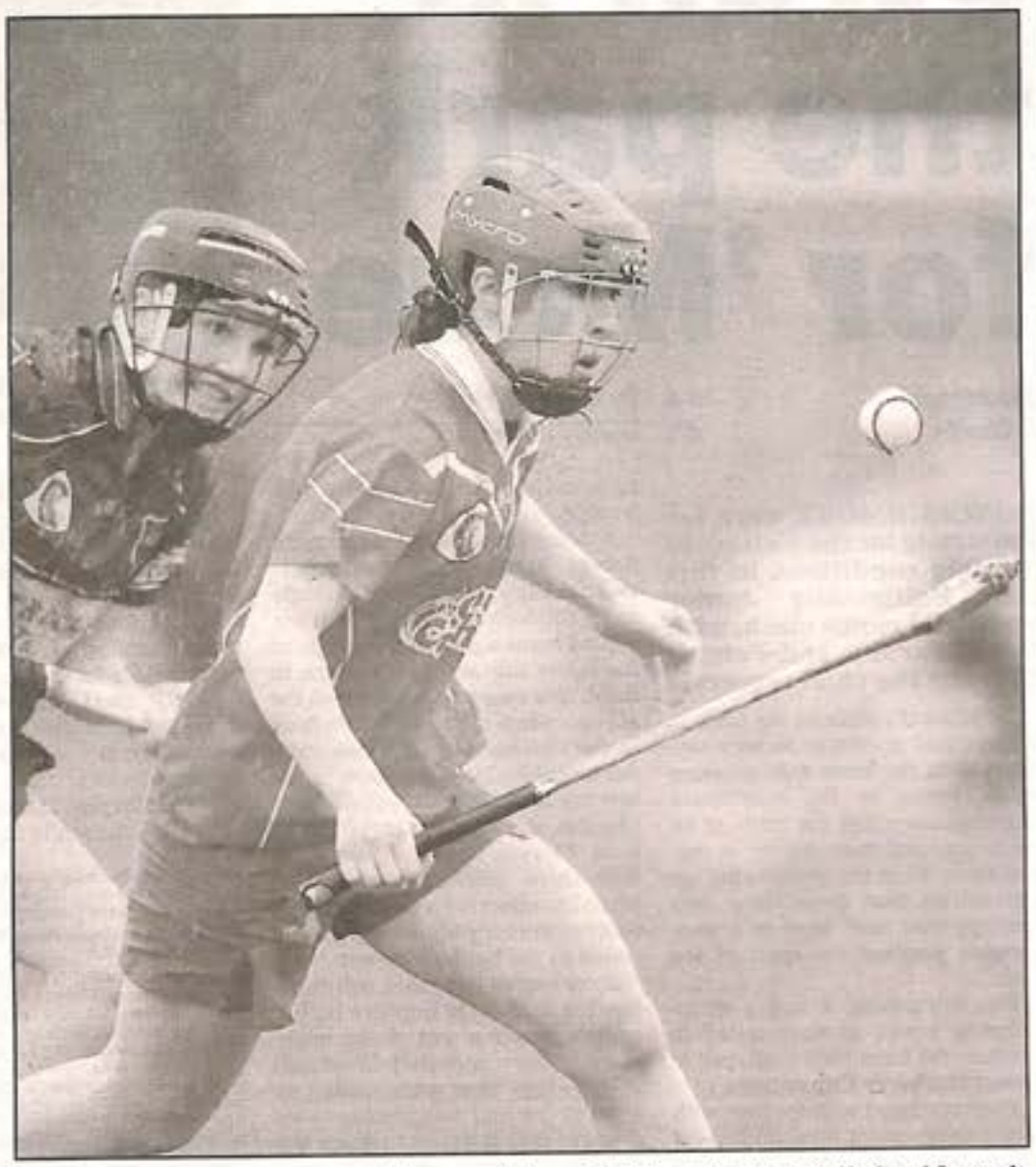
The game began to settle and a pattern began to emerge. It was obvious that every ball Tipp won was being fed into McDonnell in the corner. While McDonnell was back to her brilliant best, Cork began to smother the supply.

The injured Amanda O'Regan was replaced by Rachel Moloney and Cork re-jigged their side. Catriona Foley took a step back to the corner, Orla Cotter switched from right half-forward to left half-back (displaying excellent versatility), and Moloney slotted into Cotter's original position.

Slowly and in true Cork style the Rebels began to chip away at the deficit. Rena Buckley was doing Trojan work around the middle of the field and although Tipp handled the Cork attack well; it was only a matter of time before they found a way through.

The home side's first point from play came from O'Leary on 19 minutes and it was doubled by Denise Twomey 60 seconds later. Anna Geary and O'Leary with a free made it seven points to six. But McDonnell had the final say as both teams ran to the dressing rooms for shelter with the game tied up.

Cork's overall superiority came through as they owned the ball for 29 minutes of the second half. Had it been a dry day they would have won well but as the conditions deterioratedit was difficult to even get a strike in.



Cork's Cathriona Foley powers past Tipperary's Jenny O'Halloran during their National Camogie League Division 1 clash in Cloughduv. Picture: Bryan Keane / News Digital

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Referee John Pender approached both managers with 10 minutes to go, seemingly wanting to call a halt to proceedings, but with the teams on level terms both John Cronin and Tony Delaney weren't having any of it.

Tipp were put under ferocious pressure but the conditions suited the onslaught and with Cork hitting six wides the visitors remained in contention. O'Leary (2), Una O'Donoghue and Sarah O'Donovan pushed Cork into a four-point lead with four minutes remaining. Tipp never looked like they were going to rescue the game.

The controversial point came on 30 minutes and next McDonnell had gathered and took off before palming to the net to give Tipp a valuable league point and Cork wondering how it happened.

Scorers for Cork: J O'Leary 0-7 (0-3f, 0-3'45), D Twomey, A Geary, U O'Donoghue and S O'Donovan 0-1 each.
Tipperary: E McDonnell 1-3, C Grogan 0-4 (0-2f, 0-1'45), L Woods 0-1.
CORK: A Murray; J O'Callaghan, R Holland, A O'Regan; J Duffy, M O'Connor, C Foley; R Buckley, G O'Connor (Capt); O Cotter, A Geary, J O'Leary; E Dillon, U O'Donoghue, D Twomey. **Subs:** R Moloney for A O'Regan (inj 14), S O'Donovan for R Moloney (inj 46).
TIPPERARY: R Kenneally; S Kelly, M Luttrell, M Tynan; S Larkin, T O'Halloran, S Nealon; P Fogarty, J Horan; J O'Halloran, J Ryan, C Grogan; G Kinnane, E Hayden, E McDonnell. **Subs:** M Shortt for S Larkin (h/time), C Hennessy for J O'Halloran (43), L Grogan for J Ryan (51), P Bulfin and P Ryan for E Hayden and G Kinnane (58).
Referee: John Pender

Cork make light of the terrible conditions

By MARY NEWMAN
Camogie Senior B League

Cork	4-10
Tipperary	1-4

MAKING light of the appalling weather that prevailed through the entire 60 minutes the Cork Senior Division 1B side maintained their 100% league record, outclassing Tipperary on the superb Cloughduv pitch yesterday.

Despite the continuous downpour and the cross-field wind, Cork notched up an impressive 4-10 and were it not for Tipperary keeper Siobhán Maher the tally would have been much higher — she saved Tipp on at least four occasions.

Cork led 1-6 to 0-2 at the half-time whistle, Charlotte Kearney edging home Aisling Thompson's long-range dipping free to the net when the Tipperary defence failed to clear after Maher had batted the ball back into play.

Through the half, Cork were always that bit sharper Marion Jagoe, Hazel O'Regan, Aisling Thompson and Sile Burns all striking points as the Rebels made light of the conditions.

Jackie O'Connor and Siobhán Ryan had points for a Tipperary side that worked hard but failed to match the Cork girls in vital areas.

Cork got the best possible start to the second half when Marion Jagoe was on hand to finish to the net inside two minutes of the restart, after Maher had again saved Tipperary. Aisling Thompson and Siobhán Ryan traded points in the eight and 10th minutes but this was to be the last we would see of Tipperary until the closing minutes and as their challenge died Cork continued to blossom. Points from Thompson and Kearney widened the gap to 12 and Cork were in cruise control.

Tipp introduced three substitutes in the hope of stemming the tide but two Cork goals inside as many minutes had the points wrapped Hazel O'Regan and substitute Ger Collins finishing to the net before Val O'Keeffe pointed.

Siobhán Ryan, by far the best of the Tipperary 15, always looked dangerous and enjoyed an excellent hour; she proved this with a superb goal three minutes from full-time before knocking over a late point.

The playing surface of the excellent Cloughduv pitch has to be mentioned on a day when once again games were wiped out through the city and county.

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Confusion 'rains' in Cloughduv

by Mary Newman

NATIONAL CAMOGIE LEAGUE DIV 1A

CORK	0-11
TIPPERARY	1-8

A MISTAKENLY allowed a point waved wide by the umpire proved to be the crucial score that could in fact eventually cost Cork a place in the latter stages of division 1A of the national league as it gave Tipp a share of the point at the finish.

As the final whistle sounded everybody in the crowd and indeed the majority of the supporters were under the impression that Cork had shaded it by a point when referee John Pender declared it all square the mistake was realised, but it could not be rectified.

Both sides battling hard in the appalling weather conditions and indeed the referee was going to call a halt to proceedings ten minutes into the second half such were the appalling overhead conditions, but both managers wished to continue and so it did.

Tipp opened the scoring with a point from Emer McDonnell, with Clare Grogan and Jennifer O'Leary both converting forty fives as play swung from end to end.

By the mid-way-stage Tipperary had opened up a five points to two lead, Emer McDonnell and Clare Grogan on target for the premier girls. Cork despite losing Amanda O'Regan to an injury began to settle and with Rena Buckley working hard in the middle of the field they began to cut the Tipp lead. Jennifer O'Leary and Denise Twomey had Cork's point from play nineteen minutes into the half and with conditions deteriorating rapidly the sides matched each other point for point.

Cork edged ahead thanks to points from Anna Geary and Jennifer O'Leary, but it was Emer McDonnell who had the final say with a Tipperary point to leave it all square 0-7 each at the half-time whistle.

Cork made all the running throughout the second half as the Tipperary defence were put under enormous pressure.



Jennifer O'Leary: Scorer of 0-7

The conditions making it difficult for Cork to make an impact, however, hitting six wides as Tipp's defence held firm. Jennifer O'Leary with two points, Una O'Donoghue and Sarah O'Donovan edged Cork into a four point lead and with four minutes remaining it looked enough.

Tipp battled hard to get something from the game as the full time whistle loomed the controversial point coming from on thirtieth minute.

There was one twist remaining as Emer McDonnell took on and beat the Cork defence, palming to the net to give Tipp a valuable point as the full time whistle sounded.

Cork will wondering how with all their second half possession they ended up in such a position and with just one point from two games it's vital they get something from their remaining games against Dublin, Galway and Kilkenny if they hope to retain their league crown.

Credit to the Cloughduv club for the condition of their magnificent new pitch, which made life a little easier on the players from both teams who must be credited for performing under such dreadful weather conditions.

CORK J O'Leary 0-7 (0-3f, 0-3,45), D Twomey, A Geary, U O'Donoghue and S O'Donovan 0-1 each

TIPPERARY E McDonnell 1-3, C Grogan 0-4 (0-2f, 0-1,45), L Woods 0-1

Business as usual as Rebels trounce Tipp

by Mary Newman

NATIONAL CAMOGIE LEAGUE DIV 1B

CORK	4-10
TIPPERARY	1-4

APPALLING weather conditions failed to dampen the determination as the Cork senior division 1B side maintained their unbeaten run in the national league on Sunday last. Conditions were miserable for both sides and it was Cork that made the better start, a goal from Charlotte Kearney in the fifteenth minute when she finished Aisling Thomason's long range dipping free to the net. Points from Marion Jaego, Hazel O'Regan, Aisling Thompson and Sile Burns saw Cork hold their advantage.

Jackie O Connor and Siobhan Ryan had points for a Tipperary side that had an excellent display from their goalkeeper Siobhan Maher. Tipperary on numerous occasions stood firm under pressure denying the Cork attack on several occasions.

The excellent playing surface of the Cloughduv pitch helped make up for the miserable weather conditions that prevailed through the hour and it was Cork who got the second half off to a good start as Marion Jaego finished to the net inside two minutes of the restart. Aisling Thompson and Siobhán Ryan traded points in the eight and tenth minutes, but from here to the finish it was all Cork as they upped the pace. Tipperary had no answers.

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PICTURE: Tony O'Connell

Finbarr Mc Carthy presenting the GAA Monthly Sports Award to Rena Buckley. Included in the picture are (from left) Mick Dolan, Marion Mc Carthy, Helen Buckley, Anthony Savage, Tim Buckley, Gerry O Sullivan, and Bob Ryan

Another addition to Rena Buckley's awards collection

by Finbarr McCarty

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Camogiechat

With Mary Newman

Award for Rena

WELL done to Rena Buckley who was named the February winner of the 96/103Fm Rochestown Park GAA sports awards on Friday last, a fitting accolade for Rena following on a terrific Ashbourne cup display with UCD.

CLASH OF TABLE TOPPERS

A stiff test this weekend as the Cork Senior division 1 B team take on the Ciaran Carey coached Limerick side that are re-graded this year from division 1 A to 1 B and have already a comprehensive victory over Dublin under their belts. Cork with full points will see this as a vital game if they are to keep their one hundred percent record in tack the game take place in the Gaelic Grounds Limerick on Sunday at 2.30pm.

Level pegging

A SURPRISING end on Sunday last as referee John Pender declared it all square in the division 1 A clash between Cork and Tipperary, everybody was under the impression that Cork had shaded it by a point but it transpired that he had mistakenly allowed a point waved wide by the umpire and it proved to be the critical factor as it gave Tipp a share of the point at the finish.

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Cork record second win

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Gameon

with Finbarr McCarthy



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Finbarr McCarthy 96 & 103 FM & *Cork Independent*, presenting the GAA Monthly Sports Star award to Rena Buckley, Cork Camogie & Ladies Footballer from the Inniscarra Club. Included in Picture (l-r): Michelle Lunnon; Mick Dolan, Chairman, Cork Co Board; Marion McCarthy, Chairperson, Cork Camogie Board; Helen Buckley; Anthony Savage, Rochestown Park Hotel; Tim Buckley; Gerry O'Sullivan, Vice Chairman, Cork Co Board; Bob Ryan, PRO, Cork County Board and Karen Lunnon, 96 & 103 FM. *Picture, Tony O'Connell Photography.*

February award for Rena

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Rena was in fact player of the match in the final, thus ending a run of three successive defeats for her college, and her scoring ability and general all round play in the competition saw her play a key role in the success.

An All-Ireland and All-Star winner with Cork last year Rena plays her club camogie with Inniscarra and is also a member of the Cork Ladies Football team and will be presented with her award on Friday next in the Rochestown Park Hotel.

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Keenest of rivals meet in U13 final

By MARY NEWMAN

Seandún camogie

***EVENING ECHO* SEANDÚN U13 FINALS MONDAY**

IT'S A big day in the city division on Monday as the finals of the *Evening Echo* U13 A and B championships for 2006 take place

The meeting of Glen Rovers and Douglas is one that has been eagerly awaited by both clubs; postponed on two occasions the sides have waited patiently since they both qualified for the final way back last October.

Earlier in the season they clashed in the round-robin series of the competition Douglas taking the points after a terrific game with a point to spare. Since the U11 grade these sides have been evenly matched with little to separate them.

Douglas have excellent performers in Claire Shine, Aine O'Donovan, Sinead Duggan and Rachel Baxter.

Glen Rovers are equally determined to take the title and their challenge will be led by their captain Sinead O'Halloran, Edel O'Connell, Aisling O'Keeffe Sinead Fahy and Aoibhinne Murphy.

St Vincent's and Blackrock will decide the destination of honours in the B final.

2006 was a splendid one for the up-and-coming Northside club, with the U12 B county league title safely tucked away, their thoughts are firmly set on capturing their first Seandún trophy.

Amy O'Connell captains the side and she will be looking to Jemma Dowling, Nicole Crean and Nicole Cahill for one huge effort.

Blackrock will not be found wanting and will rise to the challenge — Tracy Fleming, Mollie Hurley, Jennifer Sarl and Katelyn Hickey have impressed in their path through the group stages.

Glen Rovers v Douglas, A Final, Glen Field, 5pm; St Vincent's v Blackrock, B Final, St Vincent's, 1.30pm.



Finbarr McCarthy of 96 & 103 FM presenting the GAA Monthly Sports Award to Cork Camogie star Rena Buckley Inniscarra GAA Club. Included in picture are L to R: Mick Dolan, chairman Cork County Board, Marion McCarthy, chairwoman Cork Camogie Board, Helen Buckley, Anthony Savage, manager of Rochestown Park Hotel, Tim Buckley, Jerry O'Sullivan, and Bob Ryan, Cork County Board. Picture: Tony O Connell

LEAGUE DIVISION 1B, CORK V LIMERICK, GAELIC GROUNDS, TOMORROW, 2.30PM

Limerick can cause Cork some problems

By MARY NEWMAN

Camogie

CORK and Limerick will do battle in what should be an epic Division 1B clash tomorrow.

Cork, with two impressive victories over Wexford and Tipperary under their belts, will be under no illusions as to the task ahead when they run out onto the Gaelic Grounds tomorrow.

Limerick have re-graded this season to Division 1B and they got their campaign off to the best possible start under the guidance of former All-Star hurler Ciarán Carey when they recorded a 4-12 to 0-2 victory over the visiting Dubs in Adare in the opening round.

This was very much a team effort from Limerick from full-back and All-Star nominee of 2006 Michelle Casey to forwards Vera Sheehan and Eileen O'Brien. They hurled with confidence throughout the hour. Fourteen-year-old teen star Naomi Carroll didn't look out of place scored one point and was in the thick of the action.

By half-time Limerick had put the game out of Dublin's reach as goals from Vera Sheehan, Sinéad McAuliffe and Eileen O'Brien helped them on their way.

Sinéad McAuliffe was superb in midfield and she is one Cork will need to keep a close eye on.

Camogie in the county has had its share of bad times but the decision to re-grade has given it a much-needed boost.

Cork will have other ideas, on top of the table on full points, where they aim to stay. Last season, losing just one game cost Cork a place in the latter stages of the league and the backroom team are mindful of this and are determined to go all the way this year.

New faces have been added to the panel with former senior panellist Síle Burns available for selection this season and she has fitted in well. Charlotte Kearney, who impressed with CIT during the Ashbourne series, Aisling Thompson, Esther Power and Rachel Myers have all been given a chance to push for inclusion on the starting 15 alongside the more experienced campaigners.

Inter-divisional U16 championship camogie blitz

LAST weekend the juvenile county board organised a very successful inter-divisional U16 championship blitz and once again camogie was the big winner with six divisional sides battling it out for ultimate honours.

Underage camogie continues to flourish in the clubs through the city and county, while at primary and secondary schools level the trend is a similar one.

In many divisions competitions are organised at a different age level to those organised by the board thus helping teams for the following season. At the outset the divisional games were organised only as committees but in the last two years a motion passed at convention 2005 has seen their status upgraded to that of divisional county board and while in theory there is no change the change of wording has been seen by many as giving the competitions and those involved a bigger status.

The first divisional committee to be formed was Carrigdhoun and months later

Seandun were up and running since then we have seen the formation of boards in Muskerry Avondhu, Carbery and Imokilly. Many divisional sides have enjoyed success at senior county championship level but in years gone by this was the only involvement of neighbouring clubs. Since the establishment of the divisional boards a huge interest has developed in representing one's division, with the U16 inter-divisional championship eagerly contested each year.

Carrigdhoun were formed late in 1994, the brainchild of Jim Forbes Carrigaline and William Flynn Tracton, the first chairperson was Teresa Murphy from Courcey Rovers and she was joined a the top table by county vice-chairperson Mary Bugler who took the role of treasurer, Michael Barrett was the PRO with Kay Fitzgerald going on to be vice-chairperson at the AGM in 1995, where other officers to come on board were Marion Fleming Ballinhassig who became secretary and Kay Healy, assistant treasurer.

At the outset the division had eight clubs participating in competitions from U11 to U17, while they also ran indoor competitions. In 1998 Carrigdhoun contested the inter-divisional U15 championship, beating Seandún in the final. But without doubt the highlight had to be in 2004, a first Cork senior county championship title.

Under Billy Hegarty Ollie Hallihan Ballygarvan, Tom Kiely Carrigaline and Ballinhassig Marion McCarthy they beat off the challenge of Milford.

The board continues to flourish, with clubs within the division competing at all levels of county competition, at U11, 13 and 15 at A and B grade.

There are moves to get U8 and 9 competitions off the ground. The elected officers to guide their fortunes in 2007 were elected recently Noreen Quinn of Courcey rovers is chairperson with Olan Barry Murphy Ballinhassig vice-chairman, inter county senior player Lucy Hawkes Valley Rovers is the boards ultra efficient secretary with Ita Hawkes acting as assistant, Ballygarvan's Ann Byrne holds the purse strings in the treasurer role. Brendan Coleman is the man charges with restoring the senior team to the top of the pile and he will shortly announce his fellow selectors.

Present county chairperson Marion McCarthy was the first chairperson of the Seandun division which were up and running in 1996 and she was joined by vice chairman Mairead Ní Mhaoileoin, Treasurer Pat Murray and Secretary Mary Newman. The division initially held U13 and U11 competition with Glen Rovers taking the first U13 title, the U11 going to St Finbarr's.

The following season an U15 competition was inaugurated with Bishopstown taking the first crown.

Karen Riordan captained the first Seandun U15 team to honours when they took the divisional tournament title in 1997.

Many officials from the clubs in the city have served on the Seandun board present county juvenile chairperson Tracy Sheehan served as chairman while Niall Mc Loughlin from Brian Dillon's served as secretary as has Mairead Nl Mhaoileoin.

Billy O'Sullivan from the Bishoptown club stepped down chairperson this year having served two years and he has been succeeded by Ross Corcoran from the St. Vincent's club.

Ross also retained the job as manager of the division senior team, who came within two points of the 2006 county senior championship semi-fina.

At underage level Seandún, led by Katie Hickey took the U16 inter-divisional championship in 2006. Under selectors Cathal Egan, Pat Murray and Ann Mills and captained by Denise Luby they retained their title last Sunday. The division has plans for new competitions this year including U21 senior and junior competitions.

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Luby is leader of the division champs



The Na Piarsaigh team who beat St Vincent's to win the Evening Echo Seandún U14 B camogie final at the Glen recently. Centre is Kate Delea, captain with the Pat Murray shield.
Picture: Richard Mills

CLUB NOTES
GLEN ROVERS

WELL DONE to our representatives on the Seandún U16 team — Denise, Karen, Sinead, and Alice — that retained the championship crown recently defeating Carrigdhoun in thrilling final.

We were honoured with the naming of Denise Luby as captain of the side and she led by example, her two goals in the first game ensuring Seandún were on the right road and in the semi-final against Muskerry she showed nerves of steel to strike over a vital 45 against the strong wind. In the final Denise played her part striking over three points while Karen O'Connell was also to the fore in all three games. Alice Keating gave an excellent account of herself while Sinead Gallen when introduced showed just how valuable she will be next season when the selectors come to select the side who will be aiming for three in a row. Congratulations also to our selector Cathal Egan and his fellow selectors Pat Murray and Ann Mills on a job well done.

Well done also to Lydia Cunningham who has been selected on the Cork minor panel and to Denise Luby and Karen O'Connell on their selection on the cork U16 panels we wish everybody the best of luck in the season ahead.

U13A FINAL

On Monday next March 19 we meet Douglas in the City U13 A championships final the game takes place at the Glen field at 5pm and hopefully we will have plenty of support for the girls at the game.

U16 GAMES BEGIN

A reminder to our U16 players that matches get underway in the league competition next weekend and this year we will have two teams competing in the league.

First game is on Saturday next, March 24 when we meet Douglas at 5pm in Douglas players will be advised of arrangements at training on Wednesday next.

TRAINING TIMES

A reminder to our young under age girls that Sunday morning camogie has started back at the usual time of 11.45am in the Glen field and hall, and on Tuesday nights as 6pm

Senior, junior U16 and U18 players Mon and Wed at 6.30pm Glen Field

U6 to U12s Sunday 11.45am and Tuesday 6pm Glen Field and Hall

U13 and U14 teams Friday at 5.45pm in Glen Resource centre, and Mon and Wednesday at 6.30pm in the Glen Field

New members are welcome to come down and join in all the above sessions.

Usual bank holiday day off from training applies tomorrow Sunday to all the girls who attend the Sunday morning coaching sessions.

No training St Patrick's Bank Holiday Monday.

NA PIARSAIGH

Recently Blackrock visited us for some indoor challenge games. Players from the age of 6 to 12 years old played in five games. Both clubs were delighted with the standard shown by all players. Those who caught the eye were Saoirse O'Sullivan, Sinead Simpson, Aoife Hegarty, Ciara Buckley, Laura Morrissey and Katelyn Sheehan.

Any club's wishing to visit our indoor arena any Saturday from 12pm to 3pm please contact Eddie Sheehan on 085-1501029

Recently An Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern T.D. visit Na Piarsaigh H/F club to meet Club Officials and was briefed on the pitch development and the renovations of the club house.

PASSAGE

Congratulations to the Seandun U16 team on their success in the Inter-Divisional championship on Sunday last. We were well represented on the team with Natasha O'Sullivan, Sinead O'Reilly and Lisa O'Sullivan all played their part in the victory. Seandun overcame Carbery and Muskerry in their group to meet up with Carrigdhoun in the final. Natasha O'Sullivan who contributed 1-1 in the final was instrumental in helping Seandun to victory. Congratulations girls on this super win.

Training for all age groups has re-commenced. Kieran Harrington and Mick Dunlea are busy with the younger age group. Liz and Celine are working hard with the U14 group. U16s will compete in the B league this year and look forward to the challenge against some very strong opposition.

ST VINCENT'S

On Friday last we held a presentation night for our girls who took the U12 B county league title in 2006. Medals were presented to the team and to the U16 team who were runners up in the Seandún competition. It was a great night with all players receiving their medals form Cork captain Joanne O'Callaghan and Seandun player Ciara Healy medals.

Sarah King received a presentation for playing with the Cork U14 team as did Leanne Carroll who was a member of the Seandún panel for the last two years. Thanks goes out to Ross Corcoran who made the night a great success, thanks Ross.

TRAINING TIMES

MONDAY: 5.30-6.30 U12s

TUESDAY: 5pm-6pm U8S, 7.45-9pm U16S — JUNIORS

WEDNESDAY: 5pm-6pm U10s

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THURSDAY: 8pm 9pm: U16s — JUNIORS

ST CATHERINE'S

Our annual poker classic was held on recently and a most enjoyable night was had by all. Congratulations to Billy Neville who was the main prize winner on the night. Many thanks to all who supported the event and to all who helped out in any way on the night

U16 Inter Divisional Championship

This year's Un16 Inter Divisional championship blitz was held on March 4th in Newtownshandrum. Ciara Clancy, Finola Neville and Fiona Cotter represented our club with Billy Neville as coach.

Imokilly did not progress in the competition but full credit to all who participated given the inclement weather on the day.

goes from strength to strength with Seandún win

Set up six years ago under the chairmanship of Bernice O'Brien from Blarney, the first officers of Muskerry were vice-Chairman Michael Mc Swiney, Ballincollig Secretary: Ber Murphy, Ballinora, Treasurer; Betty O[Mahony Inniscarra, and PRO Kathleen Healy Cloughduv.

In 2001 there were four competitions: U11A, U11B, U13A and U13B.

In 2002 an U15 competition was organised. The division have continued to organise the same competitions which are played on a 12-a-side basis. The first winners in 2001 were under 11A Inniscarra, U11 B Ballinora, U13A Ballincollig, U13B Blarney.

In 2006 Inniscarra annexed the U15 A — while Ballincollig took the B ironically the same two clubs took county championship titles at U16 A and B. their was success for Éire Óg who took the U13 A the U13 B going to Cloughduv. Inniscarra took the U11A while Ballinora were U11 B champs.

It was a good year for the senior side, who beat Carbery and Courcey Rovers to make it to the county semi-final, where they lost out to eventual winners St Finbarr's. With the strength of clubs in the division the dream of another senior title continues. Present Officers, Chairman Donal Hurley Grenagh Secretary; Rose Malone, Eire Óg, Treasurer; Bernice O'Brien (Blarney) PRO Mairead O'Donovan Ballincollig.

Sheila O'Brien Eire Óg, June Buckley Ballincollig and Gwen Sheehan, Inniscarra guided the fortunes of the division's U16 side this year.

Coming into it fourth year in existence the Avondhu board has gone from strength to strength and has helped clubs in its catchment area establish themselves at county level.

Under chairman John Barry Mallow, Augusta Waters Ballyhea, and Angie Doyle Newtownshandrum as treasurer the first committee set about organising competitions. U13 and 15 were targeted but since then interest has grown, with the division now catering for competitions in the U9, 11 3 and 15 age groups. A successful season gone by has seen Milford take the U15 A with Charleville successful at B level.

An U13 A title was annexed by Kildorrey, while the B grade went to Millstreet who have made huge strides in their short existence. Newtownshandrum have also made progress taking the U11 A. Milford took the B.

The U9 competitions were organised on a blitz basis with the emphasis on participation. The recent AGM has seen Pat Spratt form Buttevant take over the chairmanship, with John Moloney Newtown as vice-chairman, Sile Thompson Milford continues as secretary with John Casey Millstreet assistant secretary, Angie Doyle continues as treasurer. The divisions had difficulties early in the season but under Pat Spratt they gave a superb display losing out narrowly in a tremendous encounter with Inniscarra.

The present Imokilly camogie board was founded in 2000 under Killeagh's Sile Spillane, who was joined on the committee by Margaret O'Riordan Dungourney and Margaret Hyde, Fr O Neill's. Competitions got under way at U12 and 14 level but last season the board followed other divisions and revert their competitions to odd ages.

The season gone by saw success at U11 level for Bride Rovers who took an Imokilly title for the first time, the U13 crown going to St Catherine's.

The division came close to taking their senior county championship title, losing to St Finbarr's by a goal.

Inter-county senor player Mary O'Connor was assisted by Lillian Zinkant Sarsfields, Tommy Seward Killeagh and Marie Clancy St Catherine's. This season Val O'Neill from Watergrasshill is chairman with Paddy Cullinane, Dungourney vice-chairman.

Secretary is Margaret Hyde, Fr O'Neill's with founder Sheila Spillane, Killeagh treasurer. James Aherne Bride Rovers steps into the PRO role.

Very much a new venture out in Carbery, underage inter-divisional competitions got underway in 2006 with the formation of U12 competitions with Clonakilty the first winner. Such was the success that moves are afoot to organise similar competitions at U10, 12 and 14 for 2007. Chairperson is Willie McCarthy, Ballinascarty with Hilda O'Mahony of Newcestown secretary and Kathleen McCarthy, Barryroe treasurer. The vice-chairman is Willie Sheehy, Barryroe. The divisional side competed in the senior championship losing out by one point to Muskerry in a close opening game.

With such huge work going on in all division rivalry is intense, but when the players join forced to represent their respective divisions club loyalties are put to one side.

This year all six divisions have entered to participate in the senior county championship and this is a huge measure of the confidence enjoyed in all divisions.

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Camogie: All Ireland Colleges Senior 'B' Camogie Final

St. Mary's go in search of All Ireland glory

St Mary's Secondary School, Nenagh are bidding for All Ireland glory next weekend with Castlecomer Community School from Kilkenny standing in their way in the All Ireland Senior 'B' Camogie Final.

St Mary's, Nenagh are bidding to return their school to the former glories of the 1990's when they dominated the colleges scene winning two Senior A All Ireland titles in 1994 and 2000 as well as Junior All Ireland in 1992.

Notably their last victory at All Ireland level was the Colleges A title in 2000 with a team that featured Tipperary star Eimear McDonnell.

St. Mary's have had an impressive run to the final. Neighbours St. Joseph's from Borris-Ileigh were defeated in the quarter-final while Tulla CS from Clare were brushed aside in the semi-final.

Cashel Community School provided the opposition in the final with Nenagh traveling to Cashel and came away with a deserved win. Four weeks ago, St. Mary's defeated Gort Community School in the All Ireland semi-final.

St. Mary's are backboned with players from Silvermines, Burgess, Kilruane, Toomevara, Moneygall and experienced team captain Aoife McLoughney from Shannon Rovers.

Team manager Ger Dullea is certainly no stranger to finals and he will be doing all in his power to steer his charges to a win and his work with regard of the promotion of camogie in the school as been duly recognised this week as he was announced as a recipient of a GAA President's Award.

Speaking ahead of another All Ireland Final as a coach, Ger Dullea says the team have been getting better with each game.

"I knew this year that we had a good chance. There are a good few leaving certs on the team and that makes a huge difference. There is a lot of competition for places, which is great.

"If we are beaten, it will take a very good team to beat us," said the St. Mary's coach of the belief in his players that they will succeed at the weekend.

A lot will be expected from centre back Geraldine Stapleton who has been the basis for much of St Mary's success while up front Aoife McLoughney, Bonnie Kennedy and Ciara Ryan should pose the main scoring threats for St Mary's.

They face a well-balanced Castlecomer side sprinkled with Kilkenny Minors including 'Young Player of the Year' Marie Dargan. The team is trained by Ted Browne, husband of former Kilkenny legend, Angela Downey.

The final will be part of a double header of schools camogie finals at the Drom-Inch GAA Field at the Ragg on Saturday.

Firstly, the Senior 'C' Camogie Final will throw-in at 1pm between St. Mary's, Carrick-on-Suir and Birr Community School that contain three players from the Lorrha club, namely Mary Hogan and sisters Caoimbe and Beibhinn Kennedy.

The Birr team is also trained by Lorrha native, Ronan Harding.

The 'B' Final between St. Mary's, Nenagh and Castlecomer CS will throw-in at 2.30pm with Paul Beecher as the referee.



Sportsmans Dream are the main sponsors of St Mary's School Nenagh senior camogie team that contests the All-Ireland Final on Saturday next. Deirdre Hughes (Sportsmans Dream) presents sponsorship towards the final to team captain Aoife McLoughney in the presence of team Manager Ger Dullea and team members. Photograph: Bridget Delaney.

Full St. Mary's Squad: Aisling Whelan (Toomevara), Martina Gleeson (Silvermines), Sinead Quinlan (Burgess), Laura Green (Silvermines), Emma-Louise Coffey (Toomevara), Geraldine Stapleton (Silvermines), Laura Power (Silvermines), Fiona Kennedy (Silvermines), Cliona Ryan (Moneygall), Caitriona Kennedy (Silvermines), Bonnie Kennedy (Toomevara), Amy Kennedy (Burgess), Ciara Ryan (Silvermines), Aoife McLoughney (Shannon Rovers, Captain), Orla Williams (Kilruane), Patricia Sutton (Moneygall), Mairead Devaney (Toomevara), Laura Reid (Burgess), Anna-Marie Quigley (Toomevara), Lisa Shoer (Kilruane), Lorna Bergin (Moneygall), Elisha Slattery (Silvermines), Hazel Harty (Toomevara), Nicole Whelan (Toomevara).

Cluichí Ceannais na n-Iarbhunscoileanna sa Chamógaíocht 2007

Sinsear A

Scoil Mhuire, Machaire Feilte

v

Coláiste na Toirbhirthe, Béal Áth an Rí

[John Pender, Kildare]

Sinsear B

Scoil Mhuire, An tAonach

v

Pobalscoil Caisleán an Chomhair

[Paul Beecher, Dublin]

Sinsear C

Scoil Mhuire, Carraig na Siúire

v

Pobalscoil Naomh Breandáin, Biorra

[Tommy McIntyre, Antrim]

Replay Date: Saturday 24th March

ALL IRELAND COLLEGES SENIOR A CHAMPIONSHIP

Year	Winner	Runners Up	Score	Winning Captain
1969	Pres, Kilkenny	St. Aloysius, Cork	3-2 to 1-2	Mary Tallis
1970	Pres, Kilkenny	Sacred Heart, Newry	2-3 to 1-1	Liz Neary
1971	Sacred Heart, Newry	Pres, Mountmellick	3-2 to 2-1	Anne McCone
1972	Pres, Oranmore	St. Louise, Kilkeel	6-1 to 4-4	Marie Murphy
1973	Pres, Mountmellick	Pres, Athenry	4-2 to 1-2	Carmel Cottrell
1974	Pres, Athenry	St. Louise, Kilkeel	3-1 to 1-0	Midge Poniard
1975	Pres, Athenry	St. Brigid's, Callan	7-4 to 2-4	Midge Poniard
1976	St. Aloysius, Cork	Pres, Athenry	2-2 to 0-2	Jacinta O' Brien
1977	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	Pres, Athenry	2-2 to 1-3	Cora Hennessy
1978	Pres, Athenry	Loreto, Coleraine	2-3 to 2-2	Anne Poniard
1979	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	Pres, Athenry	3-3 to 1-3	Majella Hallinan
1980	North Pres, Cork	Assumption, Walkinstown	4-7 to 1-1	Imelda Cronin
1981	St. Patrick's, Cork	Assumption, Walkinstown	1-3 to 0-5	Ann O' Mahony
1982	St. Patrick's, Shannon	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	1-7 to 1-4	Caroline O' Meara
1983	St. John Of God-Artane	St. Patrick's, Cork	2-6 to 2-1	Adele Campbell
1984	Maryfield, Dublin	North Pres, Cork	2-5 to 0-5	Roisin Brady
1985	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	St. Patrick's, Cork	4-7 to 3-3	Deirdre Costello
1986	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	FCJ Bunclody	3-5 to 0-4	Angela Cooney
1987	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	St. Mary's, Charleville	3-8 to 0-4	Brid Stratford
1988	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	FCJ Bunclody	2-13 to 1-5	Imelda Hobbins
1989	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	St. Patrick's, Keady	5-9 to 2-10	Triona Dolphin
1990	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	3-11 to 2-0	Imelda Maher
1991	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	Vocational, Thomastown	3-6 to 0-0	Siobhán Keane
1992	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	St. Brigid's, Callan	7-7 to 2-4	Pamela Nevin
1993	St. Brigid's, Callan	St. Mary's, Charleville	3-7 to 1-2	Sinéad Millea
1994	St. Mary's, Nenagh	St. Patrick's, Maghera	1-10 to 1-2	Noelle Kennedy
1995	Pres. Kilkenny	St. Mary's, Charleville	3-4 to 2-4	Deirdre Phelan
1996	St. Mary's, Charleville	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	1-15 to 3-3	Deirdre Sheehan
1997	St. Mary's, Charleville	St. Brigid's, Loughrea	2-16 to 4-2	Vera Sheehan
1998	St. Mary's, Charleville	Coláiste Bride	1-11 to 1-4	Sinéad Callaghan
1999	St. Mary's, Charleville	Coláiste Bride	3-10 to 0-5	Caoimhe Harrington
2000	St. Mary's, Nenagh	Seamount, Kinvara	3-6 to 0-7	Mary Rose Ryan
2001	St. Mary's, Charleville	Loreto, Kilkenny	4-7 to 0-3	Niamh Bowles
2002	St. Mary's, Charleville	Portumna Community	4-16 to 1-9	Aine Kelleher
2003	Coláiste Bride	St. Patrick's, Maghera	5-7 to 0-3	Ciara O' Connor
2004	Coláiste Bride	St. Mary's, Charleville	0-8 to 0-8	
Replay	Coláiste Bride	St. Mary's, Charleville	3-7 to 2-4	Ursula Jacob
2005	Coláiste Bride	St. Mary's, Charleville	1-8 to 2-3	Bronagh Furlong
2006	St. Mary's, Charleville	Pres, Athenry	2-5 to 2-5	
	Replay		1-9 to 0-4	Mary Coleman

ALL IRELAND COLLEGES SENIOR B CHAMPIONSHIP

Year	Winner	Runners Up	Score	Winning Captain
1999	Sacred Heart, Clonakilty	Kilcormac Vocational	3-13 to 2-5	Geraldine Collins
2000	St. Patrick's, Shannon	St. Cuan's, Castleblaney	3-5 to 1-0	Siobhán Kelly
2001	St. Brigid's, Callan	Mercy, Woodford	2-5 to 1-4	Aoife Tracy
2002	Mercy, Waterford	Scoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe	2-8 to 1-5	Mairéad Murphy
2003	Coachford College	Pres, Athenry	1-5 to 0-7	Joan Twomey
2004	St. Rynagh's, Banagher	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	2-7 to 0-7	Susan Earner
2005	Mercy, Woodford	Ursuline's, Thurles	2-6 to 0-5	Phylis Hayes
2006	St. Fergal's, Rathdowney	St. Patrick's, Keady	2-9 to 2-4	Eimear Delaney

ALL IRELAND COLLEGES SENIOR C CHAMPIONSHIP

2006	Coláiste Choilm, Ballincollig	Gort Community School	1-6 to 1-2	Maria O' Donoghue

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St. MARY'S, MAGHERAFELT

Scoil Mhuire, Machaire Feilte

Navy & Sky Blue

1.	Natasha McEldowney	Ballinascreen
2.	Danielle McCrystal	Glen
3.	Aileen McCusker	Ballinderry
4.	Sarah Lennon	Kildress
5.	Eimear Laverty	Creggane
6.	Christine McKenna	Ballinascreen
7.	Niamh Doyle	Ballinderry
8.	Attracta McPeake	Lavey
9.	Cathy Carey	Creggan
10.	Sarah O'Kane	Ballinascreen
11.	Keelin Bradley	Greenlough
12.	Michaela Convery [C]	Randalstown
13.	Eimear McKenna	Ballinascreen
14.	Sinead McLaughlin	Magherafelt
15.	Eleanor Mallon	Creggan

Subs:

16.	Claire Laverty	Creggan
17.	Aileen Kearney	Portglenone
18.	Roisin O'Boyle	Creggan
19.	Ciara O'Kane	Ballinascreen
20.	Aileen McIvor	Ballinascreen
21.	Roisin O'Kane	Ballinascreen
22.	Leona Quinn	Swatragh
23.	Eimear Donaghy	Portglenone
24.	Caoimhe Toner	Magherafelt
25.	Cailin Quinn	Newbridge
26.	Eimear Murphy	Lavey
27.	Louise Breen	Ballinascreen
28.	Janine McNeill	Newbridge
29.	Laura Quinn	Swatragh
30.	Niamh Clayton	Magherafelt
31.	Sarah Louise Henry	Greenlough

Selectors:
Orla Donnelly
Raymond Kennedy

Pen Pictures: St. Mary's Grammar School, Magherafelt Senior Camogie Panel

NATASHA MCELDOWNEY (Ballinascreen) 5 Ulster Colleges Medals, Ulster Colleges All Star '06, 1 All Ireland Feile Medal, 1 Derry U-14 Championship and League, U-14 Ulster Medal, 2 U-16 Derry Championship & League, 2 U-18 Championship & League
DANIELLE MCCRYSTAL (Glen) 5 Ulster Colleges medals, U16 B League medal, U-16 All Ireland 'B' championship, U16 B Championship
AILEEN MCCUSKER (Ballinderry) 10 Ulster Colleges Medals, Ulster U-14 Championship, U-14, 16, 18 County League and Championship Medals
SARAH LENNON (Kildress) 6 Ulster Colleges Medals
EIMEAR LAVERTY (Creggan) 5 Ulster Colleges Medals, 1 U-16 All Ireland Minor 'B' Championship Medal, 1 U-16 Ulster Championship Medal, 1 Antrim Junior Championship, 1 Antrim Div3 League
CHRISTINE MCKENNA (Ballinascreen) 3 Ulster Colleges Medals, 1 All Ireland Feile Medal, 3 U-14 Championship and League Medals, 2 Derry Feile Medals, 3 U-14 County Football Championship Medals
NIAMH DOYLE (Ballinderry) 5 Ulster Colleges Medals, 1 U16 Ulster Championship Medal, 1 U16 County Championship and League Medal, 1 U18 County Championship Medal
ATTRACTA MCPEAKE (Lavey) 2 Ulster Colleges Medals, 1 U-16 County Championship Medal, Senior County Championship and League Medals, Ulster Colleges All Star '06
CATHY CAREY (Creggan) 7 Ulster Colleges Medals, Antrim Junior Championship and League, U16A and B Ulster Championship, U18 Ulster Championship
SARAH O'KANE (Ballinascreen) 1 Ulster Colleges Medal, 1 All Ireland Feile Medal, 1 Derry U-14 Championship and League, U-14 Ulster Medal, 2 U-16 Derry Championship & League, 2 U-18 Championship & league, 1 Senior Derry Championship & League
KEELIN BRADLEY (Greenlough) 8 Ulster Colleges Medals, 1 U-16 All Ireland 'B' Championship, Player of the Match in All Ireland
MICHAELA CONVERY (Randalstown) 5 Ulster Colleges Medals, Ulster Colleges All Star '04/ '06, 1 U-16 All Ireland Minor 'B' Championship Medal, U-16, 18 County League and Championship Medals.
EIMEAR MCKENNA (Ballinascreen) 10 Ulster Colleges Medals, 1 All Ireland Feile Medal, 2 U-14, 2 U-16, 2 U-18 Derry championship and league, 1 Intermediate Camogie Championship and League 2 Derry Feile Medals, 1 All-Ireland U16 'B' Championship Medal 2006
SINEAD MCLAUGHLIN (Magherafelt) 4 Ulster Colleges Medals, 2 Junior County Championships and 1 County League Medal
ELEANOR MALLON (Creggan) 6 Ulster Colleges Medals, U-16 Ulster Championship, 1 Antrim Junior Championship, 1 Antrim Div 3 League
CLARE LAVERTY (Creggan) 5 Ulster Colleges Medals, 1 U-16 All Ireland Minor 'B' Championship Medal, 1 U-16 Ulster Championship Medal, 1 Antrim Junior Championship, 1 Antrim Div3 League.
AILEEN KEARNEY (Portglenone) 3 Ulster Colleges Medal
ROISIN O'BOYLE (Creggan) 6 Ulster Colleges Medals, U-16 All-Ireland Minor 'B' Championship Medal, 2 U-16 Ulster Championship Medal, Antrim Junior Championship and League, U18 Ulster Championship
CIARA O'KANE (Ballinascreen) 8 Ulster Colleges Medals, 1 U-14 All-Ireland Feile Medal, 2 Derry Feiles, 2 Derry U-14 Championship and League, U-14 Ulster Medal, 2 U-16 Derry Championship and League, 2 U-18 Derry championship and league, U-16 All Ireland 'B' championship
AILEEN MCIVOR (Ballinascreen) 4 Ulster Colleges Medals, 1 U-14 All-Ireland Feile Medal, 1 Derry U-14 Championship and League, U-14 Ulster Medal, 2 U-16 Derry Championship and League, 2 U-18 Derry championship and league
ROISIN O'KANE (Ballinascreen) 6 Ulster Colleges Medals, 1 All Ireland Feile Medal, 2 Derry feiles, 2 U-12 and U-14 County Championship and League Medals, 3 U-14 County Football Championship Medals 2 U-16 Derry Championship and League, 2 U-18 Derry championship and league, U-16 All Ireland 'B' championship
LEONA QUINN (Swatragh) 4 Ulster Colleges Medals, 1 Senior and Junior Derry Championships and 1 league medal
EIMEAR DONAGHY (Portglenone) 6 Ulster Colleges Medals, U16 Ulster Championship
CAOIMHE TONER (Magherafelt) 3 Ulster Colleges Medals, 1 Junior County Championship and 1 League Medal
CAILIN QUINN (Newbridge) 5 Ulster Colleges Medals
EIMEAR MURPHY (Lavey) 6 Ulster Colleges Medals, 1 Junior and 1 Intermediate County Championship
LOUISE BREEN (Ballinascreen) 2 Ulster Colleges Medals
JANINE MCNEILL (Newbridge) 2 Ulster Colleges Medals, 1 U-12 County League Medal
LAURA QUINN (Swatragh) 4 Ulster Colleges Medals, 1 Junior Club Championship
NIAMH CLAYTON (Magherafelt) 1 Ulster Colleges Medal
SARAH LOUISE HENRY (Greenlough) 3 Ulster Colleges Medal, U-16 All Ireland 'B' Championship

The **All Ireland Post Primary Committee** consists of Donal Burke, President (Connaught), Noelle O' Driscoll, Vice President (Leinster), Prionsias Creedon, Runaí (Munster), Caitríona Scott, Treasurer (Ulster), Colette Kennedy, Árdchomhairle delegate (Connaught), Ann Marie Bateson, Registrar (Ulster), Jennifer Steede, PRO (Leinster), Vince Harrington, Trophies (Munster) and Paul Beecher, Ref Liaison (Leinster).

PRESENTATION, ATHENRY

Coláiste na Toirbhirthe, Béal Áth an Rí

Maroon

1.	Deirdre Ward	Athenry
2.	Rachel Waldron	Athenry
3.	Katie 0'Dwyer	Athenry
4.	Alison Healy	Athenry
5.	Louise Callanan	Clarinbridge
6.	Jessica Gill	Athenry
7.	Ciara Kennedy	Killimordaly
8.	Lorraine Ryan	Killimordaly
9.	Darina Ryan [C]	Killimordaly
10.	Meave Carr	Athenry
11.	Stefanie O'Dwyer	Athenry
12.	Noreen Coen	Athenry
13.	Laura Walshe	Turloughmore
14.	Roisin Walshe	Killimordaly
15.	Laura Loughnane	Athenry
16.	Aine Seoighe	Athenry
17.	Emma Rourke	Craughwell
18.	Kayla Hallissey	Athenry
19.	Aisling Melia	Athenry
20.	Fabienne Cooney	Craughwell
21.	Rachel Kenny	Craughwell
22.	Deirdre Fahy	Turloughmore
23.	Jacqueline Caulfield	Athenry
24.	Raychel Kelly	Craughwell

Selectors:
Eoin McGillycuddy
Caroline Carr
Aoife Lynskey

Pen Pictures: Presentation, Athenry Senior Camogie Panel

Deirdre Ward – Athenry The voice between the posts! She hasn't conceded any goal this year so don't try her. Hero in the Connacht final with some outstanding saves
Rachel Waldron – Athenry Has been playing consistently well all year, she is a skilled player with a precise touch
Katie 0' Dwyer – Athenry. The best eye for a ball on the pitch, she would catch hot coals! She has been performing superbly all season
Alison Healy – Athenry A very talented young player, full of determination and will. Her effort is second to none
Louise Callanan – Clarinbridge She is a fantastic marker and a difficult player to attack against. Has excelled at wing back all year. Work rate and pace are remarkable
Jessica Gill – Athenry An extraordinary player. Has had an amazing year at centre back. Inspirational team member, unmistakable talent
Ciara Kennedy – Killimordaly. Has been playing tremendously at wing back all year. She is brimming with drive and top class work rate
Lorraine Ryan – Killimordaly Performing at an exceptional level all year. She has a courageous determination and enduring work rate
Darina Ryan [C] – Killimordaly. Natural leader and inspiration to all the players on the team. She works tirelessly up and down the field
Meave Carr – Athenry. Has been playing with an infectious enthusiasm all year, she has a first class work rate and drive
Stefanie O'Dwyer – Athenry. Has a motivational presence on the pitch. She has a determined attitude and an instinctive talent on the ball
Noreen Coen – Athenry. Ingenious player. Has a natural ability to read a game. A sharp-shooter & moves with pace and accuracy
Laura Walshe – Turloughmore. She has a powerful shot and an inspiring sense of position, she is very accurate in front of goal
Roisin Walshe – Killimordaly. New to the panel this year, she has performed well in full forward. She is a promising player for the future
Laura Loughnane - Athenry A tremendous work rate and plays with a great enthusiasm for the game & has impressive instinct & touch
Aine Seoighe – Athenry. She is a fantastic athlete and a brilliant competitor, has been very effective when introduced
Emma Rourke – Craughwell. A very committed player, possesses a strong sense of drive in her game. Very impressive when introduced
Kayla Hallissey – Athenry Mighty dedication all year, immense drive and ambition
Aisling Melia – Athenry Great loyalty all year, a young talent with a promising future
Fabienne Cooney – Craughwell. A dedicated new member of the team, she is a young talented athlete with a bright future in the game
Rachel Kenny – Craughwell. A new member of the team this year, she has showed immense talent with impressive drive
Deirdre Fahy - Turloughmore. She has been a prominent member of the team all year and showed limitless ambition and determination
Jacqueline Caulfield – Athenry. She has been a dedicated member of the team all year, a promising talent for the future
Raychel Kelly – Craughwell. Just back from injury, has made a huge effort all year and showed great will power to return so swiftly

Pen Pictures: Carrig On Suir Senior Camogie Panel

Elaine Kenny Has followed in her brothers' footsteps in winning All-Ireland medals at underage for Kilkenny. She can play in goal or in attack and also plays soccer and Gaelic football to a high standard.
Julie Walsh Coming from a keen sporting family. Julie is a tight marker. She maintains her concentration for the full game a stalwart defender. Handball is among Julie's other hobbies.
Carol McCarthy Is a senior member of the team. Teak tough and a good ball player Carol is an intelligent fullback.
Leanne Long Steeped in G A A, Leanne is one of four cousins on the team. On her day Leanne is a match-winner. Her hurley is like a magnet for the sliotar.
Miriam Long May be the joker in the pack but she takes her camogie seriously. She is a leader and motivator.
Karen Duggan Gifted at any sport she tries, Karen has played soccer for her county. In Brian Corcoran Parlance Karen is our "silent pig". Karen has played camogie at under 16 level for Kilkenny.
Claire Moore Claire used to be our most under-rated player but her displays this year have brought her into the limelight. A keen badminton player, Claire has also played handball to All-Ireland standard.
Lisa Phelan [C]. Lisa is consistency personified. She has represented her beloved Kilkenny at underage for several years. Camogie apart, Lisa excels at Gaelic football and handball as well.
Charlene Norris Has matured into a fine midfield player this year. She has played for Kilkenny under 16 and is a very dedicated player.
Sinead Long Sister to Miriam is an all round athlete. Winner of sports person of the year and county camogie player under 14 and 16. Extremely fit Sinead can do a job in any position on the field.
Rachel Waters. The only Tipperary girl on the team Rachel inherits her talent from her grandfather who was a former Tipperary great. Tough and versatile, it is hard to believe Rachel is only fifteen.
Georgina Culleton Has impressed everyone who has seen her play this year. She loves her sport, representing Kilkenny under 14 at camogie and Munster soccer.
Nicola Moore Sister to Claire, Nicola enjoys handball and badminton as well as camogie. Quiet and capable she has played for Kilkenny in defence but here she features in attack.
Katie Power A class act Katie has among her achievements under 16 & under 18 All-Ireland medals and she was a member of Kilkenny's senior team last summer.
Nicole Grace Gifted with lightening speed Nicole plays camogie and soccer with club and school.
Fiona Malone Sport, Art, Maths or Science Fiona has it all. An excellent defender, Fiona is reliability personified.
Mary Drennan While concentrating on her studies this year, Mary has been a constant presence on camogie teams with club and school for many years.
Lisa Fitzgerald A very popular member of the team. Good humoured and patient she is ready to take her chance when it comes.
Laura Power Has played Gaelic football for club , school and county. This Deise girl has huge potential on camogie fields also.
Emma Dunne Still U16 & has shown herself to be a dangerous and capable forward. Swimming is another of Emma's sporting pursuits.
Nicola Jordan Young and dedicated, Nicola is capable of doing a job in either the fullback or full forward line.
Aisling O'Brien Good humoured and patient Aisling plays camogie and soccer with both school and club.
Eimear Walsh. Has enjoyed this her first year involved in school camogie. She also plays soccer with school and club.
Suzie Phelan. An excellent goalkeeper, unfortunately she can't play today due to an injury. Suzie has played Gaelic Football for Kilkenny. Her other sporting interests include badminton and hand ball.

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CASTLECOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Caisleán an Chomhair

Red, Green, Yellow

1.	Noreen Murphy	Castlecomer
2.	Annette Morrissey	St. Martins
3.	Ann-Marie Walsh	St. Martins
4.	Fiona Morrissey	St. Martins
5.	Joanne Kelly	St. Martins
6.	Noreen O' Keeffe	St. Martins
7.	Nicola Hennessy	St. Martins
8.	Eilish Cantwell	St. Martins
9.	Sinead Murphy	St. Martins
10.	Rosemary Maher	St. Martins
11.	Aideen Dwyer [C]	St. Martins
12.	Hannah Maher	St. Martins
13.	Michelle O' Keeffe	St. Martins
14.	Mariga Nolan	Freshford
15.	Marie Dargan	St. Martins

Subs:

16.	Eimear Mulhall	Lisdowney
17.	Aoife Dwyer	Clonad (Laois)
18.	Aine Walsh	Castlecomer
19.	Joanne Healy	Castlecomer
20.	Denise Comerford	St. Martins
21.	Laura O' Keeffe	St. Martins
22.	Maeve Mansfield	St. Martins
23.	Emma Brophy	Lisdowney
24.	Orlaith Walsh	Castlecomer
25.	Aisling Cass	Freshford
26.	Lorraine Cass	Freshford
27.	Mary-Rose Lyng	St. Martins
28.	Aisling Brennan	St. Martins
29.	Mairead Daly	St. Martins
30.	Michelle Maher	St. Martins
31.	Marion Healy	Castlecomer
32.	Emma Baldwin	St. Martins
33.	Aileen Cass	Conahy Shamrocks
34.	Paula Murphy	St. Martin's
35.	Aisling Ryan	St. Martin's
36.	Fiona Quirke	St. Martin's

Selectors:
Ted Browne, Deirdre Coonan, Eleanor Walsh, Terence Fahy

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Scoil Mhuire, An tAonach

Blue & Red

1.	Aisling Wheelan	Toomevara
2.	Martina Gleeson	Silvermines
3.	Sinéad Quinlan	Burgess
4.	laura Green	Silvermines
5.	Emma Louise Coffey	Toomevara
6.	Geraldine Stapleton	Silvermines
7.	Laura Power	Silvermines
8.	Fiona Kennedy	Silvermines
9.	Cliona Ryan	Moneygall
10.	Caitriona Kennedy	Silvermines
11.	Bonnie Kennedy	Toomevara
12.	Amy Kennedy	Burgess
13.	Ciara Ryan	Silvermines
14.	Aoife McLoughney [C]	Shannon Rovers
15.	Orla Williams	Kilruane

Subs:

16.	Patricia Sutton	Moneygall
17.	Mairéad Devaney	Toomevara
18.	Laura Reid	Burgess
19.	Anna Marie Quigley	Toomevara
20.	Lisa Shoer	Kilruane
21.	Lorna Bergin	Moneygall
22.	Elisha Slattery	Silvermines
23.	Hazel Harty	Toomevara
24.	Nicole Whelan	Toomevara

Selectors:
Ger Dullea

Pen Pictures: Castlecomer CS Camogie Panel

Noreen Murphy – Castlecomer. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, Lein. Junior Football, All-Ire 7 a-side A. Fav. Player - Sinead Millea.
Annette Morrissey - St. Martins. Lein. Sen. Colleges B. U16/18 A club Co. Champs. All Ire 7 a-side A. Fav. Player - Shefflin.
Ann-Marie Walsh - St. Martins. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, U16 A InterCo. All-Ire '06. U16/18 A Club Co. Champs. Fav. Player - Noel Hickey.
Fiona Morrissey - St. Martins. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, U16/18 A club Co. Champs, U14 InterCo. Lein. 2005. Fav. Player - Shefflin.
Joanne Kelly - St. Martins. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, U16/18 A club Co. Champs, All Ire 7 a-side A. Fav. Player - Henry Shefflin.
Noreen O' Keeffe - St. Martins. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, U16/18 A InterCo. All Ire '05/'06. U16/18 A club Co. Champs. Fav. Player - Eoin Kelly.
Nicola Hennessy - St. Martins. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, U16/18 A club Co. Champs, U14 InterCo. Lein. 2005. Fav. Player - Noel Hickey.**Eilish Cantwell - St. Martins.** Lein. Sen. Colleges B, U16/18 A InterCo. All Ire 2005/2006. U16/18 A club Co. Champs. Fav. Player - Jerry O Connor.
Sinead Murphy - St. Martins. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, U16/18 A club Co. Champs, All Ire 7 a-side A. Fav. Player - Dan Shanahan.
Rosemary Maher - St. Martins. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, U16/18 A club Co. Champs, All Ire 7 a-side A. Fav. Player - John Maher.
Aideen Dwyer - St. Martins. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, U18 A club Co. Champs, U18 A InterCo. Lein. final '06. Fav. Player - Noel Hickey.
Hannah Maher - St. Martins. Lein. Sen. Colleges B. U18 A club Co. Champs, U18 A InterCo. Lein. final 2006. Fav. Player - Cha Fitz
Michelle O' Keeffe - St. Martins. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, U16/18 A club Co. Champs, All Ire 7 a-side A. Fav. Player - Cha Fitzpatrick.
Mariga Nolan – Freshford. Lein. Sen. Coll B, 2 Sen. club All Ire titles, U16/18 A InterCo. All Ire '05/'06. U14/16/21 club Co. Champs. Fav. Player - Noel Hickey.
Marie Dargan - St. Martins. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, Young Player of the year 2006. U16/18 A InterCo. All Ire 2005/2006. Fav. Player - Ann Downey.
Eimear Mulhall – Lisdowney. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, U14 InterCo. Lein. 2005, All - Ire 7 a-side A. Fav. Player - Cha Fitzpatrick.
Aoife Dwyer - Clonad (Laois). Lein. Sen. Colleges B, Fav. Player - JJ Delaney.
Aine Walsh – Castlecomer. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, Fav. Player - Henry Shefflin.
Joanne Healy – Castlecomer. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, Fav. Player - JJ Delaney.
Denise Comerford - St Martins. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, U16/18 A club Co. Champs, Fav. Player - Henry Shefflin.
Laura O' Keeffe - St Martins. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, U16/18 A club Co. Champs, Fav. Player - Henry Shefflin.
Maeve Mansfield - St Martins. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, U14 InterCo. Lein. final 2006, Fav. Player - Henry Shefflin.
Emma Brophy – Lisdowney. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, U14 InterCo. Lein. final 2006, Fav. Player - Henry Shefflin.
Orlaith Walsh – Castlecomer. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, Fav. Player - Tommy Walsh.
Aisling Cass – Freshford. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, Two Sen. club All-Ire titles. All-Ire 7 a-side A. Fav. Player - JJ Delaney.
Lorraine Cass – Freshford. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, Two Sen. club All-Ire titles, All-Ire 7 a-side A. Fav. Player - Derek Lyng.
Mary- Rose Lyng - St Martins. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, U16/18 A club Co. Champs. Fav. Player - Henry Shefflin.
Aisling Brennan - St Martins. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, U16 club Co. finalists 2006, Fav. Player - Henry Shefflin.
Mairead Daly - St Martins. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, Fav. Player - Cha Fitzpatrick.
Michelle Maher - St Martins. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, U16 A club Co. Champs, Fav. Player - TJ Reid.
Marion Healy – Castlecomer. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, Fav. Player - Henry Shefflin.
Emma Baldwin - St Martins. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, Fav. Player - JJ Delaney.
Aileen Cass - Conahy Shamrocks. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, Fav. Player - Tommy Walsh.
Paula Murphy - St Martins. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, Fav. Player - Henry Shefflin.
Aisling Ryan – St. Martin's. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, Fav. Player - Tommy Walsh.
Fiona Quirke - St Martins. Lein. Sen. Colleges B, Fav. Player - Henry Shefflin.

Pen Pictures: St. Mary's, Nenagh Senior Camogie Panel

Aisling Wheelan – Toomevara. Mun. Sen. B. 4 Co. Medals, 4 league medals, 2 Mun schools.
Martina Gleeson – Silvermines. Mun. Sen. B. Many Co. League & Champ medals.
Sinéad Quinlan – Burgess. Mun. Sen. B. Many Co. League & Champ medals.
Laura Green – Silvermines. Mun. Sen. B. Many Co. League & Champ medals.
Emma Louise Coffey – Toomevara. Mun. Sen. B. Many Co. League & Champ medals.
Geraldine Stapleton – Silvermines. Mun. Sen. B. Many Co. League & Champ medals.
Laura Power – Silvermines. Mun. Sen. B. Many Co. League & Champ medals.
Fiona Kennedy – Silvermines. Mun. Sen. B. Many Co. League & Champ medals. Munster Panel '07
Cliona Ryan – Moneygall. Mun. Sen. B. Int. Co. Champ '05, Co. U16 '05, Schools Co. U15.
Caitriona Kennedy – Silvermines. Mun. Sen. B. Many Co. League & Champ medals.
Bonnie Kennedy – Toomevara. Mun. Sen. B. Many Co. League & Champ medals. Dangerous forward.
Amy Kennedy – Burgess. Mun. Sen. B. Many Co. League & Champ medals.
Ciara Ryan – Silvermines. Mun. Sen. B. Many Co. League & Champ medals.
Aoife McLoughney [C] - Shannon Rovers. 6 Co. Champs, 3 Co. League, Jun A plate '03. Munster Tipp Minor medal '05, Munster Colleges Panel '06 & '07.Young player of year nomination '05. Very useful forward to have!
Orla Williams – Kilruane. Mun. Sen. B. Many Co. League & Champ medals.
Patricia Sutton – Moneygall. Munster Senior B.
Mairéad Devaney – Toomevara. Mun. Sen. B. Many Co. League & Champ medals.
Laura Reid – Burgess. Mun. Sen. B. Many Co. League & Champ medals.
Anna Marie Quigley – Toomevara. Mun. Sen. B. Many Co. League & Champ medals.
Lisa Shoer – Kilruane. Mun. Sen. B. Many Co. League & Champ medals.
Lorna Bergin – Moneygall. Mun. Sen. B. 1st & 2nd Yr Co. Schools. Club Senior B.
Elisha Slattery – Silvermines. Mun. Sen. B. Many Co. League & Champ medals.
Hazel Harty – Toomevara. Mun. Sen. B. Many Co. League & Champ medals.
Nicole Whelan – Toomevara. Mun. Sen. B. Many Co. League & Champ medals.

Pen Pictures: St. Brendan's, Birr Senior Camogie Panel

Grainne Hegan [C] - Naomh Brid. Lein. Sen Schools Champ '07, U16 & U18 Schools Co. Champ '06. Junior Champ. Fav. Player: Jovita Delaney (Tipperary). Career: Science
Kate Ryan – Birr. Lein. Sen Schools Champ '07, U18 schools Co. Champ '06, U16 Lein. & All-Ireland Champ, Junior & U16 Champ. Fav. Player: Jovita Delaney (Tipperary). Career: Science
Grace Ryan – Birr. Lein. Sen Schools Champ '07, U18 & U16 Co. schools cham '06, Junior & U14 Co. Champ. Fav. Player: Sheila Sullivan (Offaly). Career: Teacher.
Maura Ryan – Birr. Lein. Sen Schools Champ '07. Fav. Player: Brid Corcoran (Cork). Career: Garda.
Mairead Dooley - Seir Keiran. Lein. Sen Schools Champ '07, U16 Hurling Co. finalist '06. Fav. Player: Angela Downey (Kilkenny). Career: Teacher
Leanne Scully – Kinnitty. Lein. Sen Schools Champ '07, U18 Co. schools cham '06, U16 Lein. & All-Ireland Champ, U14 Lein. Champ, U16, U14 & U12 Co. Champ, All-Ireland Feile Finalists '99/'00. Fav. Player: Brid Corcoran (Cork). Career: Teacher
Roisin Coughlan – Kinnitty. Lein. Sen Schools Champ '07, U18 & U16 Co. schools cham '06, U12, U14 & U16 Co. Champ, Feile Finalist '03/'05, U14 Lein. Champ. Fav. Player: Majella Bergin (Offaly). Career: Teacher
Kady McKenna – Birr. Lein. Sen Schools Champ '07, U18 Co. schools cham '06, Junior & U14 Co. Champ, U16 Lein. & All-Ireland Champ. Fav. Player: Sabrina Carroll (Offaly). Career: Performing Arts.
Michelle Nagle - Birr. Lein. Sen Schools Champ '07, U18 Co. schools cham '06, Junior Co. Champ, U16 Offaly athletics champ. Fav. Player: Jennifer O'Leary (Cork). Career: Teacher
Emma Dunne - Kilcormac/Killoughey. Lein. Sen Schools Champ '07, U18 Co. schools cham '06, U16 Co. Champ, Junior School sports person of the year '05 & '06, Fav. Player: Deirdre Hughes (Tipperary). Career: Teacher.
Michelle Gleeson – Birr. Lein. Sen Schools Champ '07, U18 Co. schools cham '06 Junior & U14 Co. Champ, U16 Lein. & All-Ireland Champ. Fav. Player: Eileen O'Brien (Limerick). Career: Sports Therapy
Katie Bergin - Seir Keiran. Lein. Sen Schools Champ '07, U18 Co. schools cham '06, Feile and hurling Champ, School sports person of the year. Fav. Player: Elaine Dermody (Offaly). Career: Teacher
Aoife Corrigan – Kinnitty. Lein. Sen Schools Champ '07, U18 Co. schools cham '06, U12, U14, U16 Co. Champ, U16 Lein. & All-Ireland Champ, Lein. U14 Champ, Feile Finalist '99, '00. Fav. Player: Majella Bergin (Offaly). Career: Business
Bebhinn Kennedy - Lorrha. Lein. Sen Schools Champ '07, U18 Co. schools cham '06 U16 Football Co. Champ, Junior Champ. Fav. Player: Briege Corkery (Cork). Career: Teacher.
Mary Teehan - Naomh Brid. Lein. Sen Schools Champ '07, U18 & U16 Co. schools cham '06, Lein. U14 Schools Champ. Fav. Player: Angela Downey (Kilkenny). Career: Teacher.
Mary Hogan – Lorrha. Lein. Sen Schools Champ '07, U18 & U16 Co. schools cham '06, Junior Champ, U16 Football Champ, U14 Hurling Champ. Fav. Player: Jovita Delaney (Tipperary). Career: Garda.
Caoimhe Kennedy - Lorrha. Lein. Sen Schools Champ '07, U18 & U16 Co. schools cham '06, Junior Champ, U16 Football Champ. Fav. Player: Noelle Kennedy (Tipperary). Career: Teacher.
Eimear O'Meara – Birr. Lein. Sen Schools Champ '07, Junior Co. Champ. Fav. Player: Ann Downey (Kilkenny). Career: Teacher.
Shauna Walsh – Birr. Lein. Sen Schools Champ '07, U18 & U16 Co. schools cham '06 Junior & U14 Co. Champ. Fav. Player: Jovita Delaney (Tipperary). Career: Management.
Julie Stephens – Birr. Lein. Sen Schools Champ '07, U14 & U16 Co. schools cham '06, Junior Co. Champ, U14 Lein. Champ. Fav. Player: Ciara Gaynor (Tipperary). Career: Teacher.
Sarah Pilkington – Birr. Lein. Sen Schools Champ '07, U14 & U16 Co. schools cham '06, Junior Co. Champ, U14 Lein. Champ. Fav. Player: Philly Fogarty (Tipperary). Career: Teacher.
Niamh Scully – Kinnitty. Lein. Sen Schools Champ '07, U14 & U16 Co. schools cham '06, Junior Co. Champ, U14 Lein. Champ, U12, U14 Co. Champ, Feile Finalist '03, '05. Fav. Player: Claire Grogan (Tipperary). Career: Speech Therapy
Angela Ryan – Birr. Lein. Sen Schools Champ '07, U14 & U16 Co. schools cham '06, U14 Co. Champ, U14 Lein. Champ. Fav. Player: Brid Corkery (Cork). Career: Architect.
Jane McCarthy – Birr. Lein. Sen Schools Champ '07, U14 & U16 Co. schools cham '06, Junior Co. Champ, U14 Lein. Champ. Fav. Player: Ciara Gaynor (Tipperary). Career: Teacher.
Siobhan Rogers – Birr. Lein. Sen Schools Champ '07, U14 & U16 Co. schools cham '06, Junior Co. Champ, U14 Lein. Champ. Fav. Player: Deirdre Hughes (Tipperary). Career: Teacher.
Jane Ryan – Birr. Lein. Sen Schools Champ '07, U14 & U16 Co. schools cham '06 Junior Co. Champ, U14 Lein. Champ. Fav. Player: Deirdre Hughes (Tipperary). Career: Teacher.
Ronan Harding – Lorrha. Former Tipperary Minor & U21 star.
Sabrina Carroll – Tullamore. Current Offaly player with Katie Bergin and Michelle Gleeson

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St. Mary's, Nenagh – Senior B Finalist 2007



Carrig On Suir – Senior C Finalist 2007



Castlecomer Community School – Senior B Finalist 2007



St. Brendan's, Birr – Senior C Finalist 2007



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GREENHILL, CARRIG ON SUIR
Scoil Mhuire, Carraig na Siúire

Green & White

1.	Elaine Kenny	Piltown
2.	Julie Walsh	Windgap
3.	Carol McCarthy [Vc]	Piltown
4.	Leanne Long	Piltown
5.	Miriam Long	Piltown
6.	Karen Duggan	Piltown
7.	Claire Moore	Windgap
8.	Lisa Phelan [C]	Windgap
9.	Charlene Norris	Piltown
10.	Sinead Long	Piltown
11.	Rachel Waters	Carrick Swans
12.	Georgina Culleton	Piltown
13.	Nicola Moore	Windgap
14.	Katie Power	Piltown
15.	Nicole Grace	Piltown

Subs:

16.	Fiona Malone	Piltown
17.	Mary Drennan	Piltown
18.	Lisa Fitzgerald	Piltown
19.	Laura Power	Rathgormack
20.	Emma Dunne	Piltown
21.	Nicola Jordan	Piltown
22.	Aisling O Brien	Piltown
23.	Eimear Walsh	Piltown
24.	Suzie Phelan	Windgap

Selectors:
Linda McMahon
Brendan O Dwyer.

St. BRENDAN'S CS, BIRR
Pobalscoil Naomh Breandáin, Biorra

White & Maroon

1.	Kate Ryan	Birr
2.	Grace Ryan	Birr
3.	Maura Ryan	Birr
4.	Gráinne Hogan [C]	Naomh Brid
5.	Mairéad Dooley	Seir Keiran
6.	Leanne Scully	Kinnity
7.	Roisín Coughlan	Kinnity
8.	Kady McKenna	Birr
9.	Michelle Nagle	Birr
10.	Emma Dunne	Kilcormac/Killoughey
11.	Michelle Gleeson	Birr
12.	Katie Bergin	Seir Keiran
13.	Aoife Corrigan	Kinnity
14.	Bebhinn Kennedy	Lorrha
15.	Mary Teehan	Naomh Brid
16.	Mary Hogan	Lorrha
18.	Caoimhe Kennedy	Lorrha
19.	Eimear O'Meara	Birr
20.	Julie Stephens	Birr
21.	Shauna Walsh	Birr
22.	Megan Parsons	Birr
23.	Niamh Scully	Kinnity
24.	Angela Ryan	Birr
25.	Sarah Pilkington	Birr
26.	Jane Ryan	Birr
27.	Jane McCarthy	Birr
28.	Siobhan Rogers	Birr

Selectors:
Ronan Harding
Sabrina Carroll

All-Ireland colleges report

(2007-03-11)

CAPTAIN Convery was the St.Mary's Magherafelt hero with the levelling point two minutes into injury time in the Colleges All-Ireland senior 'A' All-Ireland Final which finished on a draw St.Mary's 0-11, Presentation College Athenry 3-2.

Seeking their first senior All-Ireland title since 1978 Athenry got off to a dream start with a Noreen Coen goal within the opening minute. However, the Ulster champions who were appearing in their first ever All-Ireland senior final were not just there to make up the numbers and by the break they were just one point behind 0-6 to Athenry's 2-1, the second Athenry goal having come from close in from corner forward Laura Loughnane who despite a very crowded square managed to stick the sliotar to the Magherafelt net midway.

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Going in at the break the Galway champions may have wondered if they had made enough use of the strong gale as immediately after the restart St.Mary's full-forward Sinéad Mc Loughlin sent over two points within the first seven minutes and so for the first time in the game the Ulster girls were in the lead but not for long as a minute later Athenry's Noreen Coen sent over her side's only point of the second half - a free.

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Then it was Magherafelt's turn, full-forward Sinead Mc Loughlin was goal bound two minutes later but she found a tough and strong goal keeper in Deirdre Ward who brought off a great save for a forty five which Attracta Mc Peake sent over to leave it, St.Mary's 0-9, Athenry 2-2 with just twelve minutes of the half gone. With the wind in their sails now, they added a further point a minute later from Eimear Mc Kenna. Their mentors Orla Donnelly, the Antrim intercounty player and Derry hurler Raymond Kennedy were never short of encouraging their players on the sideline while Galway mentor Eoin Mcgillycuddy was possibly hoping his players could still deliver the goods.

With five minutes remaining it appeared they would indeed bring home the Corn Sceilg to Athenry as Noreen Coen went up to take a close in free, but knowing time was against her she spotted Deidre Ward who had come out of goals earlier and so she passed to her with the result that she in turn smashed the sliotar to the net. They were ahead for the first time in the second half.

Magherafelt's supporters really got behind their team with the result that two minutes into injury time captain Michaela Convery sent over the leveller from almost thirty yards out. It was a fitting result to a very open and entertaining game and so both sides will get another chance on March 24th to decide who will take home the Corn Sceilg.

St Mary's Nenagh recorded their first senior 'B' All-Ireland final victory with a 3-6 to 1-8 win over neighburs Castlecomer Community School. Inspiring captain Aoife Mc Loughney played a vital part scoring 2-4 in all. Meanwhile Scoil Mhuire Carrick on Suir also made it a first All-Ireland 'C' title when they overcame Offaly side St.Brendans 4-9 to 1-4. Kilkenny teen star Katie Power was again sensational for Carrick scoring 1-8 in all.

Despite both Kilkenny players, Marie Dargan and Katie Power having starred for their schools on Saturday they also lined out again for the Cats on Sunday in the National League. Marie was a star player with Castlecomer Community School but sadly lost that game to a stronger Nenagh side. However, the 2006 Young player of the year did make her mark with 0-4 on the score-board. Her fellow county player Katie Power had better success winning her first senior Senior 'C' All-Ireland colleges medal. Her final tally on the day was 1-8 (0-3f)

Colleges All-Ireland Finals:
Senior 'A' Final:
Presentation College Athenry 3-2: N Coen 1-1 (0-1'45), L Laughnane, D Ward 1-0 each, R Walshe 0-1.
St.Mary's Magherafelt 0-11: S Mc Loughlin 0-3, A Mc Peake 0-3 (0-2f, 0-1'45), M Convery 0-2, S O;Kane, K Bradley,E Mc Kenna 0-1 each.

Sen. 'C' Final:
Scoil Mhuire, Carrig on Suir: 4-9, K Power 1-8 (0-3f), N Moore 2-0, G Culleton 1-0, S Long 0-1.
St.Brendans Birr 1-4. A Corrigan 1-2 (0-2f), M Teehan, M Gleeson 0-1 each.

Sen. 'B' Final:
St.Mary's Nenagh 3-6, A Mc Loughney 2-4, O Williams 1-0, C Ryan,M Devaney 0-1 each
Castlecomer Community Sch. 1-8: H Maher 1-1, M Dargan 0-4, M Nolan 0-2,A Dwyer 0-1.

Limerick face litmus test in Cork

Camogie

Máire Ui Scolai

LIMERICK will be hoping for better conditions this Sunday when they take on Cork in Division 1B after their last outing against Galway had to be called off at the last minute.

Camogie has witnessed a new lease of life this year in Limerick since the former star hurler Ciarán Carey took over as manager and the Shannonsiders comfortably won their only game so far against Dublin.

They may well meet stronger opposition in Cork's B team, but, with players of the calibre of half back and All-Star nominee Michelle Casey, forwards Eileen O'Brien and Vera Sheehan, they will give it their best shot. The Rebel B's have played two games, winning by one point against Wexford and convincingly dismissing Tipperary last Sunday.

Only one other League game will go ahead this holiday weekend, the Division 2 encounter between the League winners of last year Clare and Antrim.

Antrim possess one of the game's top class players in Jane Adams who last weekend scored 2-4 in their defeat to Down. Adams will need guarding if Clare are to continue their good start.

Meanwhile, there will be no rest for Dublin and Kilkenny as they will play the Leinster championship semi-final in Dublin. When these two sides met recently in the League only three points seperated the sides in the Cats' favour.



CAMOGIE

SENIOR A COLLEGES
Final: Presentation Athenry 3-2 (N Coen 1-1 (1 '45), L Laughnane, D Ward 1-0 each, R Walshe 0-1) **St Mary's Magherafelt 0-11** (S Mc Loughlin 0-3, A McPeake 0-3 (0-2f, '45), M Convery 0-2, S O'Kane, K Bradley, E McKenna 0-1 each)
C Final: Scoil Mhuire, Carrick on Suir 4-9 (K Power 1-8 (0-3f), N Moore 2-0, G Culleton 1-0, S Long 0-1) **St Brendan's Birr 1-4** (A Corrigan 1-2 (0-2f), M Teehan, M Gleeson 0-1 each)
B Final: St Mary's Nenagh 3-6 (A Mc Loughney 2-4, O Williams 1-0, C Ryan, M Devaney 0-1 each) **Castlecomer CS 1-8** (H Maher 1-1, M Dargan 0-4, M Nolan 0-2, A Dwyer 0-1)

CAMOGIE

All-Ireland Senior A, B & C Senior Camogie College's Finals.
A Final.
PRESENTATION ATHENRY: D Ward; R Waldron, K O'Dwyer, Al Healy; L Callanan, J Gill, C Kennedy; L Ryan, D Ryan (C); M Carr, S O'Dwyer, N Coen; L Walshe, R Walshe, L Loughnane.
ST MARY'S MAGHERAFELT: N McEldowney; D McCrystal, A McCusker, S Lennon; E Laverty, C McKenna, N Doyle; A McPeake, C Carey; S O'Kane, K Bradley, M Convery (C); E McKenna, S McLaughlin, E Mallon.
B Final.
ST MARY'S NENAGH: A Wheelan; M Gleeson, S Quinlan, L Green; E L Coffey, G Stapleton; L Power; F Kennedy, Cliona Ryan; C Kennedy, B Kennedy, A Kennedy, Ciara Ryan, A McLoughney (C), O Williams.
CASTLECOMER CS KILKENNY: N Murphy; A Morrissey, A M Walsh, F Morrissey; J. Kelly, N O'Keeffe, N Hennessy; E Cantwell, S Murphy; R Maher, A Dwyer (C); H Maher; M O' Keeffe, M Nolan, M Dargan.
C Final.
SCOIL MHUIRE CARRICK-ON-SUIR: E Kenny; J Walsh, C McCarthy, L Long; M Long, K Duggan, C Moore; L Phelan; C Norris; S Long; R Waters, G Culleton; N Moore, K Power, N Grace.
ST BRENDAN'S CS BIRR: K Ryan; G Ryan, M Ryan, G Hogan (C); M Dooley, L Scully, R Coughlan; K McKenna, M Nagle; E Dunne, M Gleeson, K Bergin; A Corrigan, B Kennedy, M Teehan.

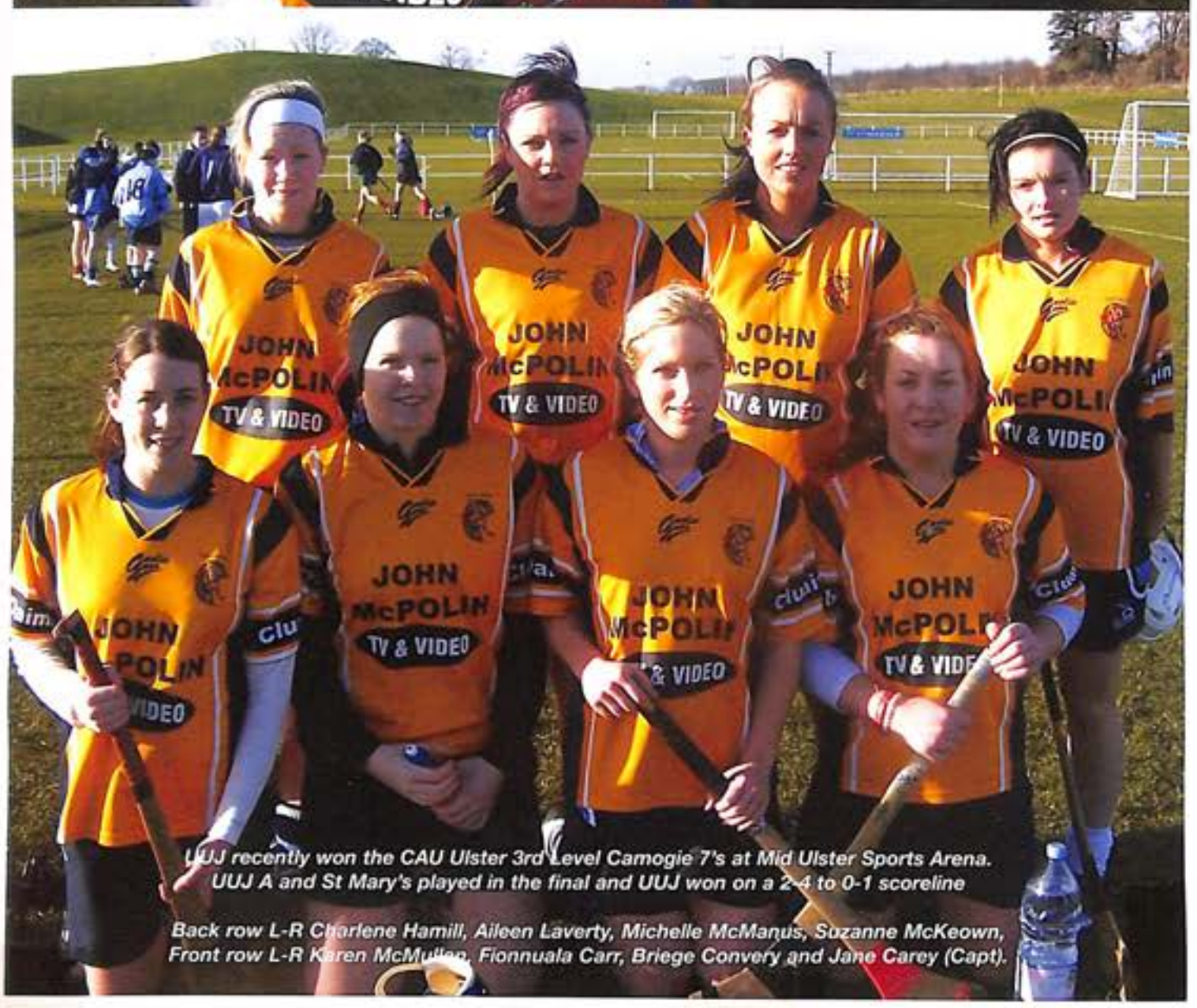
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Nat League, Div 1B: Limerick 1-4: M Keating 1-2 , M Casey 0-2 (0-1f, 0-1'45). Cork 0-6: A Thompson 0-4 (0-2f), C Kearney, S Burns 0-1 each. **Div 2A:** Clare: 4-3: K Rosengrave 3-0, L Linnane 1-0, F Lafferty 0-2 (0-2f), C Mc Mahon 0-1. Antrim: 2-5: E Dowds, A Mc Caul 1-0 each, J Adams 0-3 (0-1f), J Dixon 0-2.
Leinster SC semi-final: Dublin: 2-8: A Jordan 1-6 (0-4f), C Durkan 1-0, J Draper, A Fanning 0-1 each, Kilkenny: 0-6: M Dargan 0-3 (0-3f), M Quilty, K Power, L Lyng 0-1 each. **Ulster JC 1st rd:** Cavan 1-5, Tyrone 2-1
Leinster SC semi-final: Dublin 2-8 Kilkenny 0-8.
Ulster JC Cavan 1-5 Tyrone 2-1.

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Jane Carey (UUJ captain) receiving the trophy from Kevin Kelly camogie Development officer.



UUJ recently won the CAU Ulster 3rd Level Camogie 7's at Mid Ulster Sports Arena. UUJ A and St Mary's played in the final and UUJ won on a 2-4 to 0-1 scoreline

Back row L-R Charlene Hamill, Aileen Laverty, Michelle McManus, Suzanne McKeown, Front row L-R Karen McMullan, Fionnuala Carr, Briege Convery and Jane Carey (Capt).

Coachford in Colleges All-Ireland

MUNSTER Junior B champions Coachford face Dublin outfit St. Dominic's in the All Ireland Colleges Finals next Saturday. St Dominic's are the first Dublin school to contest an Al Ireland since Artane in 1981.

Coachford found the going difficult against Ursuline's, Thurles in their provincial decider, but were surprised by the margin of victory over Mountbellew, Galway in the semi-final. They can call on players of the calibre of Michelle Healy, Laura McCarthy, Emma Kingston, Ciara O'Connor, Ciara O'Keeffe and Rosey O'Mahony, but selector Rita O'Brien expects a close encounter at Nolan Park at 1pm.

In the Junior C final, Colaiste Choilm are hot favourites to defeat Carlow school Bagenalstown at New Inn, Tipperary at 2pm. Cork U16 players Alison Coughlan, Brea O'Callaghan, Aoife McCarthy and Aisleen Sheehan should prove too good for the Leinster champions. Tara Wilson, Laura Bambrick and Emma Staunton played well in their semi-final victory over Ulster side Kilkeel and will hope to cause an upset, although Ballincollig's strategist Hilda Kenneally might plan otherwise.

Portumna meet Loreto, Kilkenny at Drom Inch at 2.30pm and few would begrudge Brendan Williams his first title, given the years of service he has contributed to Leinster camogie. Magherafelt must play Pres, Athenry in the Senior A replay and that promises to be a close affair at Bellturbet, Cavan at 2pm.

Fixtures

Sat. March 24th. 2.30pm at Drom 'n Inch GAA, Thurles.

Junior A Final. Portumna, Galway v Loreto, Kilkenny Ref: Eamonn Brown (Tipp) Sat March 24th. 1pm at Nolan Park, Kilkenny.

Junior B Final. Coachford College, Cork v St. Dominic's, Dublin Ref: Willie Barrett (Tipp) Sat March 24th. 2pm at New Inn, Tipperary.

Junior C Final. Colaiste Choilm, Ballincollig v Pres De La Salle, Bagenalstown. Ref: Eamonn Mansfield (Kilkenny) Sat March 24th. 2pm at Dromlane, Bellturbet, Cavan.

Senior A Final Replay St. Mary's, Magherafelt v Pres, Athenry. Ref: John Pender (Kildare)


Geraldine Stapleton receives two county championship medals (U-18 and Intermediat from Camogie President Liz Howard at the Silvermines Dinner Dance recently. Gerald has been the leading light of St Mary's Secondary School senior team that has reache the All-Ireland Colleges Final. Photograph: Bridget Delaney.

Thurles Camogie Club


Members of the Thurles Camogie club organising committee pictured at a recent presentation of medals to their successful teams. The evening will be featured in this weeks Tipperary Star Weekender. Pictured are: Front row:Clodagh Loughnane, Catherine McCormack, Bernie Dowd. Second row: Amy O'Dowd, Margaret Stakelum, Francis Corbett, Third row:Anne Fogarty, Margaret Skehan, Rear: Louise Lanigan, Jenny Hanafin, Anne-Marie Cullen.

Ulster Colleges' Fr Davies' Cup Final

St. Louis, Ballymena 4-6
St. Patrick's, Dungannon1-0

St. Louis Ballymena have picked up the Fr Davies' Cup for the fifth time in nine seasons, comfortably easing past St. Patrick's Academy Dungannon in the final in Ballinascreen.

Stronger in most areas of the pitch, St. Louis' key players were Lucia Dowds at centre-hall back, the midfielders Brigid Scullion and Sarah McNicholl with the McAleese cousins really pressurising the Academy defence throughout and Katie finishing top-scorer on 1-4.

Dungannon 'keeper Eimear O'Hagan was very busy throughout and pulled off a number of fine saves, while centre-half back Roisin O'Neill also did well.

St. Louis played against the strong breeze in the first half but still managed to control the play, with Katie McAleese finding the net in the opening 10 minutes.

Helena McAllster added a second goal but Dungannon lifted their game with Ursula Corey pulling a goal back soon after. They enjoyed a good spell for the next 10 minutes or so until Julie McFerran rifled home a goal to leave it 3-3 to 1-0 at the break.

Ballymena's expected avalanche of second half scores didn't materialise, but Julie McFerran did fire home a cracking goal around the midway point and fittingly Katie McAleese, the youngest player on the side, fired over the final point for a comprehensive enough victory.

St. Louis Grammar: Brona McIntyre, Joanne McKeever, Aine Sherrin, Maire Therese McMullan, Sinead Boyle, Lucia Dowds, Gemma McKeever, Brigid Scullion, Sarah McNicholl capt, Louise McAleese 0-1, Shannon Graham 0-1, Joanne Campbell, Julie McFerran 2-0, Helena McAllister ' 0, Katie McAleese 1-4.

Subs : Justine Boyle for S Graham, Sherrin We for J McFerran, Paula O'Neill for G McKeever, Sara McAleese for A Sherrin.

St. Patrick's Dungannon : Eimear O'Hagar Michelle Clancey, Michelle O'Neill, Michell Fitzgerald, Laura McGonigle, Roisin O'Neil Antoinette Cambell, Shauna Jordan capt, Emm Fitgerald, Emma McErlain, Brid O'Hagan, Niam Hughes, Lorna Canavan, Riona Lester, Ursul Corey 1-0.

Subs: Laura McMullan for R Lester, Nichon McKenna for M Clancey.





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Senior B Camogie:-

Tipp Fall Heavily to Cork

Cork 4-10
Tipperary 1-4

Making light of the appalling weather conditions that prevailed through the entire sixty minutes the Cork senior division 1B side maintained their one hundred per cent league record as they outclassing Tipperary at Cloughduv pitch yesterday.

Despite the continuous down pour and the cross field wind that made conditions miserable for both sides Cork adjusted better to the conditions. Corks final tally would have been much higher were it not for Tipperary keeper Siobhan Maher as she saved Tipp on at least four occasions denying Cork goals as she stood firm under pressure.

Cork led 1-6 to 0-2 at the half time whistle Charlotte Kearney edging home Aisling Thomason long range dipping free to the net the Tipperary defence failing to clear after Maher had batted the ball back into play. Through the half Cork players Marion Jaego, Hazel O'Regan, Aisling Thompson and Sile Burns all struck points as the rebels gained control. Jackie O'Connor and Siobhan Ryan had points for a Tipperary side that worked hard but were unable to counter Corks dominance in vital areas.

Cork got the best possible start to the second half when Marion Jaego was on hand to finish to the net inside two minutes of the restart after Maher had again saved Tipperary. Aisling Thompson and Siobhán Ryan traded points in the eight and tenth minutes but this was to be the last of Tipperarys scores until the closing minutes. Points from Thompson and Kearney widening the gap to twelve and Cork were in control. Tipp introduced three substitutes in the hope of stemming the tide but two Cork goals inside as many minutes had the points wrapped Hazel O'Regan and substitute Ger Collins finishing to the net before Val O'Keeffe pointed.

Siobhan Ryan by far the best of the Tipperary fifteen always looked dangerous and enjoyed an excellent hour, she proved this with a superb goal three minutes from full time before knocking over a late point but by now it was simply a matter of getting proceeding over with on a miserable afternoon for camogie.

Teams:

Cork: G Harrington, A M Fleming, D Hayes, E Power, L O'Connell, L Hawkes, E O'Sullivan, L Dorgan, A Thomson (0-4: 0-3 play 0-1F), M Corkery, S Burns (0-2 0-1 play 0-1 pen), H O'Regan(1-1), M Jaego,(1-1) R Myers, C Kearney (1-1)

Subs: G Collins (1goal) for R Myers (40mins), S. Sexton for L Hawkes (42mins), B Maher for L Dorgan (48mins), V O Keeffe (0-1) for M Corkery (55mins), L Bugler for H O'Regan (55mins)

Tipperary: S Maher, Sheena Ryan, P Ralph, J Delaney, N O'Connell, N O'Dwyer, S O'Doherty ©, D Ryan, C Johnson, N Flanagan, J O'Connor (0-1), E Haugh, M O'Doherty, Siobhan Ryan (1-3: 1-2 play 0-1free), S O'Donnell,

Subs: K Doherty for C Johnson (35mins), K Kennedy for M O'Doherty (38mins) S Mc Carthy for Sheena Ryan (45mins)

Ref: M Conroy (Waterford)

Tipperary Snatch League Draw

Cork 0-11
Tipperary 1-8

A controversial final minute saw Tipp steal a share of the spoils in this National Senior division 1A League fixture in Cloughduv on Sunday last.

Despite the fact that Cork had led for the majority of the second half they probably should never have found themselves in such a vulnerable position. Tipperary battled gamely to snatch a draw in the dying minutes of a competitive game in atrocious weather conditions. The Cloughduv venue was in excellent condition and withstood the torrents of rain falling admirably.

Tipp opened the scoring a minute in with a point from Emer McDonnell. Clare Grogan and Jennifer O'Leary hit over a '45 and free respectively. Fast and lively, the play swung from end to end, with Tipp making the better use of their possession. Eighteen minutes in they led by 5 points to two with McDonnell and Grogan the main tormentors to the Cork defence.

The game began to settle and a pattern began to emerge with Tipperary seeking out the lively McDonnell in the corner. Cork were forced to withdraw the injured Amanda O'Regan who was replaced by Rachel Moloney and Cork re-jigged their side.

Slowly Cork began to chip away Tipperarys lead. Corks pairing of Rena Buckley and Gemma O Connor were doing trojan work around the middle of the field. Tipp handled the Cork attack with newcomers Mairead Luttrell and Maria Tynan to the fore. Corks first point from play came from Jennifer O'Leary on 19 minutes and it was doubled by Denise Twomey sixty seconds later.

As Hurls flew out of hands and players found it hard to keep their feet, the game maintained its competitive edge as the sides matched each other point for point. It was Cork who took the lead coming up to the break when Anna Geary and O'Leary with a free made it seven points to six. But McDonnell had the final say as both teams ran to the dressing rooms for shelter on level terms 7 point apiece.

Cork dominate the majority of the second half but as the conditions deteriorated at an alarming pace it was difficult to even get a strike in. Referee John Pender approached both Managers 10 minutes to go in seemingly wanting to call a halt to proceedings but with the teams on level terms both John Cronin and Tony Delaney were not in agreeance.

Tipperarys defence was put under ferocious pressure but wasteful Cork shooting saw them hit 6 wides and Tipperary remained in contention.

O'Leary (2), Una O'Donoghue and Sarah O'Donovan pushed Cork into a four point lead with four minutes remaining. It was looking increasingly worrying for Tipperary at this stage to rescue anything from the game. The crucial point came on 30 minutes from Cora Hennessey which was followed by a driving run from McDonnell who, with lightening speed, gathered and took off before palming to the net to give Tipp a valuable point and leave Cork wondering how it happened.

Scorers:-Cork:-J O'Leary 0-7 (0-3f, 0-3'45), D Twomey, A Geary, U O'Donoghue and S O'Donovan 0-1 each.

Tipperary:-E McDonnell 1-3, C Grogan 0-4 (0-2f, 0-1'45), C Hennessey 0-1.

Teams:-Cork:-A Murray; J O'Callaghan, R Holland, A O'Regan; J Duffy, M O'Connor, C Foley; R Buckley, G O'Connor (Capt); O Cotter, A Geary, J O'Leary; E Dillon, U O'Donoghue, D Twomey.

Subs:-R Moloney for A O'Regan (inj 14 mins), S O'Donovan for R Moloney (inj 46 min).

Tipperary:-R Kenneally; S Kelly, M Luttrell, M Tynan; S Larkin, T O'Halloran, S Nealon; P Fogarty, J Horan; J O'Halloran, J Ryan, C Grogan; G Kinnane, E Hayden, E McDonnell.

Subs:-M Shortt for S Larkin (h/time), C Hennessy for J O'Halloran (43min), L Grogan for J Ryan (51min), P Bulfin and T Ryan for E Hayden and G Kinnane (58min).



St Mary's Nenagh senior camogie panel with their Manager Ger Dullea celebrating the All-Ireland final success over Castlecomer Community School on Saturday last. Picture: Bridget Delaney.



DANIELLE BOYLE

From the Drive, Broadale, Douglas,
Danielle is a transition year student in Christ King Secondary School and has been active in sporting and cultural activities from a young age.
She is a member of Douglas GAA Club for the past 10 years, excelling in camogie.
She has won five Sciath na Scoil medals with St Columba's Primary School. She has participated in gymnastics, swimming, karate and life-saving courses.
When in first year, she organised a walk to raise money to send a voluntary aid worker to Uganda.
She also learnt sign language.
She volunteers every Thursday night with Special Olympics Ireland.
She applied to the Belarus Orphanage Project in Blackrock last December and will travel to Minsk to work with disabled children in an orphanage in April.



KATIE COLLINS

From Doughcloyne, Togher,
Katie is 16 years old and a fifth-year student in Christ King Secondary School.
She has been a member of Tír na nÓg Youth Club since she was eight years old.
She and a friend volunteered as leaders of the club last September when two leaders had to take time off for family commitments for eight weeks.
The club has two deaf members and Katie teaches the other members sign language to help make communication easier.
She plays camogie with St Finbarr's and also trained an underage team.
She has just completed her third LAMDA exam in speech and drama.
She is also a member of the Togher Youth Forum, which was recently set up.
Last year, she helped the Presentation Order prepare for the closure of the South Presentation Primary School.

Lack of interest in Q&A at GAA Museum

GAA: A "Questions & Answers" event scheduled for the GAA Museum last Wednesday had to be cancelled due to a lack of interest.

GAA president Nickey Brennan, Croke Park Stadium Director Peter McKenna, Camogie President Liz Howard, former Armagh captain and Ladies International Rules manager Jarlath Burns and journalist and former All-Ireland winning manager with Offaly Eugene McGee were all down to sit on a panel that would answer questions.

CAMOGIE

ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES
Finals: Senior A: St Mary's Magherafelt 2-10 (S O'Kane 1-1, E McKenna 1-0, A Peake 0-6 (3 fs), K Bradley 0-2, S McLaughlin 0-1) **Athenry 2-6** (N Coen 1-4, L Walsh, N Ryan 0-1 each, S O'Dwyer 1-0)
Junior A: Loreto Kilkenny 0-7 (G Phelan 0-4 (3 fs), A Nolan, A O'Grady, A Curran 0-1 each) **Portumna Comm Col 0-5** (T Routledge 0-4 (2 fs, 2'45), AM Starr 0-1)
Junior B Final: Coachford Comm Col 3-5 (J Casey 3-3 (1'45), A Barry-Murphy) **St Dominic's 2-5** (A Carolan, L West 1-1 each, R Costello 0-2 (1 f), A Bugler 0-1)
Junior C: Colaiste Choilm 4-5 (A McCarthy 2-5, S Coomey 2-0, A Scally 0-3, S Buckley 0-2 (fs), S Morgan, G McDonald 0-1 each) **De La Salle, Carlow 0-3** (E Brennan 0-3)

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Sharp-shooting Cats collect maxim

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Kilkenny 5-5

Galway.....2-9

DEADLY finishing Kilkenny were slow into their stride, but once they got going they gunned down game Galway in the National Camogie League (Division A) on Sunday.

The visitors opened the scoring with a point from a free by Marie Dargan within seconds of the throw-in.

Galway hit back for a reply from Lourda Kavanagh, and for a while afterwards they pounded the oppositions. Additional points were popped over by Veronica Curtin (two frees) before Anne Marie Hayes hand-passed a goal in the 7th minute to push the losers 1-3 to 0-1 in front.

Within 60 seconds the Cats had the ball in the net at the other end. Jackie Frisby gathered the ball in the middle of the field. She raced up field, and her dipping shot ended up in the net.

Didn't give an inch

The sides were locked in a terrific battle for 10 minutes or so afterwards, and neither defence gave an inch.

Again Frisby was to the fore when the scoring deadlock was broken. Again she bagged a goal, after blocking down an opponent.

With a smart point from a free by Marie Dargan, the visitors pushed 2-2 to 1-3 ahead.

Galway spirits were lifted when Sandra Timmins pointed from 20 metres. They soared when Veronica Curtin crashed a ground shot to the net with time almost up.

Kilkenny charged up the field again. In lost time at the end of the half, Marie Dargan lofted the ball on to the edge of the square and Lizzie Lyng smashed it to the net.

That gave the Noresiders an interval lead of 3-2 to 2-4. The interesting thing about that half was that Kilkenny shot just one wide. That was some going!

Dream start

The winners enjoyed a dream start to the new half. A high dropping shot from Ann Dalton crept into the Galway net just under the cross-bar.

The losers hit back for a pair of points from the accurate Veronica Curtin (frees), but in the 42nd minute the game was put beyond their reach.

Marie Dargan stood over a Kilkenny free 20 metres from goal, slightly to the left. She planted the ball in the net, and edged the winners 5-2 to 2-6 clear.

Galway were chasing shadows after that. The teams shared equally in six points before the finish, but the home side never looked like catching opponents who have maximum points after two outings.

Scorers: Kilkenny - Marie Dargan (1-3, frees); Jackie Frisby (2-0); Anne Dalton, Lizzie Lyng (1-0 each); Deirdre Delaney, Katie Power (0-1 each). Galway - Veronica Curtin (1-6, points frees); Veronica Curtin (1-0); Lourda Kavanagh, Brenda Kerins (0-1 each); Sandra Tannian (0-1, free).

The teams

Kilkenny - Brid Aylward, Kate McDonald, Aine Fahy, Kelly Anne Cotterell, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Elaine Aylward, Niamh Butler, Deirdre Delaney, NMarie Dargan, Anne Dalton, Miriam O'Keeffe, Lizzie Lyng, Michelle Quilty, Katie Power, Jackie Frisby, Laureena Murphy, Roisin Fennelly, Catherine Doherty, Therese Muldowney, Imelda Kennedy, Laura Comerford.

Galway - R. Callaghan, C. Gill, E. Burke, C. Conroy, T. Menton, S. Cahalan, M. Conroy, P. Hayes, P. Kenny, L. Kavanagh, S. Tannian, E. Kilkelly, D. Burke, A.M. Hayes, V. Curtin, A. Hobbins, J. Coone, M. Dunne, B. Kerins.

Piltown girls lead Scoil Mhuire to victory

Scoil Mhuire.....4-9
Pobailscoil Naomh Breandáin 1-4

SCOIL Mhuire, Carrick-on-Suir, backed by a strong group of Kilkenny players, defeated Leinster champions, St Brendan's Community School, Birr in the All-Ireland senior Roinn C colleges camogie final in Templemore on Saturday.

Backed by the wind, Scoil Mhuire got off to a flying start when Katie Power pointed a free. This was followed by a goal from Georgina Culleton.

Lisa Phelan and Charlene Norris at midfield kept the ball moving forward for the winners. Half-backs Clare Moore, Karen Duggan and Miriam Long kept the Birr attack on a tight rein.

Up front Scoil Mhuire met stiff opposition as Birr fielded four players across the half-back line. The arrival of Kate Bergin to join Roisin Coghlan, Leanne Scully and Mairead Dooley helped prevent Carrick creating clear scoring chances.

Determined play by Rachel Waters and Nicole Grace, plus Kilkenny player Katie Power resulted in a series of frees being won. Power added five points to put Scoil Mhuire 1-6 to 0-0 ahead after 18 minutes.

With the wides tally increasing, and a gale to face in the second period, a Katie Power goal and a Lisa Phelan point on the stroke of half-time stretched the lead to 2-7 to 0-0 at the break.

Pobailscoil camped in their opponents after the resumption.

In the early minutes they shot four wides. A series of 45s' was all that was conceded by Carol McCarthy, Julie Walsh and Leanne Long.

After intense pressure Aoife Corrigan opened Brendan's second half scoring with two fine points. As the game settled into a tense struggle, a Scoil Mhuire breakaway resulted in a point for Katie Power. Then Nicola Moore latched on to a ball that dropped short and she shot a goal.

Mary Teehan pulled back a point for Birr, but Sinead Long shot a quick reply. As the tempo increased, Elaine Kenny was called into action and she made a couple fine saves in the Mhuire goal.

Birr grabbed a goal through Michelle Gleeson, and then added a point from a penalty. Entering the closing 10 minutes, the winners led by 3-9 to 1-4 and the game was over. Birr weren't to score again.

For Scoil Mhuire, Katie Power, Lisa Phelan, Rachel Waters and Karen Duggan led a very committed side, while 'keeper Kate Ryan, Aoife Corrigan, Leanne Scully and Michelle Gleeson stood out for Birr.

Scoil Mhuire (P for Piltown) - Elaine Kenny (Piltown), Julie Walsh (Windgap), Carol McCarthy (P), Leanne Long (P), Miriam Long (Pi), Karen Duggan (P), Claire Moore (Windgap), Lisa Phelan, capt (0-1) (Windgap), Charlene Norris (P), Sinéad Long (0-1) (P), Rachel Waters (Carrick Swans), Georgina Culleton (P), Nicola Moore (2-0) (Windgap), Katie Power (1-7) (P), Nicole Grace (P).

Subs - Laura Power (Rathgormack). Lisa Fitzgerald (P), Fiona Malone (P), Mary Drennan (P), Emma Dunne (P), Nicola Jordan (P), Aisling O'Brien (P), Eimear Walsh (P), Suzie Phelan (Windgap).

The trainers were Brendan O'Dwyer and Linda McMahon.

St Brendan's CS - K. Ryan, G. Ryan, M. Ryan, G. Hogan, capt, M. Dooley, L. Scully, R. Coghlan, K. McKenna, M. Nagle, E. Dunne, M. Gleeson, K. Bergin, A. Corrigan, B. Kennedy, M. Teehan.



The Scoil Mhuire Carrick-on-Suir team that features 14 girls from South Kilkenny

Cats out-classed by Galway

Galway.....1-14

Kilkenny 2-3

GALWAY were on top from start to finish and they were easy winners of this National Camogie League (Division B) tie in Galway on Sunday.

The visitors failed to score during the opening half. Galway, with Ann Marie Hayes in good form from frees, raced 0-10 to no score in front by half-time.

Kilkenny improved after the turn, but they never looked like making a real game of it.

By the time Laura Kavanagh opened Kilkenny's account with a goal in the 50th minute, the winners had 0-13 on the scoreboard.

Mary Dalton had a late hand-passed goal for the losers, but it made no real difference.

Scorers: Galway - A.M. Hayes (0-6); M. Conroy (1-2); C. Bowes (0-4); D. Burke, M. Dunne (0-1 each). Kilkenny - Laura Kavanagh, Mary Dalton (1-0 each); Colette Dormer, Edwina Keane (0-1 each).

Kilkenny - Siobhan Murphy, Sara Shore, Colette Dormer, Eilis Cantwell, Grace Dunphy, Roisin Fennelly, Keeva Fennelly, Helen Murphy, Sinead Kelly, Siobhan Fahy, Catherine Doherty, Mary Dalton, Laura Kavanagh, Edwina Keane, Emily Dermody. Subs - Mary Theresa O'Neill, Fiona Phelan, Laureena Murphy.

Galway - L. Smyth, A. Hobbins, L. Flynn, A. Kilkenny, N. Kilkenny, R. Glynn, J. Coone, A.M. Hayes, J. O'Brien, S. Keane, C. Bowes, G. Kelly, M. Flanagan, M. Dunne, S. Glynn.

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St Mary's Nenagh senior camogie captain Aoife McLoughney gets the All-Ireland Colleges silverware watched by team Manager Ger Dullea, Camogie President Liz Howard and St Mary's players. Picture: Bridget Delaney.



Marion McCarthy, Chairperson, Camogie Board, presents awards to Noreen Daly and Ollie Hallahan, selectors for the All Ireland Cork senior camogie team. Picture: Howard Crowdy

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Emer Dillon and Sarah O'Donovan, both members of the victorious Cork senior camogie team, with their awards from the camogie club at the Ballygarvan GAA Club dinner, held at the Carrigaline Court Hotel. Picture: Howard Crowdy

St Mary's snatch All Ireland Colleges 'B' Final

St Marys, Nenagh *3-6*
Castlecomer *1-8*

St Mary's Secondary School, Nenagh saw off Castlecomer of Kilkenny to claim the All-Ireland Colleges B title at the Ragg last weekend, despite going into the game as underdogs.

St Marys faced into a stiff breeze for the first half and it was Castlecomer who took early advantage of the wind after a long delivery from Eilish Cantwell found the livelyMarie Dargan who pointed. St Marys reply was swift with a pointed free from Aoife McLoughney. It was St Marys again who pressed forward and Ciara Ryan saw her shot agonisingly deflected inches wide. Aoife McLoughney was again on target to convert the 45. Castlecomers ace forward Marie Dargan pointed again to draw the sides level. Mariga Nolan picked up a breaking ball from a long range effort and added a point to Castlecomers tally. In a worrying period for St Marys Castlecomer stretched their lead with another point from Marie Dargan.

Nenagh did manage to work the ball up the field into attack but were met with a resolute Castlecomer defence. St Marys midfielder Clionadh Ryan found herself deep in defence to aid her team against the breeze which she did so admirably. Nevertheless Castlecomer continued to press forward dangerously with Marie Dargan proving a handful for St Marys defence with her goal shot blocked by Laura Green, Mariga Nolan failed to convert the resultant 45. Again St Marys defence was put to the pin of their collars which brought out combined saves from fullback Sinead Quinlan and keeper Aisling Whelan. Team captain Aideen Dwyer stretched her sides lead with a point in the 20th minute leaving the score Castlecomer 0.5 Nenagh 0.3. Then came the sucker punch of the first half for St Marys a long range dipping shot from Hannah Maher found its way to the net. Aoife McLoughney narrowed the gap converting a 45 leaving the halftime score Castlecomer 1.5 St Marys Nenagh 0.3.

It was Castlecomer who were quickest into their stride in the second half and alert goalkeeping from Aisling Whelan saw her make a doub save, Mariga Nolan collected the breaking ball and slotted it over the bar. Aided by the breeze St Marys went in search of scores. Aoife McLoughneys low driving shot was saved and swept up the field. Nenaghs Ciara Ryan dodged her way through Castlecomers defence and pointed from an acute angle. Mairead Devanney won St Marys a free which Aoife McLoughney duly converted bringing Nenagh to within four points.

Castlecomer followed with some wasteful shooting which in no small way contributed to their downfall. Mairead Devanney converted Nenaghs next point edging the sides closer. Castlecomer from the puck out worked the ball at phenomenal pace up the field where Hannah Maher was on hand to slot the ball over the bar. Castlecomers drive came to the fore minutes later when Marie Dargans solo effort sliced through the St Marys defence to score her third point, stretching her sides lead to five points.

At this stage the signs were ominous for St Marys who continued to work very hard for possession. This work rate paid off as Aoife McLoughney sent a low driving shot to the net to bring her side right back into contention. Nenagh manager Ger Dullea introduced Patricia Sutton at wingback and Laura Reid at corner forward. Aisling Whelan in goals and wingback Laura Power combined to deny a Castlecomer score.

Now only two points between the teams and three minutes of normal time remaining all was to play for. Orla Williams was introduce for Ciara Ryan which proved to be an inspirational move for Nenagh. A long delivery was snatched from the air by Williams who on turning lashed the ball to the Castlecomer net much to the delight of an ecstatic Nenagh following. A slender one point lead was now vehemently defended by St Marys led by Geraldine Stapleton. Castlecomer conceded a long range free with the seconds ticking agonisingly slowly by Aoife McLoughney struck the free, a long dipping shot which caused defensive confusion for Castlecomers and dropped into the net. Now four points to the good St Marys were forced to substitute Fiona Kennedy through injury. Three more minutes of injury time must have seemed like an eternity to St Marys as Castlecomer tried in vain for more scores.

Scenes of elated joy at the final whistle were in stark contrast to the Castlecomer players slumped over the field in disbelief as their All Ireland title was snatched from them.

St Marys can thank superb goalkeeping from Aisling Whelan and the dynamism of Geraldine Stapleton at centre back for their victory. The fullback line of Martina Gleeson, Sinead Quinlan and Laura Greene completed their defensive duties admirably. Laura Power and Emma Louise Coffey worked hard in the halfback line. Clionadh Ryans endless energy saw her cover huge areas of the field ably assisted by Fiona Kennedy at mid field. The Kennedy trio of Catriona, Bonnie and Amy (no relation) fought tirelessly in the half forward line. Mairead Devanney pitched in with a point from corner forward and won some valuable score able frees along with Ciara Ryan who notched up a point. Aoife McLoughney proved lethal from placed balls and her well taken goal was inspirational to St Marys. Substitutes Patricia Sutton and Laura Reid played their part also with the accolade of super sub going to Orla Williams whose goal came at a crucial stage.

Again the never say die attitude of this team came to the fore and Manager Ger Dullea must take credit for this. His charges have shown these battling qualities again and again all season. It proved to be a fitting finale to the week for Ger as he was named as a recipient of the Presidents Award during the week which acknowledges his work in Colleges camogie since 1980. This is St Marys first All Ireland title since 2000 and it is surely one they will relish just as much as previous titles.

Scorers: Nenagh: A McLoughney 2.4 (1.4 frees), O Williams 1.0, C Ryan 0.1, M Devanney 0.1.

Team Nenagh: A Whelan, M Gleeson, S Quinlan, L Green, E L Coffey, G Stapleton, L Power, F Kennedy, C Ryan, C Kennedy, B Kennedy, A Kennedy, C Ryan, A McLoughney, O Williams, P Sutton, M Devaney, L Reid, A M Quigley, L Shoer, L Bergin, E Slattery, H Harty, N Whelan.

Tipperary Camogie Notes

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Both Senior A & B teams were in action at the weekend against Cork in Cloughdubh. A mixed bag of results saw the B team lose out to Cork, while the A team snatched a draw in the dying minutes to take a share of the points. Well done to all concerned. The next league fixture for the Senior A team is away to Dublin on the 25th of March.

U16 MUNSTER FIXTURE

The Under 16 panel travel to Cork on Monday 19th of March to take on Cork in the opening round of the Munster championship. After some promising performances at under 14 level last year team manager Patsy Carroll will be looking for a positive result. All players are asked to assemble on Sat 17th at 12pm in the Ragg Camogie Grounds where they will receive confirmation of venue and time.

COLLEGES ALL IRELAND VICTORIES

Congratulations to all involved with Carrig on Suir and St Marys Nenagh in their victories in the Colleges B and C finals over the weekend. Both teams are a credit to their schools and all the clubs involved in providing players should be very proud of their achievements.

CO BOARD MEETING

The March meeting of the County Board took place on Tuesday 6th in the Ragg Camogie Grounds. In a lengthy adgenda the issue of Portroe and Burgess forming a new club under the name Duharrah took up a

significant amout of time. The Chairman expressed his concern at the evolution of new clubs and the possibility of excess players losing interest in camogie. Nevertheless both clubs were allowed to form under the name Duharrah for a trial basis of one year. They will compete at U16 A, U18 A, Junior A and Senior A. Burgess and Portroe will have seperate U12 and U14 teams. Other issues discussed were the forthcoming fundraising night at Thurles Greyhound Track on March 16th. It is hoped that there will be a good turn out on the night to raise much needed funds for the Board and Development Committee. The rest of the agenda was adjourned to Monday 12th March at 8pm.

FUNDRAISING

Tipperary Camogie Board & Development Committee Buster Race & Auction night will take place at Thurles Track Friday 16th March at 8pm. The auction will consist of a greyhound pup (Top Savings ex Snowflake) a proven breed and a prospective champion valued at €2000. A purebred Labrador bitch pup with papers valued at €300 and a Harley Davis minature motorbike valued at €1000. It is hoped that all members will come out and support the night.

CAMOGIE'S DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Development Committee held their first meeting of the new year recently and returned to the position of chairperson for her second term is the County Treasurer Rose Mannion who has alongside her carrying out the role of honorary secretary, Margaret Skehan. In welcoming all to the meeting Rose gave special mention to newly elected member to this committee Martin Fitzpatrick who is a member of the Thurles club. The remaining members are John O'Connor, Tagdh Whelan, Bernie O'Dowd, Liam Mannion, Donie Shanahan and Lar O'Brien.

This group of people have met several times in the last few weeks planning the year ahead and the commencement of the building work on the long awaited viewing stand which it is hoped will be started shortly. The plans are presently out for tender and a decision will be taken shortly when the tenders come back in as to who will win the contract, as this hugely necessary facility must become a reality this year. The committee are holding a fundraising Buster race at the Greyhound Stadium in Thurles this coming Friday night March 16th. to help raise funds to get this building project up and under way. Ticket's are on sale for €10 or can be had on the night. An earnest appeal is made to come and support this cause. There will be ongoing fundraising ventures throughout the year as much more funding is required.

This stage of the building project also includes dug out's and a scoreboard, all vital and necessary development works for the County pitch. Planning permission has been submitted for Phase two of the development which includes Security Fencing, Two ticket stiles, disabled access. The Development committee are also hoping to be in a position to renovate an existing building which was used originally as the dressing rooms. Here it is planned to form a second changing room for referees, first aid room, wheelchair access to toilet and a ladies and gents toilet also. There are very few playing pitches anywhere to be found to-day without such necessary requirement's and as Tipperary Camogie are the only County in Ireland who have their very own camogie pitch, with much appreciation to the G.A.A. board, it is only with the general support and good will of every single member of the public towards fundraising efforts that these basic requirements will become a reality. So once again a reminder to all to support the Buster race at the Greyhound track this Friday night the 16th. March.



Aisling Thompson of Cork, who scored five of he side's points in the gale winds at the Gaelic Grounds yesterday.

Cork beaten on awful day

By MARY NEWMAN

Camogie

Limerick	1-4
Cork	0-6

CORK and Galway were joined by Limerick at the top of Division 1B of the Senior National League as the home side edged a victory in appalling weather at the Gaelic Grounds yesterday.

The players had to battle against the driving wind, sleet and hailstones for all but the closing five minutes of a game, which were it played on any other pitch, would surely have been abandoned. The excellent surface of the Gaelic Grounds made life a little bit easier as two committed sides battled it out.

Cork, aided by the gale force wind in the opening half, led by five points at the break, four of their six points coming from placed balls as Aisling Thompson showed her accuracy.

Cork, despite holding the advantages in the opening 30 minutes, had to work hard against a determined Limerick defence who deployed the tactic of bringing an extra defender back as they battled to contain Cork.

The ploy worked as the Cork attack found little room as Limerick crowded them out. Cork did win several frees which Thompson duly converted. Marie Keating gave early indications that she would be a handful when she took on the Cork defence and shot narrowly over the crossbar for the game's opening score inside three minutes of the start. This was to be the Limerick girls' only score of the half as Cork with the gale to their backs opened with a point from Sile Burns inside five minutes.

Cork found it hard to find open spaces and between the tenth and 25th minutes Thompson had pointed four Corks frees the third a superb long-range effort from the 65-metre line.

In between, Charlotte Kearney struck over a point from an acute angle as the Cork inside line battled against a strong Limerick defence where Janet Garvey and Grace Mc Namara were excellent.

Twice Limerick keeper Sheila Moynihan denied Cork as her defence absorbed the pressure and Limerick were content to sit and wait as they turned over five points in arrears 0-6 to 0-1.

Cork had to contend with the driving wind and sleet for the second half as they battled to contain the lively Limerick attack led by the excellent Marie Keating.

It was Keating who grabbed the game's only goal inside three minutes of the restart when she scrambled the ball over the line after Cork keeper Harrington had failed to clear following a good save. With Limerick now piling on the pressure the Cork defence struggled Michelle Casey converted free and levelled matters with a 45 12 minutes into the half as the Cork attack continued to battle against the strong Limerick defence in a bid for a second-half score.

Entering the final quarter Marie Keating elected to take a point when she found herself on a one to one with the Cork keeper after Vera Sheehan had put her through with a super pass. The choice proved to be a wise with their noses now ahead Limerick battled to maintain their lead.

Cork had three frees to level matters but their efforts fell short against the gale-force wind.

CORK: G Harrington; E Power, R Holland, D Hayes; L Hawkes, L O'Connell, E O'Sullivan; L Dorgan, A Thompson (0-4 frees); M Corkery, S Burns (0-1), M Jagoe; C Kearney (0-1), D Twomey, H O'Regan. **Subs:**R Myers for M Jaego (ht), M Watson for H O'Regan (45), M Browne for M Corkery (inj 51mins).

LIMERICK: S Moynihan; A Mc Namara, M Nash, J Garvey; A Sheehan, G Mc Namara, C Mulcahy; D Fitzpatrick, M Casey (0-2 0-1 f, 0-1 45); E O'Brien, M Keating (1-2), V Sheehan; S Mc Auliffe, O Curtin, C Mulcahy.

Ref: F McNamara (Clare).

Carey delighted to grab scalp of Cork

ANOTHER victory for new Limerick manager former All-Star hurler Ciarán Carey and he was pleased with his side's display as they recorded back to back victories in this tough National senior division 1B clash with Cork ***writes*** **MARY NEWMAN.**

"I'm pleased with the result but more importantly it's given our girls a huge boost to have beaten Cork. We defeated Dublin in our first league game and to put two wins back to back is important. Today's game was tough, conditions were absolutely awful and I must pay tribute to both teams for their commitment out there today. Cork are a very good side and its was hard but we stuck to our task and gradually whittled down their lead.

"We are working hard having come down a grade to senior division 1B and while the league is great we are focusing on the championship and every game is hugely important as we strive to get things right. I'm delighted with our progress to date and look forward to our remaining league games against Kilkenny, Galway and Tipp."

Selector Liz Carroll echoed Ciarán's sentiments: "Priority one is the championship but today is a huge boost to Limerick camogie and we are pointing in the right direction.

Cork manager Aidan Crowley had no excuses. "The better team won out there today. We're disappointed not to have got something out of it. We could have got a draw but unfortunately they closed us down at every opportunity and we could find no way through in the second half against the elements.

Crowley didn't feel the Limerick tactic of playing seven defenders hampered Cork in the first half.

"We still got through and scored six points. In the conditions a goal was going to be crucial and unfortunately it was Limerick who got it. We're disappointed but we learned a thing or two today and hopefully we will rally and get back on the winning track for our meeting with Galway on Sunday next. "



Cork senior camogie players Emer Dillon and Sarah O'Donovan from Ballygarvan, with Ollie Hallahan, Paudie Palmer and Noreen Daly at the Ballygarvan GAA Club dinner in the Carrigaline Court Hotel. Picture: Howard Crowdy

Cork Panel

1 Gillian Harrington
2 Esther Power
3 Rosarie Holland
4 Deirdre Hayes
5 Lucy Hawkes
6 Lynda O' Connell
7 Eimear O' Sullivan
8 Linda Dorgan
9 Aisling Thompson
10 Maire Corkery
11 Sile Burns
12 Marion Jagoe
13 Charlotte Kearney
14 Rachle Myers
15 Hazel O' Regan
16 Eimear White
17 Sarah Sexton
18 Leah Weste
19 Bernadeen Maher
20 Val O' Keeffe
21 Denise Twomey
22 Deirdre Twomey
23 Marie Watson
24 Ger Collins
25 Jenny Duffy
26 Regina Curtin
27 Michelle Browne
28 Liz Bugler
29 Shauna Cunningham
30 Orna Neville

Limerick Panel

1 Sheila Moynihan
2 Aideen McNamara
3 Rose Collins
4 Janet Garvey
5 Alison White
6 Aoife Sheehan
7 Grace McNamara
8 Mave Nash
9 Claire Mulcahy
10 Deirdre Fitzpatrick
11 Michelle Casey
12 Eileen O'Brien
13 Marie Keating
14 Vera Sheehan
15 Sinead McAuliffe
16 Aine O' Reilly
17 Orla Curtin
18 Mairéad Kelly
19 Kadie Colbert
20 Moira Doody
21 Dympna O' Brien
22 Catriona Davis
23 Marie Corkery
24 Eileen Collins
25 Marie McGrath
26 Nora Collins
27 Tara Power
28 Siobhan Enright
29 Niamh Mulcahy
30 Aishling McAuliffe
31 Karen Mulane
32 Norma Barry
33 Zara Fitzgibbon
34 Joanne Cilfford
35 Judith Mulcahy
36 Naomi Carroll

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Enniskeane camogie stars in the spotlight



Members of Enniskeane junior B County camogie championship winning team with Cork Star Aoife Murray seated centre.
Picture: Denis Boyle

by Áilín Quinlan

MORE than 200 supporters turned up to see up to 50 camogie players receive medals in Dunmanway recently.

The Enniskeane camogie club's victory social was a family affair as people aged from six to sixty arrived to enjoy a superb dinner at the Parkway Hotel and support the young players.

Cork Senior All-Ireland goalkeeper Aoife Murray and Vice Chairperson of the Cork Co. Board Mary Bugler, addressed the crowd.

Aoife presented about 25 players on the under-14 panel with their county runner up medals, following which the 21 members of the victorious junior team lined up for their medals before attending a disco, and browsing through a photographic display of the club's playing activities over the last season.

Club chairperson and member of the organising committee, Gabrielle Crowley, paid a special thanks to organisers Anne Duggan, Jacqui Kingston and Marita Collins and Dermot Curtin.

"The success of the club is down to one thing — the praise and encouragement the girls get from a very committed group of trainers including Dermot Curtin, Mick O'Leary, Noel Buttimer, Tomas McCarthy, Pat Mulcahy and Denis O'Driscoll who give up so much of their time voluntarily to bring out the best in our young players," she said.

She also paid tribute to Tony Coughlan, Joan O'Sullivan and Finbarr Lynch who had laid the foundation of the club's current success by their determination and commitment in leaner times.

Ms Crowley said that on the playing front under-16 training had now commenced at Castletown Kinneigh as matches in this grade were due to start shortly.

All players hoping to play in the grade must attend. Training will take place indoors if weather is poor. New players most welcome. Registration will take place at training and costs€ 25. This covers the cost of registration and insurance while playing. Players must be paid up members before they can play for the club this year.



Cork goalkeeper and Guest of Honour Aoife Murray with from left twins Rochelle and Kirstie Scannell, Ema O'Riordan, Sinead Mullcathy and Orla Duggan. Photo Denis Boyle



Marion McCarthy, chairperson, Cork County Camogie Board, pictured presenting awards to Valerie Brown and Aine Moynihan, who won Munster U18 medals with Cork last season, pictured at the Ballygarvan GAA Club dinner in the Carrigaline Court Hotel.



Pictured at the Enniskean Camogie club celebration night at The Parkway Hotel, Dunmanway is U14 Capt Siobhan Kingston, Aoife Murray, Cork Goal keeper and guest of Honour and Chloe O'Donovan.
Picture: Denis Boyle



Pictured at the Enniskean Camogie club celebration night at The Parkway Hotel, Dunmanway are committee members Jacoline Kingstone, Aoife Murray guest of Honour Dermot Curtin, PRO Gabrielle Crowley, chairperson Ann Duggan, treasurer and Maurita Collins.
Picture: Denis Boyle

Camogie Club Notes

BLACKROCK

U13 B Final: Congratulations to the team who were deserving winners after a very tough game in the Seandún U13 B championship final. Every player from 1-19 worked very hard throughout the match. We started brightly and, within the first 5 minutes, had won a free. Captain Katelyn Hickey stepped up and gave her team an early lead.

Playing against a strong wind, Blackrock did well to keep the Vincent's forwards under wraps. Sinead White dominated at centre -back and was supported well by Niamh O'Leary and Sarah Hennessey on the wings.

Goalkeeper Katie Roberts wasn't very busy but when the need arose she cleared her lines.

We went out in the second half determined not to lose our slender lead, with Mollie Hurley fighting well in the middle of the field. Vincent's had some chances but the Blackrock backs were outstanding. Michelle Murphy was very unlucky when her shot for a point dropped short.

However, Vincent's couldn't clear it and Tracey Fleming was on hand to strike the ball into the back of the net. The girls worked tirelessly to keep their lead intact. Katie Roberts did very well to clear any ball that came her way.

In the end the hard work paid off and Blackrock claimed their second U13 B title in a row. Captain Katelyn Hickey and Vice Captain Katie Roberts received the trophy and medals from Seandun Vice Chairman Mary Newman **TEAM:** Katie Roberts, Dearbhail O'Connell, Jennifer Sarl, Grace Marum, Niamh O'Leary, Sinead White, Sarah Hennessey, Amy Batt, Mollie Hurley, Katelyn Hickey, Tracey Fleming, Kelly O'Brien, Michelle Murphy, Sarah Boyle, and Persian Pembels. **Subs used:** Shannon White, Niamh Wedel, Aoife Byrne, Sally Roberts

The U18s kick off their league campaign at home against Cloughduv this weekend. Check out 'www.blackrockcamogie.com' for photos, reports etc

GLEN ROVERS

Well done to our U13 team who captured the Evening Echo U13 A Seandun championship title on Sunday last. In a thrilling contest, only one point separated us from our opponents as each and every one of our girls gave it their all.

Sheer spirit and determination kept them going and the hard work of their coaches paid off in the end. To each and every one of the players and mentors, Well Done. You did the club proud and brought the curtain down on what was a great 2006 for the club.

A large crowd attended our AGM on Wednesday last. All aspects of club activities through the season were analysed, with special mention going to our U16 team who took the county U16 B League title. Captain Lydia Cunningham brought along the trophy which was proudly on display. Officers elected for the coming season include President Chrissie Buckley, Chairperson Nora Newman, Vice Chairperson Nicole Cummins, Treasurer Deirdre Coleman, Secretary Mary Newman -Mc Carthy, Liaison Officer Trisha Lynam and Children's Officer Maria Dowling.

Our U16 team return to the playing field this weekend. Having had our request to participate in Grade A granted, we look forward to a busy season ahead. This afternoon we travel to Douglas in our opening game of the league. Throw-in here is at 5:00pm. The following weekend we meet Ballygarvan, the side whom we narrowly defeated to take the league title in 2006. This year, we will field two U16 teams and the second team will be in action the following weekend, when we play hosts to Bishopstown at the Glen Field.

Glen persevere in a thrilling final

Glen Rovers	2-1
Douglas	2-0



Mairéid Ui Mhaoileoin presenting Glen Rovers captain, Sinéid O'Halloran, with the Seandún U13 A trophy after their narrow victory over Douglas.

A THRILLING Evening Echo U13 A Seandún final saw Glen Rovers maintain their early lead to the finish and wrestle the title from holders Douglas.

By MARY NEWMAN

Evening Echo U13 A Seandún final

Rachel Baxter and Áine O'Donovan were prominent, but they found the going tough against a strong Glen defence where Sinead Fahy stamped her authority from the throw-in, policing Douglas danger woman Claire Shine superbly.

O'Donovan and Sinead Duggan enjoyed their battle for supremacy with Aisling O'Keeffe and Nicole O'Brien as both sides worked hard to gain control.

The Glen dropped back a forward to midfield to close down the Douglas attack who were finding it hard to get past the dogged home defence.

Despite playing against the wind the home side enjoyed plenty of chances. It was the result of strong pressure that they won a 45-metre free. Sinéad O'Halloran struck it magnificently against the wind and as defenders and attackers watched the dropping ball, Edel O' Connell got a vital touch to strike the ball home.

With their noses ahead, Glen defended strongly, but the goal Douglas needed came six minutes before half-time when Amy Twohig found herself unmarked on the edge of the square and she made no mistake from Aine O'Donovan's cross to level matters.

Douglas had strong defenders in Ellen Shine, Amy Twohig and Alison Peate, while there was no passing Aoibhinne Murphy, Ciara McCarthy and Ciara O'Sullivan in the Glen rearguard.

With half-time looming O'Halloran edged the Glen ahead with a pointed free. It was enough to give them a slender 1-1 to 1-0 advantage a they turned to play with the wind to their backs.

With the big pitch beginning to taking its toll on the young participants, scores were scarce in the second half, but that does not take away from the skill shown by both teams.

The Glen bombarded the Douglas defence who were now deploying the extra defender tactic against the elements.

Ten minutes from full-time, O'Halloran floated a long-range dipping shot to the net.

The Glen were now four points to the good. Battling to get something back, Douglas threw everything into attack and with Sarah Kavanagh and Shannon Dempsey working hard, they got their break.

Aine O'Donovan struck a long- range effort from 50 metres all the way to Glen net.

Now just a point separated them and the title was there to be won. The Glen dropped deep into defence to protect their lead and as Douglas drove forward.

Emma O' Sullivan had to stand firm in the Glen goal before danger was averted.

Glen quelled attack after attack as they held their lines, while up front Nicola O'Sullivan, Maria Sheehan and Alison Dowling worked hard. Credit must go to both teams who served up a fine game of camogie under trying conditions.

GLEN ROVERS: E O' Sullivan, K Arnold, C O' Sullivan, L O' Sullivan, C McCarthy N O' Brien, A Murphy, S Fahy, A O' Keeffe, S Busteed, E O' Connell (1-0), S O' Halloran (1-1), M Sheehan, A Dowling, N O' Sullivan.

Sub: S O' Sullivan for K Arnold (h/t).

DOUGLAS: S O' Mahony, A Twohig (1-0), A Peate, E Shine, D Bevan, F Sexton, R Baxter, A O' Donovan (1-0), S Duggan, L Cooney, S Dempsey, C Shine, C Hickey, S Kavanagh, R Cotter.

Sub: A Fox for R Cotter (36mins).

Referee: D Daly.

NATIONAL LEAGUE CONTINUES

LEAGUE activities continues on Sunday as Cork play hosts to Galway for two crucial national league games which take place in Cloughduv

DIVISION 1A

In division 1 A win is a must if any hopes of booking a place in the play off stages are to be kept alive. Having lost out to Wexford in their opening game the side finished all square in their outing against Tipperary and they are hopeful of getting their first victory under their belt on Sunday next.

Galway have struggled to find form in their opening games losing out comprehensively to Tipperary in their first game they rallied to run fancied Kilkenny side to five points in their second game. Front runners Kilkenny and Wexford are both unbeaten and their meeting on Sunday will be viewed with interest by the chasing pack.

DIVISION 1B

Having recorded two victories in their opening games over Wexford and Tipperary the division 1 B team lost out narrowly to Limerick in appalling weather condition on Sunday last however they are still in the running for a place in the closing stages of the league.

Aisling Thompson, Lucy Hawkes and Linda Dorgan have turned in good performances and they will be expected to be in the thick of the action again this week as Cork take on a Galway side that are on level points with Cork and Limerick but have a game in hand.

With just Kilkenny and Dublin to play a victory on Sunday would ensure continued interest to the latter stages for Cork.

Camogiechat

With Mary Newman



Cllr Dave Mc Carthy,extreme right, starting the St. Vincent's GAA 5 K Run in aid of club funds on Sunday morning last. Picture: Mike English

COACHING COURSE

THE Munster region of the national coaching Development Committee hold their new level one Coaching Education Course at the Erins Own GAA club the following weekend beginning Friday March 30 and there are still a limited amount of spaces available for anybody wishing to attend.

Participant must be a minimum of 18 years and must have completed a Foundation Level Coaching Course in Camogie or Hurling and have at least one years coaching experience. To secure a place, complete application form which can be downloaded from the camogie web site www.camogie.ie or application forms are available from the county secretary. There is a €70 fee which must be returned to the relevant booking co- coordinator Mary O' Connor, Regional Camogie Development Co-ordinator. Held over three days as follows Fri 30th March 6:30pm-10:00pm Sat 31st March 10:00am-5:00pm Sat 21st April 10:00Blackrock

Glen girls champions

Celebrations for Glen Rovers as they took the Evening Echo sponsored under 13 A championship title for 2006 defeating holders Douglas in thrilling encounter. Glens' Edel O'Connell touch home Sinead o Hallorans long range free to give them and early lead but Douglas fought back a goal from Amy Twohig bringing them level. Captain O Halloran pointed free to edge Glen ahead and so it stayed to the half time whistle. She was again to the fore grabbing a goal as the Glen extended their lead but in grand stand finish Aine O Donovan floated the ball to the net to bring Douglas within a point , both sides battled furiously for victory with the glen defence absorbing all the pressure to stand firm to take the title. Well done to both teams on a magnificent final and to the Glen one superb victory

Childerns officer training

On Saturday next March 24th there will be a Children's Officer training day in Blackrock Hurling Club. All club children's officers and County Children's Officers who have completed the four hour awareness workshop are advised to follow up with this course which runs from 10 am to 5pm. There is a €20 fee for and s places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis, further details available from Mairéad Ni Mhaoileóin 1 St John's Bull's Lane, Br Na Carraige Duibhe

Blackrock take title

BLACKROCK had to be at their best to deny the strong challenge posed by a determined St Vincent's as they were crowned Evening Echo Seandun under 13 B champion for 2006 on Monday last. A goal by Tracy Fleming and a point from their captain Kate Lynn Hickey was enough at the finish as they took the title, well done to both teams who preformed superbly and to Blackrock congratulations on a deserved victory

Colleges finals

COACHFORD College, Cork meet St. Dominic's Dublin in the All Ireland Colleges Junior B Final in Nolan Park on Saturday next at 1pm while in the Junior C Final Colaiste Choilm, Ballincollig meet Presentation De La Salle Carlow at New Inn 2pm. Best wishes to all concerned in the quest for honours.

Munster U16A semi final

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Munster U16A Semi-final.
Clare will be very happy with this hard worked win over Limerick in the semi-final of the Munster competition, on Bank Holiday Monday last (19th March). Played in LIT in gale force conditions with the freezing cold this team worked hard throughout and gave some very strong performances. They await the winners of Cork and Tipperary in the Final.
Clare played with the wind in the first half and made good use of it. In fact they possibly should have been much further ahead at the break where they led 3-05 to nil. Pressure was constant on the Limerick defence in this first half and it gave way after just 4 minutes when Niamh Corry goaled. Patricia O'Loughlin followed this with another in the 8th minute. Niamh Corry again with a point in the 15th and Shauna Enright with another in the 16th followed by a Louise Woods goal in the 18th gave the Limerick defence no break. The ball hardly passed mid-way in this half and the constant pressure led to further scores from Niamh Corry point and Aiveen O'Shea scored the last two of the half in the 23rd and 29th minutes.
The turn around into the breeze now posed a different game plan and would be sure to involved the defence much more in the game. The onslaught was never as strong as the threat of the Clare team in the first half and Clare continued to dominate and produce scoring chances. Limerick were the first to score. They put 2 points on the board but Clare never lost their nerve and Niamh Corry pointed in the 12th minute of the second half, a feat which Limerick failed to do into the wind in the first. This was followed by a goal from Louise Woods in the 14th. Scores were hard to come by in this half as Limerick kept on the pressure but Eimear Considine who was helping the backs gave a great display and was ably helped by Niamh Martin, Carol O'Leary, and AnneMarie McMahon. Limerick got a rare shot on goal and Kerri Brosnan goaled but it was too little too late as Louise Woods goaled in the 22nd minute for her third. The last score of the game was left to Shauna Enright a point on the 26th minute.
Throughout this game all worked hard especially against the wind. All the forwards worked hard in the first half and this laid the foundation for this strong win. Mid-field pushed forward in the first half and when needed dropped back to help the defence in the second. The backs who had a quiet first were very busy second half and produced when asked of. Ciara Lynch was introduced for Patricia O'Loughlin, Evelyn Glynn for Jennifer Kelly, Triona Kelly for Louise Woods, Catriona Hennessey for Niamh Martin and Sarah O'Donnell for Roisin McMahon.
The team will continue to train under Fintan McNamara, Eamon O'Loughlin, Maura Sheedy and Mary Kelly as they now prepare for their Munster Final. They will also be competing in the All-Ireland championship beginning on the 22nd of April.
CLARE: Marie Bell, Niamh Martin, AnneMarie McMahon, Carol O'Leary, Jennifer Kelly, Sarah Reidy, Carol Kaiser, Eimear Considine, Roisin O'Brien, Niamh Corry, Aiveen O'Shea, Shauna Enright, Louise Woods, Patricia O'Loughlin, Roisin O'Brien.
Subs: Ciara Lynch, Evelyn Glynn, Catriona Hennessey, Sarah O'Donnell, Aine McNamara, Triona Kelly, Aisling Hannon, Mairead Vaughan, Aisling O'Halloran, Kate Tierney.
SCORERS: Niamh Corry 1-3, Aiveen O'Shea 0-2, Shauna Enright 0-1, Louise Woods 3-0, Patricia O'Loughlin 1-0.
Ref Cathal Egan, Corcaigh.



Michael Walsh,Sciath na Scol presents the fifth Class Premier Trophy to St. Columba's Douglas Captain Joy Leo following her team's win at the Indoor Camogie Finals at Na Piarsaigh. *Picture: Mike English*

Camogie academy is a real winner

By LINDA MELLERICK

Camogie news

THE highly successful 'Fiona O'Driscoll Camogie Academy,' now in its second year, takes place over the Easter holidays.

For the lucky ones who get to sign up for this superb four-day event it will be an occasion to remember.

The academy is suitable for players with at least two years camogie experience. It assists all developing players to improve their skills.

Aspiring inter-county players will have the opportunity to get tips from current inter-county stars such as Joanne O'Callaghan, Jennifer O'Leary and Amanda O'Regan.

Current Cork coach Fiona has a BA in physical education, numerous coaching courses under her belt and there is very little if anything she doesn't know about the various aspects and requirements of sport.

The programme listing for the four-day event is as follows:_

Technical: Fundamental & specialist skills. **Tactical**: Principles of attack and defence. **Physical:** SAQ (Speed, agility and quickness), conditioning and circuit activities. **Mental:** Introduction to mental preparation and concentration techniques.

Lifestyle: Nutrition and hydration. **Personal:** Teamwork/interaction skills, team building activities, specialist goalkeeper coaching, fitness and conditioning classes.

Places at the academy are limited to ensure that each participant will obtain maximum benefit from the intensive programme.

It will be held at two locations — Douglas and Ballincollig.

If you would like your daughter to attend such an event or to find out more information contact 'Lets Go! Summer Schools Ltd., Rustic House, Sraleigh, Waterfall, Near Cork or contact Fiona directly on 087-9137320.

She is moving from strength to strength and developing camogie and hurling in the true professional sense.

Fiona is also leading a 'Level One Coach Education Course' in Erin's Own GAA Grounds from Friday, March 30.

Alongside Damien Young, the Tipperary senior hurler, this is a must-do course for any coach

The course will cover topics such as: practical units, theory units, warm up activities, role of the coach, skill development, communication, physical fitness, specialist skills, good practice, small sided games, motives and needs, principles of play as well as planning and appraisal.

Bookings to: Mary O'Connor national camogie director Carrignashinny Mogeely, Castlemartyr, Co. Cork.

Application forms can be obtained on www.camogie.ie.

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Cluichí Ceannais na n-Iarbhunscoileanna sa Chamógaíocht 2007

Sóisear A

Loreto, Cill Cheannaigh

v

Pobalscoil Port Omna

[Eamonn Brown, Tipperary]

Sóisear B

Pobalcoláiste Áth an Chóiste

v

Naomh Dominic, Cabra

[Willie Barrett, Tipperary]

Sóisear C

Coláiste Choilm, Baile An Chollaigh

v

Colaiste Na Toirbhirte, De La Salle

[Eamonn Mansfield, Kilkenny]

Replay Date: Saturday 31st March

Luach: 2

FOCAL ÓN UACHTARÁN

Tá an-áthas orm fáilte a chur roimh chách chuig Cluichí Ceannais na gColáistí sa Chamógaíocht. Táim cinnte de go mbainfidh sibh taithneamh as imeachtaí an lae inniu. Is lá an-mhór é dár foirne mar is acusan an onóir bheith amuigh ansin ar an bpáirc ar thóir na glóire.

I am delighted to welcome you to our Junior finals day. Portumna lost out last year but hope to make up for it this year whilst the legendary Brendan Williams would be delighted if his charges could win their first Junior A title. We welcome the arrival of Coachford, St. Dominic's, Colaiste Choilm and Bagenalstown in their first All Ireland Junior final appearance.

It is a long and difficult road to the All Ireland Finals. Months of practice to improve skill, fitness and teamwork has to be undertaken. Many hurdles have to be cleared as progress is made in the Championships but it all worthwhile as the teams take the field today in their school colours.

Loreto have been competitive in Leinster for many years but have yet to make the breakthrough whilst Portumna, representing Connaught, are determined to overcome the loss at this juncture last season. An interesting game which should be a close affair.

Coachford College are coached by Lotty and Rita O' Brien and they were delighted to win the Munster final but will face difficult opponents in St. Dominic's, Cabra who are the first Dublin school to qualify at this stage since Artane in 1981. Dublin Colleges are competing again in Leinster and this augers well for the future of the game in the Capitol.

In the Junior C final, an excellent Colaiste Choilm side eventually won the Munster Cup, having lost the last two C finals. Hilda Kenneally and company take on Bagenalstown, Carlow. Indeed, Carlow schools have been making huge inroads in Leinster Colleges since the introduction of the many new competitions in recent times.

I thank those who foster camogie in our schools. Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil leis na hoifigigh, na réiteoirí, na múinteorí agus le achan duine ar son a gcabhrach.

Guím gach ráth ar na himreorí uile atá ar pháirc na himeartha inniu agus oraibh go léir.

Dónal De Burca
Uachtarán

PORTUMNA COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Pobalscoil Port Omna

Black & *Green*

1.	Helen Campbell	Killimor
2.	Karen Brien	Killimor
3.	Marie Duane	Killimor
4.	Ruth Kilkenny	Kiltormer
5.	Nicola Muldoon	Portumna
6.	Clare Killeen	Davitts
7.	Laura Shiel	Davitts
8.	Catherine O'Meara	Lorrha
9.	Tara Rutledge [C]	Portumna
10.	Claire Harte	Portumna
11.	Ann Marie Starr	Killimor
12.	Katie O'Brien	Portumna
13.	Edel Cunningham	Portumna
14.	Amanda Lynch	Kiltormer
15.	Niamh McClearn	Portumna

Subs:

16.	Niamh Briscoe	Davitts
17.	Claire Molloy	Davitts
18.	Helen Quinn	Killimor
19.	Margarette Lynch	Kiltormer
20.	Chelsea Starr	Killimor
21.	Ciara Brien	Killimor
22.	Aine Smyth	Killimor
23.	Laura Cunningham	Killimor
24.	Anna Maria Lagana	Killimor
25.	Louise Loughnane	Eyrecourt

Selectors:
Natasha Harty
Pat Kelly
Carmel Cunningham

LORETO, KILKENNY

Loreto, Cill Cheannaigh

Black & Amber

1.	Sinead Maher	Dicksboro
2.	Caoimhe Shiel	James Stephens
3.	Sarah Dunne	Graigue-Ballycallan
4.	Grace Walsh	Tullaroan
5.	Nicola Butler	Graigue-Ballycallan
6.	Niamh Kelly [C]	Dicksboro
7.	Stacey Quirke	St. Martins
8.	Aisling Dunphy	Graigue-Ballycallan
9.	Niamh Byrne	Clara
10.	Aine Curran	Freshford
11.	Claire Phelan	Lisdowney
12.	Aoife Nolan	O' Loughlin Geals
13.	Laura Hennessy	Graigue-Ballycallan
14.	Noelle Maher	Tullaroan
15.	Aisling O'Grady	Dicksboro

Subs:

16.	Tracy Brennan	Ballyragget
17.	Sonia Buggy	Dicksboro
18.	Aisling Carey	Young Irelands
19.	Emma Comerford	Young Irelands
20.	Michelle Cullinane	Dicksboro
21.	Aisling Curtis	Clara
22.	Sarah Dunphy	Graigue-Ballycallan
23.	Siobhan Healy	Dicksboro
24.	Emer Kelly	Dicksboro
25.	Rebecca McEntee	Lisdowney
26.	Aoife Murphy	Lisdowney
27.	Brid Murphy	Clara
28.	Aoife Murphy	Clara
29.	Eva Nicholson	Dicksboro
30.	Amy O'Connor	Graigue-Ballycallan
31.	Sarah Ann Quinlan	Young Irelands
32.	Isabel Robinson	Clara
33.	Orla Ryan	Graigue-Ballycallan
34.	Aisling White	Freshford

Selectors:
Brendan Williams
Gerry Bolger
Vincent Shiel
Paul Quigley
Pat Kelly

Portumna Community School – Junior A Finalist 2007



Loreto, Kilkenny – Junior A Finalist 2007



All Ireland Semi-Finals

Junior A

Cross & Passion, Ballycastle	2-4	Loreto, Kilkenny	5-6
Portumna CS, Galway	1-6	St. Caimin's, Shannon	0-7

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Pres De La Salle, Bagenalstown - Junior C Finalist 2007



Colaiste Choilm, Ballincollig – Junior C Finalist 2007



All Ireland Semi-Finals

Junior C

St. Louis, Kilkeel	0-3	Bagenalstown	4-3
Col. Na Coirrbe, Galway	2-2	Coláiste Choilm	7-9

Coachford College – Junior B Finalist 2007



St. Dominic's, Cabra – Junior B Finalist 2007



All Ireland Semi-Finals

Junior B

St. Louis, Ballymena	1-3	St. Dominic's, Cabra	1-12
Holy Rosary, Mountbellew	0-1	Coachford, Cork	4-7

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ALL IRELAND COLLEGES JUNIOR A CHAMPIONSHIP

Year	Winner	Runners Up	Score	Winning Captain
1974	Pres, Athenry	North Pres	3-0 to 0-0	Bernie Duffy
1975	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	Pres, Terenure	4-0 to 1-0	Teresa O' Dwyer
1976	Pres, Athenry	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	4-2 to 3-2	Ann delaney
1977	Pres, Athenry	Sacred Heart, Cork	4-1 to 1-3	Anne Burke
1978	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	Voc. Bawnboy	2-3 to 0-1	Eithne Bonnar
1979	Mercy, Roscommon	Scoil Pol, Kilfinane	1-2 to 0-1	Pauline O' Connor
1980	Maryfield, Dublin	Pres de la Salle, Hospital	2-3 to 1-5	Siobhán Bryson
1981	St. John of God, Artane	St. Patrick's, Cork	4-0 to 0-2	Michelle Sleator
1982	Maryfield, Dublin	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	3-9 to 4-0	Carmel O' Byrne
1983	Mercy, Roscommon	St. Paul's, Kilrea	7-1 to 1-3	Elizabeth Lee
1984	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	St. Patrick's, Shannon	6-8 to 2-1	Deirdre Costello
1985	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	Col. Muire, Ennis	3-4 to 1-0	Mary Dolphin
1986	St. Mary's, Charleville	FCJ Bunclody	2-6 to 0-3	Frances Broderick
1987	St. Mary's, Charleville	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	2-3 to 1-4	Máire O' Sullivan
1988	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	St. Mary's, Macroom	5-7 to 1-0	Emer Hardiman
1989	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	St. Patrick's, Maghera	5-0 to 0-1	Pamela nevin
1990	St. Brigid's, Callan	St. Patrick's, Maghera	5-8 to 1-4	Sinéad Millea
1991	St. Mary's, Nenagh	St. Cuan's, Castleblaney	3-9 to 1-10	Áine Hogan
1992	St. Mary's, Nenagh	St. Mary's, Magherafelt	2-6 to 0-8	Madeline Hayes
1993	FCJ Bunclody	St. Mary's, Charleville	2-7 to 1-4	Katherine Kinsella
1994	St. Mary's, Charleville	St. Mary's, Magherafelt	3-6 to 1-5	Jean Cullinane
1995	St. Mary's, Charleville	St. Mary's, Magherafelt	2-12 to 1-1	Laura Leslie
1996	St. Mary's, Magherafelt	FCJ Bunclody	1-10 to 0-4	Simone forbes
1997	Holy Rosary, Mt.bellew	St. Mary's, Charleville	2-4 to 1-5	Máiréad Meehan
1998	Seamount, Kinvara	St. Mary's, Magherafelt	3-8 to 1-2	Karen Huban
1999	St. Mary's, Charleville	Seamount, Kinvara	2-8 to 0-5	Alison White
2000	Col. Bride, Enniscorthy	Seamount, Kinvara	3-5 to 0-8	Caoimhe Fitzpatrick
2001	St. Mary's, Charleville	St. Mary's, Magherafelt	7-16 to 1-2	Marie Watson
2002	St. Mary's, Charleville	Col. Bride, Enniscorthy	4-10 to 4-8	Emer Watson
2003	St. Mary's, Charleville	Portumna Comm School	9-8 to 0-3	Sinead McAuliffe
2004	Coláiste Bride	Pres, Athenry	8-6 to 0-4	Úna Leacy
2005	Pres, Athenry	St. Mary's, Magherafelt	3-10 to 2-3	Stephanie Dwyer
2006	Charleville	Portumna	1-11 to 0-4	Aisling Thompson

ALL IRELAND COLLEGES JUNIOR B CHAMPIONSHIP

Year	Winner	Runners Up	Score	Winning Captain
1999	Col. Muire, Ennis	Loreto, Mullingar	2-10 to 1-2	Sharon O' Loughlin
2000	Pres, Kilkenny	Holy Rosary, Mt.Bellew	2-6 to 0-5	Marie O' Connor
2001	Mercy, Woodford	St. Patrick's, Keady	4-9 to 3-6	Ailbe Sheil
2002	Loreto, Fermoy	Scoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe	7-11 to 2-7	Marie O' Neill
2003	St. Fergal's, Rathdowney	Holy Rosary, Mt.Bellew	4-8 to 3-5	Miriam Harrisson
2004	Scariff Comm College	Castlecomer Comm Sch	5-2 to 1-5	Marian O' Brien
2005	Col. Muire, Ennis	Borris Vocational	1-9 to 1-7	Erinn Hennessy
2006	Borris VS	Gort	2-6 to 0-4	Sinead Kelly

ALL IRELAND COLLEGES JUNIOR B CHAMPIONSHIP

Year	Winner	Runners Up	Score	Winning Captain
2006	St. Joseph's, Tulla	St. Patrick's, Maghera	1-3 to 0-0	Kate Lynch

Pen Pictures: Coachford College

Marie Gleeson (Eire Óg). Participates in Scór, piano, football, Tae Kwan Do. Thinks Donal Óg Cusack is the biz and loves getting the giggles with buddy Ciara.
Laura McCarthy (Inniscarra). Not fair that her handicap is lower than Lotty's! Very skillful player who tends to slice the ball off the T. Cork U14 All Ireland winner. Blames boys talking down the back for her getting extra homework but we all know she is only codding us.
Catherine O' Brien (Inniscarra). Savage amount of medals! Does not appreciate people with flatulence problems but says her man must be funny and confident. Class full back though.
Eimear McCarthy (Inniscarra). Eats Rice pudding and Tuna – very misfortunate to have both parents from Kerry. Mad for horses and did a bit of gymnastics when her knees didn't buckle!
Susan Buckley (Inniscarra). Adores Science. Rena Buckley is her cousin. Thinks Ronan O' Gara has fine legs. Most improved player since first year.
Michelle Healy [C] (Aghabullogue). Cork U14 All Ireland winning Captain. Cork U16. Sings a lot when she thinks nobody is looking. Her Ma is from Tipp though! (Dodgy gene pool there....)
Emma Kingston (Inniscarra). All Ire Karate winner. Likes Brad Pitt. Eats lots of fruit.
Rosie O' Mahony (Inniscarra). Run all day Rosie reads a lot and is a difficult opponent. Plenty of dogs in their lane and she wants to be a genius when she gets big.
Ciara O' Keeffe (Eire Og). Rogue! Dreams of becoming a mathematician or History teacher. Likes a toned/sporty fella. Says she will corrupt Lotty's baby girl at the first opportunity.
Aoife Barry Murphy (Cloughduv). Cork u14 player. Good character and popular girl. Promised Lotty she will NEVER go out with boys. Her Grandad is her hero. Fine soccer player.
Áine O' Connor (Inniscarra). Captained successful 1st Yr winning team. Dad smokes the pipe. Gets confused which side to hit frees from. Wants to be a PE teacher or else meet one.
Ciara O' Connor (Eire Og). Eats Spinach like Popeye and watches Barney. Wants to be a Mommy when all grown up. Nearly buckled Laura's horse! Always in good form.
Maeve Hennessy (Eire Og). Much improved player, will probably marry a ballad singer and settle down in Portugal and sell toys to the local children. Or she might marry an Irish Farmer.
Emer McSwiney (Aghabullogue). Adores her Science teacher. Daddy's pet who gives the horses an awful time. Very tough competitor who watches Garda Patrol. Eats boiled beef frequently.
Joanne Casey (Inniscarra). Likes the actor "Algal" Bloom. Hates having no phone credit but wants a kind sporty boyfriend to bring home to Mammy. Could eat a bucket of Lasagne.
Jessica Farmer (Inniscarra). Eats very little. Only morsels really. Available for babysitting.
Sarah Dineen (Aghabullogue). Very ladylike and skillful player. Won Katie Crowley medal last season with the school at midfield – needed an Oxygen bottle to keep going from the line!
Emily Donovan (Inniscarra). An actress whose ideal man must have gelled brown hair of medium height. Fancies Sly Stallone and wants to be a midwife.
Laura Burke (Inniscarra). A speed merchant who dresses well. Will probably be a Nun!
Elaine O' Mahony (Aghabullogue). Lovely hair. Quick turn of pace which should help keep the boys at a distance. Prime Time is her favourite program. Fancies Peter Stringer. Likes doing homework.
Meig Collins (Inniscarra). Eats Oranges and wishes to be better than her future husband so she can rule the roost! Enjoys History and tried cross country to find her 2 cows for that pillar.
Louise Stack (Eire Og). Wants to torment primary school children as a career. Plays football on the piano and thinks Seán Óg would do nicely. Tough defender – essential to the team.
Michelle O' Sullivan (Aghabullogue). Will become President of Ireland in the White House surrounded by Monkeys. Very popular rogue.
Smacks (Inniscarra). Also loves Science. And Henrik Larrson. Captained Inniscarra when they won the U13 Muskerry title. Jumps out of bed every Monday in anticipation. Will end up in Hollywood.
Aoife Hennessy (Eire Og). Nice striker, always smiling and watches Coronation street.
Erinn O' Connell (Aghabullogue). 1st Yr captain. Wants to meet a tall Italian. Maintains Lotty's baby Adele will go bananas since he won't leave her out until she is 27 – And that's only to go to mass!
Liz Buckley (Dripsey). Good at drawing and will design Aoife's house when she is big. Ronaldo is her man but Ewan could keep her happy.
Niamh O' Carroll [Vc] (Cloughduv). Banjaxed knee. Loves Gaeilge and Chineese grub. Claims to have won sprint medals and horse riding rosettes. Good striker of the ball.
Jenny O' Connell (Aghabullogue). Banjaxed leg when she fell on the poor horse. Horse was traumatized for weeks! Loves her Ma and fancies herself to take up shooting and skiing.

COACHFORD COLLEGE

Pobalcoláiste Áth an Chóiste

Black

1.	Marie Gleeson	Eire Óg
2.	Laura McCarthy	Inniscarra
3.	Catherine O' Brien	Inniscarra
4.	Eimear McCarthy	Inniscarra
5.	Susan Buckley	Inniscarra
6.	Michelle Healy [C]	Aghabullogue
7.	Emma Kingston	Inniscarra
8.	Rosie O' Mahony	Inniscarra
9.	Ciara O' Keeffe	Eire Og
10.	Aoife Barry Murphy	Cloughduv
11.	Áine O' Connor	Inniscarra
12.	Ciara O' Connor	Eire Og
13.	Maeve Hennessy	Eire Og
14.	Emer McSwiney	Aghabullogue
15.	Joanne Casey	Inniscarra

Subs:

16.	Jessica Farmer	Inniscarra
17.	Sarah Dineen	Aghabullogue
18.	Emily Donovan	Inniscarra
19.	Laura Burke	Inniscarra
20.	Elaine O' Mahony	Aghabullogue
21.	Meig Collins	Inniscarra
22.	Louise Stack	Eire Og
23.	Michelle O' Sullivan	Aghabullogue
24.	Siobhán McCarthy	Inniscarra
25.	Aoife Hennessy	Eire Og
26.	Erinn O' Connell	Aghabullogue
27.	Liz Buckley	Dripsey
28.	Niamh O' Carroll [Vc]	Cloughduv
29.	Jenny O' Connell	Aghabullogue

Selectors:
Rita O' Brien
Lotty

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Pen Pictures: St. Dominic's, Dublin

Alisen Egan (St. Oliver Plunketts). Shot stopper who has had an excellent campaign. David Curtin is her favourite player and her ambition is to win the All-Ireland!
Sarah O Leary (Naomh Fionnbarra). Club player of the year ward in 2005. Said her ambition is to continue playing on the Dublin Team and win the All-Ireland!
Lauren Grogan (Naomh Fionnbarra). Has had a solid campaign and says her favourite player is Alan Brogan. Her ambition is to win the All Ireland!
Laura Kenny (St. Oliver Plunketts). represented Dublin at County level before and said her favourite player is DJ Carey. Her ambition is to develop into a better player and to win the All Ireland!
Aisling Gibbons (St. Oliver Plunketts). Favourite player is DJ Carey. Picked up a club Player of the Year award.
Karen Duggan (St. Oliver Plunketts). Leinster Feile and Dublin championship medals in the bag. Her ambition is win the All Ireland and continue to play at Senior level even when she does move to sunny Spain!
Laura Hale (St. Oliver Plunketts). Ambition is to build a community centre in Ashington for the youth of the parish!
Lisa May (St. Oliver Plunketts). Midfielder is currently a member of the Dublin U16 panel and has won many awards including club player of the year and Dublin U14 player of the year.
Aoife Bugler (St. Oliver Plunketts). Dual star sharing her love of camogie with a keen interest in Gaelic Football. Aoife's medal haul includes Dublin football medals, camogie championship medals, a cumann na mBunscoil medal and a Leinster medal. Aoife also picked up a player of the year award from her club.
Aisling Mc Donnell (St. Oliver Plunketts). Dublin U16 player. Ambition is to make the first 15 on the Dublin U16 team!
Rachel Costello (C) (Naomh Fionnbarra). has had an outstanding campaign. Rachel has picked up a lorry load of awards including club Player of the Year, Dublin U16 Player of the Year and most recently Evening Herald Sports Star of the Week for her performance in the Leinster Final.
Kate O Sullivan (St. Oliver Plunketts). is another dual star, starring for her school on the hockey pitch also. Kate says that her favourite player is Sean Og O hAilpin.
Laura Quinn (St. Oliver Plunketts). Has Dublin championship medals, schools medals, a Cumann na mBunscoil medal and a player of the year award from her club. The best game she played in was the Cumann na mBunscoil final in Croke Park!
Leagh West (Naomh Fionnbarra). Dublin U16 panel. Dublin League and champ. at Junior & Senior level and a Lein. medal. Received an Evening Herald Sports star of the Week award for her performances last year in the Dublin Championship.
Aisling Carolan (St. Oliver Plunketts). Her biggest fan Granda Tommy is currently looking at plans for the house extension which will accommodate the 2 club champ., 3 Dublin League, 2 Feile, Lein. and Cumann na mBunscoil medals that she has.
Jade Carey (St. Oliver Plunketts). Has had major impacts on games when she has been introduced. She has received awards for Club player of the year 2004 and a club Vice Captain award in 2006.
Lorna Byrne (St. Oliver Plunketts). Dublin U14 panel. Club merit award for camogie and a player of the year award.
Emma Mc Donagh (Naomh Fionnbarra). Favourite player is Alan Brogan. Club U13 Championship medal and Dublin and Leinster schools medals. Emma has also starred for her school on the hockey pitch scoring a few crucial late goals.
Sarah Dempsey (St. Oliver Plunketts). Can play in the backs or the forwards. Her favourite player is Alan Brogan.
Amy King (Naomh Fionnbarra). Said the best game she ever played in was the U16 championship semi-final with her club. Her ambition is to make at least three training sessions next year and 'to win an All-Ireland with me school'!
Megan Meehan (St Oliver Plunketts). Said the best game she played in was a 'game I played with my club' she wouldn't tell us which one though! currently a member of the Dublin U14 panel.
Estelle Marchan (St. Oliver Plunketts). Has much success on the Cross country circuit. Was a member of the successful St Dominic's Junior cross country team that won the All Ireland Schools Cross Country Championship three weeks ago.

Pen Pictures: Portumna Community School

Helen Campbell (Killimor). Loves to play Camogie.
Karen Brien (Killimor). Loves to play Camogie.
Marie Duane (Killimor). Loves to play Camogie.
Ruth Kilkenny (Kiltormer). Loves to play Camogie.
Nicola Muldoon (Portumna). Loves to play Camogie.
Clare Killeen (Davitts). Plays everywhere except Goals! U16, 2 U18. All Ire r-up, Jnr. A Connacht. Loves Camogie and chocolate, but loves Camogie more.
Laura Shiel (Davitts). Player admired most is Linda Gohery. Dedicated Spurs fan.
Catherine O'Meara (Lemha). All Ire U16, Co. U14. Fav. player is Eoin Kelly & Clare Grogan.
Tara Rutledge (Portumna). [C] U14B, 18B Co. medal. All Ire r-up medal with Galway U18. Fav. player is Davie Fitz.
Claire Harte (Portumna). Loves to play Camogie.
Ann Marie Starr (Killimor). U13 All Ire U18, 14, 12 Co. Finals. Fav. player is Kevin Broderick.
Katie O'Brien (Portumna). Fav. player is Ben O' Connor. Medals: U14B, 16B, 18B.
Edel Cunningham (Portumna). Likes playing Camogie and likes soccer.
Amanda Lynch (Kiltormer). U12, 14, 16, 18 Co. Finals. Fav. player is Sean Og O Halpin.
Niamh McClearn (Portumna). Likes Camogie and Horse riding.
Niamh Briscoe (Davitts). Loves to play Camogie.
Claire Molloy (Davitts). Loves to play Camogie.
Helen Quinn (Killimor). Loves Camogie and playing piano.
Margarette Lynch (Kiltormer). Likes playing Camogie.
Chelsea Starr (Killimor). U13 All Ire., U12 A, U13 B. Fav. player is Joe Deane.
Ciara Brien (Killimor). Loves to play Camogie.
Aine Smyth (Killimor). Loves Camogie!
Laura Cunningham (Killimor). Likes playing Camogie.
Anna Maria Lagana (Killimor). Came from Italy two years ago enjoys camogie.
Louise Loughnane (Eyrecourt). Playing Camogie since she was 6 with Eyrecourt.

St. DOMINIC'S, CABRA

Naomh Dominic

White & Blue

1.	Alison Egan	St. Oliver Plunketts Eoghan Ruadh
2.	Sarah O Leary	Naomh Fionnbarra
3.	Lauren Grogan	Naomh Fionnbarra
4.	Laura Kenny	St. Oliver Plunketts Eoghan Ruadh
5.	Aisling Gibbons	St. Oliver Plunketts Eoghan Ruadh
6.	Karen Duggan	St. Oliver Plunketts Eoghan Ruadh
7.	Laura Hale	St. Oliver Plunketts Eoghan Ruadh
8.	Lisa May	St. Oliver Plunketts Eoghan Ruadh
9.	Aoife Bugler	St. Oliver Plunketts Eoghan Ruadh
10.	Aisling Mc Donnell	St. Oliver Plunketts Eoghan Ruadh
11.	Rachel Costello [C]	Naomh Fionnbarra
12.	Kate O` Sullivan	St. Oliver Plunketts Eoghan Ruadh
13.	Laura Quinn	St. Oliver Plunketts Eoghan Ruadh
14.	Leagh West	Naomh Fionnbarra
15.	Aisling Carolan	St. Oliver Plunketts Eoghan Ruadh

Subs:

16.	Jade Carey	St. Oliver Plunketts Eoghan Ruadh
17.	Lorna Byrne	St. Oliver Plunketts Eoghan Ruadh
18.	Emma Mc Donagh	Naomh Fionnbarra
19.	Sarah Dempsey	St. Oliver Plunketts Eoghan Ruadh
20.	Amy King	Naomh Fionnbarra
21.	Megan Meehan	Naomh Fionnbarra
22.	Estelle Murchan	St. Oliver Plunketts Eoghan Ruadh

Selectors:
Seaghan Kearney
Niall Paget
Eddie Byrne

Medical:
Ann O` Connell.

Pen Pictures: Pres De La Salle, Bagenalstown

Maria Kehoe (Ballinkillen). Fav. Player – Eoin Kelly (Tipp). Lein. Coll. Junior Medal,U-12 and U-14 Champs with club, primary schools football and camogie medals, U-14 Lein. inter-county runners-up medal, 2 Community Games rounders medals.
Mairead O'Connor (Myshall). Fav. Player – Sean Og O'Hailpin. Lein. Coll. Jun Medal, U-14 & inter-Co runners-up medal, represented Carlow in Feile 3 years in a row. Sen. Champ. medal.
Emma Staunton (Paulstown). Fav. Player – Henry Shefflin. Lein. Coll. Junior Medal, U-14, U-18 and Junior medals with club, 2 U-14 and 2 U-16 Lein. medals with Kilkenny, U-16 All-Ireland medal with Kilkenny, Lein. 1st year WallBall champion '05
Ella Meaney (Naomh Brid). Fav. Player – John Mullane. Lein. Coll. Junior Medal, U-14, U-16 and minor Champs with club, U-16 county basketball Champ..
Alice Doran (Naomh Brid). Fav. Player – Ken McGrath. Lein. Coll. Junior Medal, U-14, U-16 medals with club, U-14 Lein. inter-county runners-up medal, 2 Primary schools medals, basketball Champs with school and club.
Tara Wilson (Myshall). Fav. Player Eoin Kelly (Tipp). Lein. Coll. Junior Medal, 2 Senior, minor, U-16, U-14 and Junior football Champs with club, basketball and indoor soccer medals.
Emma Brennan (Naomh Brid). Fav. Player Shane Kavanagh (Carlow). Lein. Coll. Junior Medal, U-12, U-14, U-16, minor and U-16 football Champs with club, county basketball Champ., many Athletics medals inc. All-Ireland bronze in hurdles.
Abi Cole (Paulstown). Fav. Player Henry Shefflin. Lein. Coll. Junior Medal, U-14 and Junior Champ.s with club, 2 Primary schools medals, Schools basketball medal, 3 karate medals.
Margaret Murphy (Ballinkillen). Fav. Player Joe Deane or Henry Shefflin.
Lein. Coll. Junior Medal, Lein. Coll. Junior Medal,U-12 and U-14 Champ.s with club, primary schools football and camogie medals, U-14 Lein. inter-Co runners-up medal, 2 Comm Games rounders medals, Senior football Champ. Played in Croke Park in Primary schools game.
Emma Flavin (Naomh Brid). Fav. Player Tommy Walsh. Lein. Coll. Junior Medal, U-14 and Junior Champ.s with club.
Jess Gleeson (Clara). Fav. Player Emma Staunton! (Kilkenny!) Lein. Coll. Junior Medal, Minor Runners-up medal, Inter-Co U-14 Champ. with Kilkenny, Primary schools runner-up medal.
Orlagh Lennon (Naomh Brid). Fav. Player Henry Shefflin. Lein. Coll. Junior Medal, Co. 1st yr mini-7's medal, U-14 Champ. with club, Primary schools basketball medal, Carlow u-14 player.
Laura Bambrick (Paulstown). Fav. Player Henry Shefflin. Lein. Coll. Junior Medal, U-14, Minor and Junior Champ.s with club, Schools Regional basketball medal with club.
Aileen Ryan (Myshall). Fav. Player Henry Shefflin. Lein. Coll. Junior Medal, U-12 to U-21 Champ. medals with club, Primary schools football and basketball medals, 2 Community Games camogie medals.
Sarah Foley (Naomh Brid). Fav. Player Claire Doherty (Derry). Lein. Coll. Junior Medal, U-14 and U-16 Champs with club, county 1st year mini-7's medal, Primary Schools football and basketball medals, 2 county gymnastics 1st place medals, Schools basketball medal, current Carlow U-14 player.
Niamh Kelly (Myshall). Fav. Player Sean Og O'Hailpin. Lein. Coll. Junior Medal, Senior Champ. medal with club.
Eleanor Purcell (Naomh Brid). Fav. Player Alan Brennan (Carlow) or Dan Shanahan. Lein. Coll. Junior Medal, U-16 and minor Champs with club. County U-16 basketball Champ. Has won many medals and represented Ireland in race-walking.
Susan Williams (Naomh Brid). Fav. Player Anyone from Cork! Lein. Coll. Junior Medal, U-14, U-16 and U-18 Champs with club, Co. 1st yr mini-7's medal, many medals in swimming.
Kerrel Clarke (Ballinkillen). Fav. Player Henry Shefflin. Lein. Coll. Junior Medal, county 1st year mini-7's medal, U-12 and U-14 medals with club.
Siobhain Lawlor (Naomh Brid). Fav. Player Henry Shefflin. Lein. Coll. Junior Medal, U-14, U-16 and Minor Champs with club, schools basketball medal.
Catherine Clowry (Myshall). Fav. Player Sean Og Ó'Hailpin. Lein. Coll. Junior Medal, county 1st year mini 7's medal, underage Championships with club.

PRES DE LA SALLE, BAGENALSTOWN

Colaiste Na Toirbhirte, De La Salle

Red & Black

1.	Maria Kehoe	Ballinkillen
2.	Mairead O'Connor	Myshall
3.	Emma Staunton	Paulstown
4.	Ella Meaney	Naomh Brid
5.	Alice Doran	Naomh Brid
6.	Tara Wilson [C]	Myshall
7.	Kerrel Clarke	Ballinkillen
8.	Emma Brennan	Naomh Brid
9.	Abi Cole	Paulstown
10.	Margaret Murphy	Ballinkillen
11.	Jess Gleeson	Clara
12.	Emma Flavin	Paulstown
13.	Orlagh Lennon	Naomh Brid
14.	Laura Bambrick	Paulstown
15.	Aileen Ryan	Myshall

Subs:

16.	Sarah Foley	Naomh Brid
17.	Siobhain Lawlor	Naomh Brid
18.	Catherine Clowry	Myshall
19.	Susan Williams	Naomh Brid
20.	Eleanor Purcell	Naomh Brid
21.	Niamh Kelly	Myshall

Selector:
Eoin Garvey

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Brid Murphy (Clara). She's very quite but she is a dark horse, from an outstanding club!!!!!
Laura Hennessy (Graigue-Ballycallan). May be the mad one out of the team but takes her Camogie very seriously. A girl with great determination.
Emer Kelly (Dicksboro). She's a great player that plays with great soul... loves her cup of tea!
Amy O' Connor (Graigue-Ballycallan). A very quite girl but she doesn't show it on the pitch.
Stacey Quirke. (St. Martin's). She makes sure she's known on the pitch... D4 to the core!!
Aisling Dunphy (St.Brigid's).A born leader and makes herself heard on the pitch! What a singer! Bebo all-star!
Aisling O'Grady (Dicksboro). Good things comes in small packages which is certainly true for this Dicksboro girl! Granny Long Legs!
Sarah Dunne (St. Brigids). She's absolutely fearless!
Rebecca McEntee (Lisdowney). She's confident and funny. She plays Camogie with both club and school. Once she even broke her muscle and pulled her bone!
Michelle Cullinane (Dicksboro). She's a very bright girl with great expectations. She is a brilliant defender. FAT mama!
Caoimhe Shiel (James Stephens). She maybe small, but she is big in spirit... skillage in the village! Captain small fry 2 the rescue!
Aoife Murphy (Clara). A great attacker at the goal. A great puck on the Ball and never fails to score! Legend.
Aisling Curtis (Clara). A very good player with great personality. She is a very skilful player.
Grace Walsh (Tullaroan). She is a fantastic defender with a lot of determination.
Sarah-Ann Quinlan (Gowran). She is a very skilful player and always has a lot of determination.
Niamh Byrne (Clara). Gifted at every sport she plays and has a great personality!
Aoife Murphy (Lisdowney). Small, fast and skilful. Full of energy and great craic! Skinny kid! Pull them up.
Sinead Maher (Dicksboro). Legend! Saving all those shots - I'd trust her with my life.
Siobhan Healy (Dicksboro). AKA Sticky lips! She sticks to her player all the time. Great player
Áine Curran (Freshford). This current is no sultana! The current is strong!
Claire Phelan (Lisdowney). A stitch in time saves nine!
Sarah Dunphy (Graigue-Ballycallan). Determined girl. No giving up!
Aisling Carey (Gowran). Has brilliant skill in all areas!
Tracy Brennan (Ballyragget). Has brilliant skill and very fast.
Noelle Maher (Tullaroan). AKA Robin Hood!! Ever need a lullaby go to this wee lil lass. Like totally like WOW Noelle is such a cow! Vertically challenged! This "QUIET" girl is un-seen but heard! Mad craic!
Niamh Kelly (Dicksboro). A very EXCITING girl. Captain Fantastic.
Aoife Nolan (O Loughlins). C.O.B!!!! Oh, Kevin G!!!!!!! Quak ee.. D4 to the corefuff luvs ducks 4eva... what's cracing dog!
Eva Nicholson (Dicksboro). She's like a model... tall and towers over the defence! The next Kate Moss!
Nicola Butler (Graigue-Ballycallan). She is the inspiration of the team and a great Irish dancer on the pitch!
Isabel Robinson (Clara). She's a positive Polly and never a negative Nelly!
Orla Ryan (Graigue-Ballycallan). She's so much fun and never stops talking! (Seriously, she never does!!!)
Aisling White (Freshford). Great defender with lots of skill.
Emma Comerford (Young Irelands). Quite and shy at times but never shows it on the pitch!!

Pen Pictures: Colàiste Choilm

Ashleen Sheehan (Ballincollig). Fav. player: Fiona O'Driscoll. U/16 Club Co. , All-Ire, 2 Munster & Co. Sen. School s, Munster School Jun. , On the Cork U/16 Team
Lisa O'Shea (Ballinora). Fav. player: Roy Keane. Munster School Jun.
Alison Coughlan (Ballincollig). Fav. player: Joanne O'Callaghan. U/14 Cork Team 2006, U/16 Cork Team 2007, All-Ire, 2 Munsters & Co. Sen. School s
Aisling O'Keeffe (Eire Og). Fav. player: Diarmuid O'Sullivan. Munster School Jun.
Cliona Irish (Ballincollig). Fav. player: Joanne O'Callaghan. U/16 Club Co. , Munster School Jun. , All-Ire Sen. School
Brea O'Callaghan (Ballincollig). Fav. player: Roy Keane & Seán Óg. All-Ire, 2 Munsters & Co. Sen. School s, Munster School Jun. , U/14 Co. All-Ire , U/16 Club Co. , Cork U/16 Team
Eimear O'Sullivan (Ballincollig). Fav. player: Diarmuid O'Sullivan. All-Ire Sen. School , Munster Jun. School , U/16 Club Co.
Sarah Buckley (Ballincollig). Fav. player: Fiona O'Driscoll. All-Ire, 2 Munsters & Co. Sen. School , Munster Jun. School , U/16 Club Co
Kate O'Donoghue (Ballincollig). Fav. player: Joanne O'Callaghan. All-Ire, 2 Munsters & Co. Sen. School , Munster Jun. School , U/16 Club Co.
Aoife Scally (Eire Og). Fav. player: Juliet Murphy. All-Ire, 2 Munsters & Co. Sen. School , Munster Jun. School , U/16 Club Co. , Cork U/16 Football Team
Patricia Buttimer (Ballincollig). Fav. player: Joanne O'Callaghan. Munster Jun. School , U/16 Club Co.
Orla Ni Chathasaigh (Ballincollig). Fav. player: Joanne O'Callaghan. Munster Jun. School , U/16 Club Co.
Heather Morgan (St. Finbarr's). Fav. player: Joe Deane. Munster Jun. School
Aoife McCarthy (Eire Og). Fav. player: Seán Óg. All-Ire, 2 Munsters & Co. Sen. School , Munster Jun. School , U/16 Club Co. , Cork U/16 Team
Samantha Coomey (Ballincollig). Fav. player: Joe Deane. Munster Jun. School , U/16 Club Co.
Grace McDonnell (Ballincollig). Fav. player: Joanne O'Callaghan. Munster Jun. School , U/14 Féile, U/14 Cork Football
Shannon Ni Chartaigh (St. Finbarr's). Fav. player: Seán Óg. Munster Jun. School
Orla Coleman (Inniscarra) Fav. player: Joe Deane & Rena Buckley. Cork Féile Winner, Munster Jun. School
Natasha O'Toole (Eire Og). Fav. player: Joe Deane. U/13 Club County Medal, U/11 Club Mid-Cork Medal, Munster Junior School Medal
Emma Crowley (Eire Og). Fav. player: Seán Óg. U/13 Club County , U/11 Club Mid-Cork , Munster Junior School

COLÁISTE CHOILM, BALLINCOLLIG

Coláiste Choilm

Blue

1.	Aisleen Sheehan	Ballincollig
2.	Aisling O' Keeffe	Eire Og
3.	Alison Coughlan	Ballincollig
4.	Lisa O' Shea	Ballinora
5.	Cliona Irish	Ballincollig
6.	Brea O' Callaghan [C]	Ballincollig
7.	Emer O' Sullivan	Ballincollig
8.	Sarah Buckley	Ballincollig
9.	Kate O' Donoghue	Ballincollig
10.	Aoife Scally	Eire Og
11.	Patricia Buttimer	Ballincollig
12.	Orla Ni Chathasaigh	Ballincollig
13.	Heather Morgan	St. Finbarr's
14.	Aoife McCarthy	Eire Og
15.	Samantha Coomey	Ballincollig

Subs:

16.	Emma Crowley	Eire Og
17.	Natasha O' Toole	Eire Og
18.	Shannon NicCharthaigh	St. Finbarr's
19.	Orla Coleman	Inniscarra
20.	Grace McDonnell	Ballincollig

Selectors:
Hilda Kenneally
Conor Kinsella

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Superb Coláiste Choilm take title

Coláiste Choilm	4-13
Presentation DLS Bagnalstown	0-4

STRONGER in all sectors, favourites Coláiste Choilm Ballincollig confirmed their favourites tag by taking the All Ireland colleges junior C title when totally overpowering Presentation De La Salle Bagnalstown in Nowlan Park on Saturday last.

From the throw-in the indications were good for the stronger Coláiste Choilm side as they were quicker and sharper than their opponents.

By the half time whistle they led 3-10 to 0-1 with Emma Brennan's point all the Pres girls had to show for the first half endeavours.

In truth there was no way back for the De La Salle girls in the second half who, it must be said, never gave up the chase, fighting to the final whistle as the Coláiste Choilm girls continued to pile on the pressure.

With Aoife McCarthy in devastating form notching up 2-5 of the Colaiste Choilm tally of 4-13, they never put a foot wrong, McCarthy had two first half goals while Samantha Cooney was also in the thick of the action, setting up McCarthy for one goal before finishing Orla Ní Chathasaigh's pass to the net as Ballincollig laid the foundations for victory.

Indeed Ní Chathasaigh can take a lot of credit for her side's success because, though she did not get on the scoresheet, the right half forward did Trojan work through the hour, working continually and causing all sorts of problems for the Presentation defence where Tara Wilson, and Emma Staunton gave it their all to stem the tide.

Coláiste Choilm piled on the pressure and the scores continued to come through the half points from Sarah Buckley, Aoife Scally and Heather Morgan helping as the enjoined a comprehensive interval advantage.

Through the second half it was simply a matter of going through the motions, Cooney on hand to grab goal number four as Sarah Buckley, Aoife Scally, Grace McDonnell and Aoife McCarthy tapped over the points.

Presentation battled hard but were never in the same class as their opponents.

Emma Brennan did strike over two further points in the second half but they were never going to deny Coláiste Choilm of lifting the title.

COLAISTE CHOILM A Sheehan, A O' Keeffe, A Coughlan, L O'Shea, C Irish, B O'Callaghan, E O'Sullivan, S Buckley (0-2frees), K O'Donoghue, A Scally (0-4), P Buttimer, O Ni Chathasaigh, H Morgan (0-1), A McCarthy(2-5), S Cooney(2-0).

Subs: G MC Donnell (0-1) for A McCarthy, E Crowley for B O'Callaghan, N O'Toole for T Buttimer, S Nic Charthaigh for E O'Sullivan.

PRESENTATION DE LA SALLE M Kehoe, M O'Connor, E Staunton, E Meaney, A Doran, T Wilson, K Clarke, E Brennan (0-3), A Cole, M Murphy, J Gleeson, E Flavin, O Lennon, L Bambrick, A Ryan



An elated Brea O'Callaghan, captain, watched by Coláiste Choilm principal, Pat Kinsella, accepts the All-Ireland Junior C camogie cup from Noelle O'Driscoll after their victory over Presentation DLS Bagnalstown at Nowlan Park on Saturday.
Picture: Keely Sheehan.

Casey is the inspiration

Coachford College	3-5
St Dominic's Dublin	2-5

By MARY NEWMAN
Colleges camogie

TRAILING by five points at the interval, Coachford College showed tremendous character as they battled back to take the All Ireland colleges Junior B title in Nowlan Park on Saturday.

Coachford had many stars but none shone brighter than Joanne Casey.

Her two second half goals served not only to rally her side, but in the finish, they proved to be the difference between a wonderful victory and a heartbreaking defeat.

St Dominick's made all the early running and led 2-3 to 1-1 at the interval with Rachel Costello, Aisling McDonnell and Kate O'Sullivan causing problems for the Coachford defence.

They had the game's opening score from Kate O' Sullivan with a fifth minute goal and Rachel Costello added two points as Coachford struggled to find their feet.

Joanne Casey settled the Coachford girls with a point but they were reeling when Laura Quinn struck for St. Dominic's second goal 10 minutes from half time.

Slowly Coachford began to settle and with Aine O' Connor and Aoife Barry-Murphy beginning to gain the upper hand, they clawed their way back.

Casey, leading the way with a super effort from 30 metres all the way to the net but it was St. Dominick's who controlled matters as they responded with a Costello point on the stroke of half time.

Coachford were transformed for the second half and hit St Dominick's a killer blow inside a minute of the restart when Casey found the net for a vital goal, finishing the rebound to the net after keeper Alison Egan failed to hold on to a shot.

Casey converted a free before Barry-Murphy brought the sides level as Coachford swamped the Dublin defence relentlessly, applying massive pressure.

With substitute Jessica Farmer curtailing Costello and captain Michelle Healy, Susan Buckley and Catherine O'Brien controlling matters in defence, Coachford were now dictating matters and they took the lead for the first time when good work from Ciara O'Connor found Casey, who made no mistake with a ground stroke to put Coachford a goal ahead for the first time.



The Coachford College Junior All Ireland champions Prior to their victory over St Dominic's of Dublin at Nowlan Park on Saturday.

With 10 minutes on the clock, Casey duly converted a free to stretch the advantage to four points, but they were relieved when Catherine O'Brien denied Dominick's on the goal line after Costello elected to try for a goal from 21 metres free.

Dominick's battled hard two points from Laura Quinn and Costello had the lead down to two points but fittingly it was Coachford's Casey who had the final say when she calmly slotted her long range free between the posts to put a goal between the schools to give Coachford their first Junior B title.

The win completed a Cork double on the day and the victories are a tribute to the hard work going on in promoting the game by the teachers in both schools so tonight we salute Hilda Kenneally and Conor Kinsella from Colaiste Choilm and, in Coachford, Rita O'Brien and Rob Lotty.

COACHFORD: M. Gleeson, L. McCarthy, C. O'Brien, E. McCarthy, S. Buckley, M. Healy (C), E. Kingston, R. O'Mahony, C. O'Keeffe, A. Barry Murphy (0-1), A. O'Connor, C. O'Connor, E. McSwiney, J. Casey (3-4), M. Hennessy.
Subs: J. Farmer, E. O' Donovan
ST. DOMINIC'S: A. Egan, S. O' Leary, L. Grogan, L. Kenny, A. Gibbons, K. Duggan, L. Hale, L. May, R. Costello (c) (0-4), A. McDonnell, A. Bugler, K. O' Sullivan (1-0), L. Quinn (1-1), L. West, A. Carolyn.

First ever All-Ireland titles for all participating schools at the weekend.

(2007-03-26)

Orla Donnelly, the Antrim camogie player and Derry hurler Raymond Kennedy had plenty to shout about on Saturday following their school's first ever senior All-Ireland colleges victory over Presentation Athenry 2-10 to 2-6 in the replay in Drumlane, Cavan. Mentors to the St.Mary's side who were appearing in their first ever senior 'A' All-Ireland final they were made fight all the way for this victory which resulted in the Corn Sceilg settling in Ulster for the first time in thirty six years!

Leading by a point at the break, 1-5 to Athenry's 1-4, it was all to play for in the second half. Noreen Coen who scored Athenry's first half goal always remained a thret to St.Mary's but a determined midfield meant a constant supply of ball to the forward line. Ten minutes from time the winning goal came for the Ulster champions from Eimear Mc Kenna but still Athenry refused to die as with time up their second goal came from Stefanie O'Dwyer, but the Ulster defence was rock like and thus the Corn Sceilg went to Ulster this time.

The three junior All-Ireland finals also went ahead, with Loreto Kilkenny defeating Portumna Community School 0-9 to 0-7 with Ger Phelan notching 0-4 of the Kittens scores. Tara Rutledge was Portumna's chief scorer of 0-4 while Ann Marie Starr got the fifth point of the day for the Connacht champions. This was Loreto's first ever Junior 'A' All-Ireland title.

There was double joy for the Cork schools as they both won the junior 'B' and the Junior 'C' All-Ireland titles for the very first time when Coachford Community College defeated Dublin side St.Dominics 3-5 to 2-5 while Coláiste Choilm of Ballincollig overcame De La Salle of Carlow 4-12 to 0-3 in the 'C' Final. Aoife Mc Carthy was the Ballincollig top scorer of 2-5 while Samantha Coomey knocked in a further two goals. Emma Brennan was De La Salle's scorer of 0-3. Dublin were ahead 2-3 to 1-1 at the break following two goals from Aisling Carolan and Leagh West, but the young Rebels came out much stronger in the second half who had a fine full-forward in hat -trick goal scorer Joanne Casey.

Scorers:

Senior'A' :
St.Mary's Magherafelt: 2-10: SO'Kane 1-1,E Mc Kenna 1-0, A Mc Peake 0-6 (0-3f), K Bradley 0-2, S Mc Loughlin 0-1
Presentation Athenry 2-6: N Coen 1-4, S O'Dwyer 1-0, L Walsh, N Ryan 0-1 each.

Jun. 'A':
Loreto Kilkenny: 0-7: G Phelan 0-4 (0-3f), A Nolan, A O'Grady, A Curran 0-1 each
Portumna Com.Galway Sch. 0-5:T Rutledge 0-4 (0-2f, 0-2'45), A M Starr 0-1.

Jun. 'B':
Coachford Community Coll. Cork : 3-5:J Casey 3-3 (0-1'45), A Barry Murphy 0-2
St.Dominics, Cabra, Dublin: 2-5: A Carolan, L West 1-1 each,R Costelloe 0-2 (0-1f),A Bugler 0-1

Jun. 'C':
Coláiste Choilm Ballincollig, Cork: 4-12: A Mc Carthy 2-5, S Coomey 2-0, A Scally 0-3, S Buckley 0-2f, S Morgan, G Mc Donald 0-1 each.
De la Salle, Bagnelstown, Carlow 0-3: E Brennan 0-3

Coachford, and Coláiste Choilm win All-Irelands for Cork

by Therese O'Callaghan

CORK teams enjoyed double success in the All-Ireland Junior B and C College's camogie finals at the weekend.

Coachford Community College had to fight back to record a 3-5 to 2-5 victory over Dublin side St Dominic's. The school in the constituency of An Taoiseach received a good luck message from Bertie Ahern, but couldn't pull off the win despite enjoying a 2-3 to 1-1 buffer at half time. With Coachford's Joanne Casey scoring a superb hat-trick, goals from Aisling Carolan and Leagh West weren't enough to save the day.

In the C decider, Coláiste Choilm Ballincollig comprehensively defeated De La Salle Carlow 4-12 to 0-3. A brace of goals from Aoife McCarthy and Samantha Coomey inspired this triumph, while Emma Brennan scored all three points for the Leinster girls.

Elsewhere, St Mary's Magherafelt created history at the weekend when they claimed their first ever All-Ireland senior A title after edging out Presentation Athenry, 2-10 to 2-6, in the replayed final.

They bridged a 36-year gap since Sacred Heart Newry registered Ulster's only other senior school's win. Top scorer Noreen Coen hit the Galway side into an early lead but a Sarah O'Kane goal in the 12th minute ensured the Derry girls minimum advantage at the break 1-5 to 1-4.

The greater striking power of their full-forward line was evident in the second half and when Eimear McKenna raised a second green flag, the northerners were looking good. However, Stefanie O'Dwyer brought Pres right back with her goal in the final quarter, but St Mary's who are coached by Antrim camogie player Orla Donnelly and Derry hurler Raymond Kennedy didn't falter.

Elsewhere, there was further disappointment for Galway when Loreto Kilkenny defeated Portumna CC 0-7 to 0-5 after a closely fought encounter in the Junior A final. For the winners Geraldine Phelan helped herself to four points, while defensively Caoimhe Shiels and Nimah Byrne were in top form. Tara Rutledge finished Portumna's top scorer.

CAMOGIE

Sen A Colleges :
St. Mary's Megherafelt: 2-10: SO'Kane 1-1,E Mc Kenna 1-0, A Mc Peake 0-6 (0-3f), K Bradley 0-2, S Mc Loughlin 0-1 Presentation Athenry 2-6: N Coen 1-4, S O'Dwyer 1-0, L Walsh, N Ryan 0-1 each. **Jun A:** Loreto Kilkenny: 0-7: G Phelan 0-4 (0-3f), A Nolan, A O'Grady, A Curran 0-1 each Portumna Com. Sch.Galway: 0-5:T Rutledge 0-4 (0-2f, 0-2'45), A M Starr 0-1. **Jun B:**
Coachford Community Coll. Cork : 3-5:J Casey 3-3 (0-1'45), A Barry Murphy 0-2 St.Dominics, Cabra, Dublin: 2-5: A Carolan, L West 1-1 each,R Costelloe 0-2 (0-1f),A Bugler 0-1 **Jun C:** Coláiste Choilm Ballincollig, Cork: 4-12: A Mc Carthy 2-5, S Coomey 2-0, A Scally 0-3, S Buckley 0-2f, S Morgan, G Mc Donald 0-1 each. De la Salle, Bagnelstown, Carlow 0-3: E Brennan 0-3.
National League: Div 1A:
Wexford 4-10 (K Kelly 1-6 (1-6f), B Furlong 2-1,M Hearne 1-0, K Parrock, B Curran, U Leacy 0-1 each)
Kilkenny 1-8 (J Frisby 1-0, I Kennedy 0-6 (0-4f), J A Woodcock, E Fitzpatrick 0-1 each)
Tipperary 4-12 (E Mc Donnell 1-2, E Hayden 1-1,G Kinnane, J Horan 1-0 each, C Grogan 0-5 (0-1f),C Hennessey 0-4) **Dublin 1-8** (C Durkan 1-0, A Jordan 0-4 (0-3f),M O'Gorman, 0-2, L O'Hara 0-2 (0-1f))
Cork 0-9 (J O'Leary 0-5 (0-4f), O Cotter 0-2, R Buckley 0-2 (0-1f, 0-1 45)) **Galway 0-7** (V Curtain 0-4 (0-2f, 0-2'45), L Kavanagh 0-2, S Tannion 0-1).

Div 1B: Tipperary 4-13 (C Johnston 3-2, S Ryan 1-5, D Ryan 0-3, N Flanagan 0-2, J O'Connor 0-1) **Dublin 1-9** (K Farrell 1-0, J Horay, S Keogh 0-3 each, E Grogan 0-2, A Murphy 0-1).
Cork 3-11 (T Roche, C Kearney 1-1 each, M Jago 1-0, M Watson 0-5 (0-1f), A Thompson 0-3 (0-2f, 0-1 45), M Brown 0-1) **Galway 1-3** (L Smith 1-0, D Burke, S Keane, E Kilkelly 0-1 each)
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Div 2A: Derry 4-15 (C O'Kane 3-0, K Mc Auley 1-1, G Mc Goldrick 0-7, A Laverty, M Mc Goldrick 0-3 each, E Henry 0-1) **Kildare 0-5** (S O'Carroll 0-5.)
Offaly 4-6 (S Flannery, J Brady 2-0 each, M Davis 0-4f, K Nugent 0-2) **Antrim 5-1** (O. Mc Caul 1-1, E Dowds, J Adams, R Turney, C Hamill 1-0 each)
Down 1-7 (K Gribben 1-3, C Mulholland, C Mc Gourty, F Carr, O Mc Ginn 0-1 each) **Clare 0-10** (C Mc Mahon 0-6 (0-3f, 0-2'45), M O'Halloran 0-3, C Commane 0-1.
Div 2B: Waterford 3-10 (A Lyng 1-4 (1-2f, 0-1'45),K Kelly 1-2, R Heylin 1-0, M Murphy, J Simpson, P Cunningham, P Jackman 0-1 each) **Laois 0-6** (E Delaney 0-2, E Mahony, T Cuddy, L Mahony, T Bennett 0-1 each)
Armagh 4-8 (K A Cumiskey 1-2, L Mc Guinness 1-1, S Molloy, A Mc Alinden 1-0 each, C Mc Sorley 0-3, J Mahon, N McGowan 0-1 each) **Roscommon 1-5** (A Mc Geeney 1-3, N Coyle, C Curley 0-1 each)
Div 3: London 3-15 (E Quigley 1-5, A O'Connell 1-2, H Collier 1-1,S Deasy 0-4,R O'Neill, M Muldoon, R Harvey 0-1 each) Louth 0-1 (J Finnegan 0-1)
Meath 7-14 (J Dolan 3-6, (0-1f),C O'Brien 3-0, D Connell 1-1, N Sheridan, S Hackett 0-2 each, E Guy, S Horan, E Lynch 0-1 each) **Cavan 0-2** (M Brady 0-2).

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Cork were more convincing winners in Division 1B with a 3-11 to 1-3 win with Cliona Roche, Marian Jaejo and Charlotte Harney on target with goals for the winners while Lisa Smith found the net in the first half for Galway.

Coilín Duffy

Rebels set to open account

SUNDAY
Division 1A Senior National League, Cork v Galway, Cloughduv, 3.30pm

CORK and Galway find themselves in a strange position as both seek their first victories in the league on Sunday.

By MARY NEWMAN
Division 1A Camogie League

With just a point between them, both will be mindful of the need to record a much-needed victory to stay in the hunt for a place in the final shake-up.

Cork were somewhat unlucky to lose out to Wexford by the narrowest of margins in the first game of the series.

They looked to have secured the points in their clash with Tipperary, but a mix up over a late point saw the referee declare the game a draw and it was points shared.

It has been a tough start to the season for Galway who have not been able to get it together at all.

They received end from Tipperary in their opening game, but improved in their second game, losing by five points to a Kilkenny side who are ones to watch this season.

Against Tipp they struggled badly, losing 2-13 to 0-7, while against Kilkenny they conceded three opening half goals, and that proved their downfall. In that game, a much-improved performance saw Veronica Curtin, Ann-Marie Hayes and Lourda Kavanagh all finding their form and contributing to a strong second-half Galway revival.

The disappointment was huge in Galway last season. Under the guidance of Sharon Glynn they had hoped to improve on the annexing of the national league title of 2005 and go on and take the All-Ireland crown.

Indications were good through the early stages of the league but they came a cropper in the championship semi-final to Cork.

At the start of 2007, Glynn and her management team called it a day with Mike Kelly taking over the management duties.

Kelly is joined by former junior manager Sile Coen, Bertie Keane, Liam Gannon and Helena Huban. While Kelly has not a lot of experience at camogie. He has managed the county U16 and minor hurling sides.

The foundations laid by Glynn saw Galway take their first National League title in 2005, but so far they have not been able to build on this and if this downward spiral were to continue Galway could be back in deep trouble.

Cork were disappointed with both results to date however the back room team are working away steadily, with championship very much in their minds. In both games to date they have amassed plenty of points but the elusive goal is still to come.

Up front against Tipp they worked but failed to raise the green flag, despite having the bulk of the possession in the second half they failed to put Tipperary away.

The Cork selectors have continued to give starts to several of last season's panel Orla Cotter, Denise Twomey and Jenny Duffy were in the starting 15 against Tipperary while Sarah Hayes, Colette Desmond and Emer Watson were in the starting line out against Wexford.



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Cork started without Briege Corkery and Angela Walsh against Tipp as both were released to travel to Galway with the ladies football team, but they are expected to be in the line-out on Sunday vital clash with Galway.

A victory and results going their way in other games could see Cork still in the chase with outings against Dublin and Kilkenny to come.

Rebels hoping for immediate response

SUNDAY,
Cork v Galway, Division 1B Senior National League, Cloughduv, 2pm

CORK will be hoping to get back to winning ways when they meet Galway in a crucial league game in Cloughduv.

Cork are tied at the top with Limerick and Galway, but both of these team have a game in hand against each other.

Last weekend Cork suffered their first defeat, losing out by the narrowest of margins to Limerick in a game that was played in horrific weather conditions.

By MARY NEWMAN
Division 1B Camogie League

It was very much a case of a lucky break that was going to win the game and it was Limerick who got the vital goal that edged them ahead by a point at the final whistle.

Cork, to be fair, put in a good hour and could count themselves unlucky not to have secured a draw.

They were well served by Marie Corkery, Linda Dorgan, Lucy Hawkes and Linda O'Connell but it was up front that the challenge fell short, with four of the six points coming from frees.

Manager Aidan Crowley will be looking for a much improved performance from his forward division against a Galway side who have recorded two win out of two against Tipperary and Kilkenny.

Galway manager Mike Kelly, in his first year with the side, will be hoping for continued good performances from Sandra Tannion who scored two vital goals in their victory over Tipperary.

Ann Marie Hayes and Paula Kerins have also been grabbing goals at crucial stages while Veronica Curtin, whose sister Orla lined out with Limerick last weekend, is also amongst the players Kelly will look to guide the fortunes of the younger members of the squad.

It could be another busy day for Ann-Marie Hayes, who lined out with both Galway teams on the same day recently, playing against Kilkenny and Tipperary in the B game, before lining out with the A side.

She contributed enormously to both sides and it remains to be seen if this continues this weekend.

Coachford, Ballincollig go for glory in All-Ireland

By MARY NEWMAN
All-Ireland Colleges Junior B final

TOMORROW
Colleges Junior B final, Coachford College v St Dominic's, Dublin, Nowlan Park 1pm,

THREE provinces are represented in this weekend's All-Ireland Colleges Junior finals, and it's a big day for two Cork schools — Coláiste Choilm, Ballincollig and Coachford College go after All-Ireland titles.

Rachel Costello is the danger woman for Dominic's. She carved out a name with the Dublin U16 county side, turning in a superb display in their recent Leinster championship outing against Offaly. They coasted through Leinster. Lisa May, Aoife Bugler and Leagh West will spearhead their drive to take the title.

Coachford are not without their stars. They overcame Ursulines, Thurles in the provincial final and did superbly to quash Mountbellew, Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final 4-5 to 0-1. Joanne Casey struck all of Coachford's scores.

Coachford are no one-player team. Michelle Healy, Emma Kingston and Catherine O'Brien play with the Cork U16s, and they have top performers in Laura McCarthy, Ciara O'Connor, Ciara O'Keeffe and Rosie O'Mahony.

TOMORROW,
Colleges Junior C final, Coláiste Choilm v Presentation De La Salle, Carlow at Nowlan Park 2.30pm

Coláiste Choilm are hot favourites to defeat first-time finalists De La Salle. Six of Ballincollig's side — Aisleen Sheehan, Alison Coughlan, Kate O'Donoghue, Sarah Buckley, Aoife McCarthy and Brea O'Callaghan — won All-Ireland Senior C titles last year.

Cork U16s Alison Coughlan, Brea O'Callaghan, Aoife McCarthy and Aisleen Sheehan should spearhead the challenge against the Leinster champions, who beat St Louis, Kilkeel 4-3 to 0-3. Ballincollig had seven players score as they beat Coláiste na Coiribe, Galway in their semi-final by 7-9 to 2-2.

Aoife McCarthy was top scorer with 2-3. It will take a mighty effort from Carlow to deny Ballincollig.

COACHFORD COLLEGE PANEL: Marie Gleeson (Eire Óg) Laura McCarthy Catherine O'Brien Eimear McCarthy Susan Buckley, Joanne Casey, Jessica Farmer, Aine O'Connor, Emma Kingston Rosie O'Mahony (all Inniscarra) Michelle Healy (c) (Aghabullogue) Aoife Barry Murphy (Cloughduv) Ciara O'Connor, Maeve Hennessy, Ciara O'Keeffe (both Eire Óg) Emer McSwiney Sarah Dineen (both Aghabullogue) Emily Donovan, Laura Burke (both Inniscarra) Elaine O'Mahony (Aghabullogue) Meig Collins (Inniscarra) Louise Stack (Eire Óg) Michelle O'Sullivan (Aghabullogue) Siobhán McCarthy (Inniscarra) Aoife Hennessy (Eire Óg) Erin O'Connell (Aghabullogue) Liz Buckley (Dripsey) Niamh O'Carroll (Cloughduv) Jenny O'Connell (Aghabullogue).

COLÁISTE CHOILM, BALLINCOLLIG PANEL: Aisleen Sheehan (Ballincollig), Aisling O'Keeffe (Eire Óg) Alison Coughlan (Ballincollig) Lisa O'Shea (Ballinora) Cliona Irish (Ballincollig) Brea O'Callaghan (c) (Ballincollig) Emer O'Sullivan (Ballincollig) Sarah Buckley (Ballincollig) Kate O'Donoghue (Ballincollig) Aoife Scally (Eire Óg) Patricia Buttimer (Ballincollig) Orla Ni Chathasaigh (Ballincollig) Heather Morgan (St Finbarr's) Aoife McCarthy (Eire Óg) Samantha Coomey(Ballincollig) Emma Crowley (Eire Óg) Natasha O'Toole (Eire Óg) Shannon Nic Charthaigh (St Finbarr's) Orla Coleman (Inniscarra) Grace McDonnell (Ballincollig).

Cork battlers steal the win



LINDA MELLERICK

Cork	0-9
Galway	0-7

CORK left it late to equalise and then edge ahead in this National Senior A league third round tie in Cloughduv yesterday afternoon.

Two long-range frees from substitute Rena Buckley in the 56th and 58th minutes followed by a Jennifer O'Leary free saw Cork take the valuable two points on offer. With only one point behind them after their first two games, the home side needed a victory if they were to have any realistic chance of qualifying for the knockout stages.

Galway looked fitter and sharper but in typical Galwegian style, overrunning and elaboration of the hand pass took its toll against a strong breeze.

Aided by the strong swirling wind Galway were quick off the mark with two points inside three minutes. They pressurised the Cork defence from the outset as the Rebel side made little headway from the middle of the park up. Eimear O'Sullivan and Catriona Foley in particular covered well, breaking up many an attack. While Gemma O'Connor hit some good ball, Galway dominated in defence and midfield. Add to this the wind factor and Cork were on the back foot.

Cork failed to score from play in the opening half and this must worry the Cork mentors. Chances went a-begging with poor shooting and little or no assertiveness. The most threatening Cork forward was Denise Twomey who, while having a tough battle with Regina Glynn, the Galway number 2, always looked dangerous.

Galway goalkeeper Susan Keane looked inexperienced. Batting out the one or two shots at her in a jittery fashion had goal potential written all over it had Cork created chances and seized the opportunities.

O'Leary put Cork on the scoreboard with a free after eight minutes. She added another 12 minutes later and that totalled the Rebel sides' scoring for the opening half.

Sinead Callahan, Niamh Kilkenny and Ann Marie Hayes around the middle of the park played some strong hurling and by the time Veronica Curtin hit over her fourth and Galway's sixth point 24 minutes in, Cork looked all over the place.

Two or three good saves from Murray and good defensive work left a respectable 0-7 to 0-2 gap between the sides at the break.

The wind rose and dropped in the second half as Cork chipped away at the visitors' lead. Galway lacked the drive and penetration to finish off the champions as Cork grew stronger. It always seemed just a matter of time before they would take the lead. Some poor wides from both sides kept three points in it as two O'Leary frees narrowed the gap. Still it is noteworthy that the inside six failed to score from play for the entire 62 minutes.

It was Orla Cotter, from the centre of the field, with two excellent points who gave Cork hope with five minutes of normal time remaining.

Galway put together some great moves but couldn't add the finishing touches.

Three substitutions strengthened the Cork cause. None more so that Rena Buckley's, whose free-taking had an immediate impact and Cork were in front. O'Leary's free cemented an outcome waiting to happen.



Orla Cotter of Cork gets the ball away as Ann Marie Hayes of Galway closes in during their Division 1A National League match in Cloughduv. Picture: Kieran Boyde

Scorers Cork: J O'Leary 0-5 (f's), O Cotter 0-2, R Buckley 0-2 (f's)

Galway: V Curtin 0-4 (0-2 '45), B Hanney, L Kavanagh and S Tannian 0-1 each.

CORK: A Murray; J O'Callaghan, R Holland, C Foley; E O'Sullivan, M O'Connor, G O'Connor; O Cotter, B Corkery; U O'Donoghue, E Watson, J O'Leary; R Moloney, S O'Donovan, D Twomey.

Subs: E Dillon for R Moloney (36min), A Geary for S O'Donovan (47min), R Buckley for U O'Donoghue (50min).

GALWAY: S Keane; R Glynn, E Burke, T Manton; S Noone, S Callahan, N Kilkenny; B Hanney, AM Hayes; C Bowes, L Kavanagh, E Kilkelly; V Curtin, S Tannian, M Dunne.

Referee: Martin Conroy, Waterford.

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Div 2B: Waterford 3-10 Laois 0-6; Armagh 4-8 Roscommon 1-5.

Div 3: London 3-15 Meath 7-14.

Cork are in pole spot after win over Galway

By MARY NEWMAN

Camogie national league

Cork	3-11
Galway	1-3

CORK got their senior division 1B National League campaign back on track recording a comprehensive victory over Galway in Cloughduv yesterday.

Having lost out narrowly to Limerick last weekend, a win was vital to keep in the hunt for a place in the play-off stages.

From the throw-in Cork showed plenty of determination opening up a four-point lead inside the opening 10 minutes thanks to three points from Marie Watson and one from Aisling Thompson.

Deirdre Burke got Galway's opening score in the 11th minute and they were on level terms inside 15 minutes when Lisa Smith finished to the net from the edge of the square.

Cork failed to panic and swept up field with the next attack. Full-forward Tina Roche scrambled the ball over the line for Cork's opening goal after Marion Jagoe's hand passed attempt was stopped on the line by Roisin Callanan.

Despite playing against the stiff breeze, it was Cork who continued to enjoy the majority of possession and they made it show on the scoreboard turning over 1-6 to 1-2 ahead.

Tina Roche and Aisling Thompson pointed for Cork with Susan Keane replying with a Galway pointed free.

This was to be the Galway girls' last score until the 59th minute as Cork dominated proceeding from here.

Points from Charlotte Kearney and Marie Watson stretching their lead and any hopes of a Galway revival were quashed with goals from Marian Jagoe and Charlotte Kearney.

A the game drew to it conclusion, substitute Emma Kilkelly had a Galway point in reply to two from Aisling Thompson and Michelle Brown to complete the scoring.

With just two games against Kilkenny and Dublin to come Cork are sitting pretty at the top of the table having lost out in just one game.

CORK: G Harrington, A M Fleming, N Mulcahy, D Hayes, L O Connell (c), J Duffy L Hawkes, L Dorgan, A. Thompson(0-3 :0-3 frees 0-1 45'), M Corkery, M Jagoe(1-0), M Watson,(0-5) C Kearney(1-1)T Roche (1-1) R Myers.

Subs: M Brown (0-1) for C. Kearney (47mins), C Deasy for L: Hawkes (50 inj), V O Keeffe for A Thompson (51mins) H O Regan for M Corkery (51min)

GALWAY: R Callanan, L Flynn, C Conroy, P Hayes, J Brien, P Kenny, A Hobbin's, G Kelly, J Coone, D Burke (0-1), M Dunne, M Flanagan, M Conroy, S Keane (0-1), L Smith (1-0)

Sub: E Kilkelly (0-1) for M Dunne (inj 26min)

Referee: C Quigley Kildare

National League round up Div 1A&1B

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In Division 2A a thrilling drawn encounter took place at Mount Bolus, County Offaly with Clare 0-10 Down 1-7. At half-time Clare led by 0-5 to 0-1 thanks to some good work by Deirdre Murphy, Marie O'Halloran and Clare McMahon but Down made a great second-half comeback with Catherine McGourty finding the net in the 49th minute to ensure the sides shared the spoils.

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Down remain unbeaten with late, late show

A LATE Cathy Mulholland point helped Down retain their unbeaten start to the season, but they really played catch up against Clare yesterday.
Clare led by 0-5 to a Catherine McGourty point at half-time and, despite a goal from Karen Gribbin, kept a point or two ahead until the late Down score.
They now have unbeaten Derry to play in their final game, and probably need something from it to be sure of avoiding a play-off with Clare for one of the two league semi-final places.
Derry had an easy 4-15 to 0-5 win over Kildare, with Katrina O'Kane scoring three of the goals. Katie McAuley scored the other.



CAMOGIE *pitch*

with Seamus McAleenan

In the same section, Antrim went for goals against Offaly and just failed to pick up their opening points of the campaign. It finished Offaly 4-6 Antrim 5-1.
The Saffrons got a great start with a goal from Orla McCaul, but were behind after Jean Brady pulled a goal back for Offaly. Nevertheless, it was an encouraging start for Jim McKernan's term in charge with five different players grabbing the goals.
Down: K Gribbin (1-3), O Maginn (0-1), C Mulholland (0-1), C McGourty (0-1), F Carr (0-1).
Clare: C McMahon (0-6), M O'Halloran (0-3), C Cunnane (0-1).
Derry: K O'Kane (3-0), K McAuley (1-1), G McGoldrick (0-7), A Laverty (0-3), M McGoldrick (0-3), E Henry (0-1).
Kildare: S O'Carroll (0-5).
Antrim: O McCaul (1-1), E Dowds (1-0), J Adams (1-0), R Torney (0-1), C Hamill (1-0).
Offaly: J Brady (2-1), S Flannery (2-0), M Davies (0-4), K Nugent (0-1).

■ IN Division 2B, Armagh clocked up a good win in Roscommon (4-8 to 1-5) with goals from Kelly Ann Comiskey, Laura mcGuiness, Sarah Molloy and Andrea McAlinden. However, Waterford moved ahead at the top of this table with a 3-10 to 0-6 win over Laois. In Divison Three, Tyrone's game with Westmeath was postponed and Cavan went down heavily against Meath.

■ IN Division One, Cork got their first league win with a narrow 0-9 to 0-7 victory over Galway, Jenny O'Leary scoring five of the points. Wexford though remain top of the table with a 4-10 to 1-8 win over Kilkenny. The goals were scored by Kate Kelly (1-6), Bronagh Furlong (2-1) and Michelle Hearne. In the last game, Tipperary had the expected win over Dublin with four different goal-scorers in their 4-12 to 1-8 success.



Nollaig Cleary, October Sports Star of the month, and Briege Corkery, September Sports Star of the month, at the Jurys Sports Stars Awards in Jurys Cork Hotel, Western Road. Picture: Jean Curran

Cork were more convincing winners in Division 1B with a 3-11 to 1-3 win with Trina Roche, Marian Jago and Charlotte Kearney on target with goals for the winners while Lisa Smith found the net in the first half for Galway.

In Division 2A a thrilling drawn encounter took place at Mount Bolus, County Offaly with Clare 0-10 Down 1-7. At half-time Clare led by 0-5 to 0-1 thanks to some good work by Deirdre Murphy, Marie O'Halloran and Clare McMahon but Down made a great second-half comeback with Catherine McGourty finding the net in the 49th minute to ensure the sides shared the spoils.

And there were some positive results in the All-Ireland Colleges camogie finals at the weekend. On Saturday the Senior A title went to an Ulster school for the first time in 36 years with St. Mary's Magherafelt victorious by 2-10 to 2-6 over St. Mary's Athenry as scores from Sarah O'Kane and Stefanie O'Dwyer were crucial for the winners.

Scorers:

Div 1A:
Wexford: 4-10:K Kelly 1-6 (1-6f), B Furlong 2-1,M Hearne 1-0, K Parrock, B Curran, Ú Leacy 0-1 each.
Kilkenny: 1-8: J Frisby 1-0, I Kennedy 0-6 (0-4f), J A Woodcock, E Fitzpatrick 0-1 each.

Tipperary: 4-12:E Mc Donnell 1-2, E Hayden 1-1,G Kinnane, J Horan 1-0 each,C Grogan 0-5 (0-1f),C Hennessey 0-4.
Dublin: 1-8: C Durkan 1-0, A Jordan 0-4 (0-3f),M O'Gorman, 0-2, L O'Hara 0-2 (0-1f).

Cork: 0-9: J O'Leary 0-5 (0-4f), O Cotter 0-2, R Buckley 0-2 (0-1f, 0-1'45)
Galway 0-7:V Curtain 0-4 (0-2f, 0-2'45), L Kavanagh 0-2,S Tannion 0-1

Div 1B:
Tipperary: 4-13: C Johnston 3-2, S Ryan 1-5,D Ryan 0-3, N Flanagan 0-2, J O'Connor 0-1
Dublin 1-9: K Farrell 1-0, J Horay,S Keogh 0-3 each,E Grogan 0-2, A Murphy 0-1.

Cork: 3-11: T Roche, C Kearney 1-1 each, M Jago 1-0, M Watson 0-5 (0-1f), A Thompson 0-3 (0-2f, 0-1'45), M Brown 0-1.
Galway: 1-3: L Smith 1-0, D Burke, S Keane, E Kilkelly 0-1 each.

Wexford: 4-9: M Walsh 2-2, S Kehoe, C Storey 1-0 each,S Nolan, S Kehoe 0-3 each, L Holohan 0-1.
Kikenny: 1-8: H Darmody 1-4, L Murphy, M Dalton 0-2 each.

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FIRST WIN FOR DIVISONA IA SIDE

THE senior divisional 1 "A" team recorded their first victory in the national league as they overcame Galway with a late rally to secure two vital points.

Two long range frees from substitute Rena Buckley and one from Jennifer O'Leary two minutes from full time the difference at the finish. A was vital if they were to have any realistic chance of qualifying for the knock out stage and Cork certainly left it late to ensure they took the points on offer. Aided by the strong wind Galway took an early lead two points inside three minutes, pressurised the Cork defence from the throw in they made life uncomfortable. Eimear O'Sullivan and Catriona Foley stood tall in the cork defence breaking up several Galway attacks Cork failed to score from play in the opening half. Jennifer O'Leary pointed twice from frees and this was to be their only scores of the half as Galway led 0-7 to 0-2. With Aoife Murray denying Galway on at least four occasions Cork could count themselves lucky to only trail by five points at the break.

A must improved Cork worked hard through the second half and gradually chipped away at the Galway lead frees from Jennifer O'Leary narrowed the gap and two excellent long range strikes from Orla Cotter Cork lift with five minutes remaining .Cork introduced substitutions Emer Dillon Anna Geary and Rena Buckley and strengthened their line out, Rena Buckley's in particular impressive striking two magnificent long range frees before Jennifer O'Leary's free put the game outside Galway's reach.

The win gives cork a glimmer of hope but in the finish the outcome may be decided pending results involving the other counties. With Kilkenny and Dublin to come it's still all to play for but much improvement is still needed.

Camogiechat

With Mary Newman



Glen Rovers who took the Seandun under 13 A title defeating Douglas recently.

Division 1B team continue to make good progress

THE senior division 1B team maintained their place at the top of the table when they got back to winning ways with a comprehensive victory over Galway last weekend.

A win was vital to keep in the hunt for a place in the closing stages after losing out narrowly to Limerick the previous weekend and the Cork showed plenty of determination from the start. Three points from Marie Watson and one from Aisling Thompson gave them and early lead against the strong breeze, Deirdre Burke got Galway's opening score and they were on level terms inside fifteen when Lisa Smith finished to the net.

Cork failed to panic and swept up field with Tina Roche grabbing their opening goal. Cork continued to enjoy plenty of possession and led 1-6 to 1-2 at the break Tina Roche and Aisling Thompson pointing to which Susan Keane replied with a Galway free.

This was to be the Galway girls last score until the fifty ninth minuets as Cork took over, points from Charlotte Kearney and Marie Watson stretching the lead, before goals from Marian Jaego and Charlotte Kearney saw no way back for Galway. Emma Kilkelly did have a Galway point in reply to two from Aisling Thompson and Michelle Brown. With just two games against Kilkenny and Dublin to come Cork are joint leaders with Limerick who have a game in hand.

COACHING COURSE

THE Munster region of the national coaching Development Committee hold their new level one Coaching Education Course at the Erins Own GAA club the weekend beginning Friday March 30 and there are still a limited amount of spaces available.

Participants must be a minimum of 18 years and must have completed a Foundation Level Coaching Course in Camogie or Hurling and have at least one years coaching experience. To secure a place, complete application form which can be downloaded from the camogie web site www.camogie.ie or application forms are available from the county secretary. There is a €70 fee which must be returned to the relevant booking co- coordinator Mary O'Connor, Regional Camogie Development Co-ordinator.

All Ireland Colleges titles

A GREAT day for Cork College's camogie on Saturday last in Nolan Park as Coachford College were crowned Junior B All Ireland champions and Colaiste Choilm Ballincollig took the C title. Coachford had to work hard to take the title a superb second half rally ensuring the title was secured. The Colaiste Choilm girls dictated matters from the throw in and led from start to finish securing the crown, well done to all concerned on great victories well deserved.

First time out for U16 side

CORK and Tipperary meet in the opening round of the Provincial championship on Saturday in Ballyanley at 2.30pm Last season Cork took the provincial crown but lost out in the All Ireland Final to Kilkenny, with the championship played on a separate round robin basis new selectors Ger Sheehan Mary Kingston and Tracy Sheehan will be using the provincial competition to gather a settled panel for further clashes ahead.

They have named their panel as follows Ashleen Sheehan (Ballincollig), Rebecca Finn (Milford) Catherine O'Brien (Inniscarra) Moira O'Donovan (Douglas) Orlaith O'Mahony Mary Anne Hawkes (Valley Rovers) Niamh O'Keeffe (Erins Own) Jennifer Lynch (Tracton) Julia White (Douglas) Joanne Casey (Inniscarra) Darina O'Callaghan (Buttevant) Catriona Collins (Ballinhassig) Aileen O'Donovan (Douglas) Denise Luby (Glen Rovers) Emer Healy (Buttevant) Brea O'Callaghan (Ballincollig) Pamela Mackey (Douglas) Aoife McCarthy (Eire Og) Claire Keohane (Killeagh) Katrina Mackey (Douglas) Alison Coughlan (Ballincollig) Emma Kingston (Inniscarra) Karen O'Connell (Glen Rovers) Michelle Healy (Aghabullogue) Mariah Reidy (Newtownshandrum).

Loreto looking for glory


Picture Donal Foley

Eyes on the prize: the Loreto Convent girls, above, will take on Portumna in the All-Ireland Junior Camogie final this weekend in Tipperary. The match promises to be tough but entertaining.

Loreto Junior Camogie Panel

Sinead Maher, Dicksboro
Caroline Shiel, James Stephens
Sarah Dunne, Graigue – Ballycallan
Grace Walsh, Tullaroan
Nicola Butler, Graigue – Ballycallan
Niamh Kelly, Dicksboro
Stacey Quirke, St.Martins
Aisling Dunphy, Graigue – Ballycallan
Niamh Byrne, Clara
Aine Curran, Freshford
Claire Phelan, Lisdowney
Aoife Nolan, O'Loughlins
Laura Hennessy, Graigue – Ballycallan
Noelle Maher, Tullaroan
Aisling O'Grady, Dicksboro
Tracy Brennan, Ballyragget
Sonia Buggy,Dicksboro
Aisling Carey, Young Irelands
Emma Comerford, Young Irelands
Michelle Cullinane,Dicksboro
Aisling Curtis, Clara
Sarah Dunphy, Graigue – Ballycallan
Siobhan Healy, Dicksboro
Emer Kelly, Dicksboro
Rebecca McEntee, Lisdowney
Aoife Murphy, Lisdowney
Brid Murphy, Clara
Aoife Murphy, Clara
Eva Nicholson, Dicksboro
Amy O'Connor, Graigue – Ballycallan
Sarah Ann Quinlan, Young Irelands
Isabel Robinson, Clara
Orla Ryan, Graigue – Ballycallan
Aisling White, Freshford

THE Loreto Convent Kilkenny take on Portumna in the All Ireland Junior Camogie "A" final on Saturday at Drom – in – Inch, GAA grounds in the Ragg, Tipperary.

The Loreto had tough games against St.Brigid's of Callan in the Leinster final and from Cross and Passion of Ballycastle, Antrim, in the All Ireland semi final.

Brendan Williams has been coaching teams with Kilkenny and in the Loreto for over 20 years and he is hopeful that they can land the big prize at the weekend.

"We have a very even team. We are not dependent on any particular player this year.

"Portumna are an unknown quantity to us,but they overcame a fancied St. Caimin's outfit in the semi-final and they have the experience of playing in last year's All Ireland final.

"We will have to be at our best to win this final".

Portumna accounted for Munster opposition in the shape of St.Caimin's of Shannon, 1 – 6 to 0 – 7 in the All-Ireland semi final and this would suggest that they are a team of real quality with Tara Rutelidge their chief scorer.

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The Loreto accounted for Castlecomer Community School, Enniscorthy and Borris in Leinster before they overcame Callan and Ballycastle.

Last year the Kilkenny school last out to St. Mary's of Charleville in the All Ireland semi – final, who went on to beat Portumna in the final.

Both teams have a decent pedigree from the past two seasons and this should be quite an even battle.

Loreto's centre forward Claire Phelan is an injury doubt with a hand injury, which she received in the All-Ireland semi final win over Cross and Passion. Brendan Williams was co-manager along with Ted Browne, of the successful Kilkenny under – 18 team, that defeated Galway in the All Ireland final last year.

The Kilkenny City school have four players who won All Ireland medals on that occasion, Nicola Butler and Aisling Dunphy, Graigue Ballycallan, Niamh Kelly, Dicksboro and Aine Curran, Freshford.

The remainder of the squad were also on successful Kilkenny under 16 and under 14 teams in recent years.

The Loreto won the under 16 Colleges 7 a side camogie tournament last Autumn and they will be working hard to add another title to that on Saturday.

The Loreto have been a significant force in camogie for a number of years and Brendan Williams, Gerry Bolger (Threecastles), Vincent Shiels (Bennettsbridge), Paul Quigley (Graigue – Ballycallan) and Pat Kelly (Dicksboro) are hopeful that this team can bring an All -Ireland title to the school.

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Coachford College who won the junior All Ireland title over the weekend at Nowlan Park by beating St. Dominic's, Dublin 3-5 to 2-5.


The Coláiste Choilm camogie team in celebration mood following their impressive win over De La Salle of Bagnelstown in the All-Ireland Junior C final at New Inn on Saturday. Picture: Keelv Sheehan

Determined Loreto conquer first All-Ireland



All-Ireland Colleges Junior 'A' Camogie Final

Loreto Kilkenny	0-7
Portumna	0-5

MICHAEL O'LEARY

LORETO, buoyed on by a swashbuckling bunch of enthusiastic supporters, landed their first All-Ireland Junior Camogie crown as they held off the game challenge of last year's finalists Portumna in Dromin-Inch GAA grounds, The Ragg, Tipperary.

The second-half display of tenacious defending by the Loreto girls with Caoimhe Shiel anchoring the defence and constantly clearing the ball away from danger was a significant factor in Loreto's victory.

She was assisted by the outstanding Grace Walsh, the exceptional Nicola Butler, Niamh Kelly played a captain's part at centre-back, while the midfield duo of Aisling Dunphy and Niamh Byrne provided terrific protection.

Twice during the closing stages, Portumna drove forward in attack in search of glory but twice Caoimhe Shiel came to the rescue as she thundered out of defence and on both occasions won her team the free-out, to relieve the danger. Credit must go to the Portumna for playing their part in this thrilling encounter and at full-time they were devastated after losing an All-Ireland Final for the second consecutive year following defeat to St. Mary's of Charleville in last year's decider. The Kilkenny girls made a terrific start and playing with the benefit of a light first-half breeze they enjoyed all of the possession inside their opponents half, and led by 0-4 to 0-0 after twelve minutes.

Aoife Nolan opened their account after three minutes finishing off a solo run after been played through by Aisling O'Grady. Claire Phelan's shot the first of her four points in the fifth minute when she converted a well struck free from 35 yards.

The hardworking working Aisling Dunphy was surrounded by four players while attempting to race forward in the ninth minute but she managed to find Aisling O'Grady who struck over an excellent point to lead 0-3 to 0-0 after after ten minutes of play.

Claire Phelan finished off a well worked movement two minutes later to strike over a good point after Noelle Maher's initial shot had been blocked down.

Portumna enjoyed more possession during the second-quarter, and they registered their first score in the 17th minute thanks to a free from midfielder and team captain Tara Rutledge and she converted another free to reduce the deficit to two points, 0-4 to 0-2. Loreto despite a lot of good possession went 18 minutes without a score until the end of first-half normal time before a Claire Phelan free from a tricky angle restored their three point lead.

Tara Routledge converted another free to reduce the deficit to 0-5 to 0-3 at half-time. Routledge converted another free within three minutes of the restart after Niamh Kelly had been harshly penalised for over carrying.

The hard working Laura Curran struck over an important point to restore the Loreto's two point advantage as she took advantage of a clearance from Portumna goalkeeper Helen Campbell.

Portumna engineered the best goal-scoring opportunity of the match when Routledge found Anne Marie Starr racing towards the Lotero and the latter saw Niamh McClearn clear in space , but a timely interception by Caoimhe Shiel denied them a further goal opportunity.

The Galway's girls only score from play came in the 42nd minute when lively forward Anne Marie Starr struck over a well executed point after Amanda Lynch provided her with the chance, but Claire Phelan's close-in fee in the 46th minute restored the two point gap and proved to be the final act on the scoreboard of this low scoring game. This was a hard-earned victory for the Kilkenny college and long overdue reward for team manager Brendan Williams who has promoted the game of camogie in the school for 20 years.

Player of the match: Caoimhe Shiel (Loreto)

A host of candidates for this accolade,Nicola Butler was excellent, Grace Walsh was tight marking and dogged at corner back, while the midfield duo of Aisling Dunphy and Niamh Byrne must be highly commended for their high standard of work rate in an excellent team performance. But the display of Caoimhe Shiel at corner back was sensational, as she was a commanding and inspiring for a team that performed heroically on the day.

Loreto Kilkenny: Sinead Maher (Dicksboro), Caoimhe Shiel (James Stephens), Sarah Dunne (Graigue-Ballycallan), Grace Walsh (Tullaroan), Nicola Butler (Graigue-Ballycallan), Niamh Kell, captain, (Dicksboro), Stacey Quirke (St Martins), Aisling Dunphy (Graigue-Ballycallan), Niamh Byrne(Clara), Aine Curran (St. Lachtains) 0-1, Claire Phelan (Lisdowney) 0-4 3 frees, Aoife Nolan (Graigue Ballycallan), 0-1, Laura Hennessy (Graigue-Ballycallan), Noelle Maher (Tullaroan), Aisling O'Grady (Dicksboro), 0-1.

Subs: Emma Comerford (Young-Irelands) 40 minutes for Quirke, Eva Nicholson (Dicksboro), for O'Grady 55 minutes.

Portumna: Helen Campbell (Killimor), Karen Brien (Killimor), Marie Duane (Killimor), Ruth Kilkenny (Kiltormer), Nicola Muldoon (Portumna), Clare Killeen (Davitts), Laura Shiel (Davitts), Catherine O'Meara (Lorrha), Tara Rutledge (captain), (Portumna 0–4), Claire Harte (Portumna), Anne Marie Starr (KIllimor(0-1), Katie O'Brien (Portumna), Edel Cunningham (Portumna), Amanda Lynch (Kiltormer), Niamh McClean(Portumna),

Subs: Margarette Lynch, for Cunningham 43 minutes, Louise Loughnane for O'Brien 44 minutes, Anna Maria Lagana for Rutledge 60 minutes,

Referee: Eamonn Brown (Tipperary)

"They were fantastic" says selector Gerry

FOLLOWING a highly exciting All-Ireland Junior Camogie 'A' Final which saw Loreto Community School land there first All-Ireland crown, selector Gerry Bolger was delighted with the preparation and commitment shown by the girls.

"It was a very hard fought encounter. The girls were terrific they've worked long and hard for this success. We started out training on a Tuesday evening only but the further we progressed, the more the girls upped the tempo, and we began to train twice a week and we also trained on Saturday morning, and the girls turned out in there numbers. They were fantastic".

Gerry acknowledged that the performance of the Loreto defence proved decisive towards All-Ireland glory and he had special praise in particular for Caoimhe Shiel.

"After Caoimhe had been booked the first-half, she began to play brilliantly afterwards, and all of the girls especially the defence were tremendous. It was a dogfight out there and credit to Portumna they're a good team, and made us fight for our victory.

Wexford B	4-9
Kilkenny B	1-8

WEXFORD completed a senior camogie double over Kilkenny at Nowlan Park yesterday when they scored three late goals to put the issue beyond doubt in this National League B tie.

The Kilkenny B girls battled very strongly in this game and the final scoreline does scant justice to their efforts.

In an entertaining game Kilkenny looked the better side for the opening 20 minutes and with centre forward Laurina Murphy and left full forward Emily Darmody creating problems for the Wexford defence they went into an 0-7 to 0-4 lead by 20th minute with Murphy and Darmody shooting three points each and right half forward Mary Dalton notching the other.

Kilkenny were undone just two minutes before half time when the ball was worked close to their goal by the visitors and there was full forward Mary Walsh to apply the finish for a goal which enable Wexford lead 1-6 to 0-7 at half time - a harsh commentary on the efforts of the Kilkenny ladies, who would have deserved an interval lead.

Scores were as scarce as hen's teeth in the third quarter with Wexford extending their lead by two points.

But Kilkenny, while playing into the wind, stayed very much in contention even if the scores were not coming.

Keeva Fennelly, Roisin Fennelly, Kelly Ann Cottrell, Eilish Cantwell, Theresea Muldowney, Laurina Murphy and Emily Darmody were playing extremely well and when Emily Darmody shot a point and then followed up with a well constructed goal he Wexford lead was down to a single point with six minutes left to play (1-9 to 1-8). But in going for broke Kilkenny left the gate open at the back and Wexford took full advantage.

Substitute Ciara Storey, daughter of former Wexford All-Ireland winning captain Martin, went on a strong run through the middle and kicked a goal.

For an encore there was a further brace of late goals from substitute Stacey Kehoe while Mary Walsh scored her second goal in injury time to give Wexford a flattering margin of victory. Like the A team Kilkenny were a little toothless in attack over-relying on Emily Darmody and Laurina Murphy to find the target.

Wexford: Helena Jacob, Karen Atkinson, Avis Nolan, Coleen Atkinson, Siobhán Cullen, Niamh O'Connor, Frances Doran, Stacey Remond, Siona Nolan (0-2, both frees, Lenny Houlihan (0-2, 0-1 free), Aisling Moran, Shelley Kehoe (0-4), Diane Ryan, Mary Walsh (2-1), Emma Moran.

Subs: Stacey Kehoe (1-0) for Moran (42 minutes); Ciara Storey (1-0) for Ryan (47 mins.); Sara Nolan for Cullen (58 mins.).

Kilkenny: Siobhán Murphy, Kate McDonald, Gráinne Brennan, Keeva Fennelly, Róisín Fennelly, Kelly Ann Cottrell, Sara Shore, Eilish Cantwell, Therese Muldowney, Mary Dalton (0-1), Laurina Murphy (0-3), Catherine Doherty, Laura Kavanagh, Helen Murphy, Emily Darmody (1-4, 0-3 frees).

Subs: Colette Dormer for Shore (half time); Siobhán Fahy for H. Murphy (half time) Fiona Phelan for Dalton (58 mins.). **Referee:** Peter Downey (Cork).

Camogie Cats mauled on the double by Wexford



Wexford	4-10
Kilkenny	1-8

CHARLIE KEEGAN

KILKENNY were patently second best to neighbours Wexford in this National Camogie League A tie at Nowlan Park on Sunday, as the Model County girls maintained their 100% start to the league with their third straight win.

And in the B side which followed the Noreside 'kittens' also went down to defeat to their south east neighbours on a score of 4-9 to 1-8, the scale of the defeat being harsh on Kilkenny.

The Kilkenny A ladies struggled from the start in this match and were quickly in serious arrears as Wexford hit them with a barrage of early scores. It was 1-4 to nil after 12 minutes play and while Wexford were playing with the wind, the elements did not make a great difference. The Wexford goal had arrived on five minutes when a 40 metre free from midfielder Katie Kelly went all the way to the Kilkenny net.

It took the home side until the 15th minute to get off the mark with a pointed free from Imelda Kennedy but a minute later the Kilkenny net was shaking again when visiting centre forward Brona Furlong pounced to shoot a fine goal.

The Wexford forwards were playing ducks and drakes with the Kilkenny backs, getting out in front, gaining possession and then combining cleverly to create good scores. And the visitors showed great accuracy in shooting for scores.

By the 20th minute Kilkenny were in very serious trouble when Wexford full forward Michelle Hearne shot her side's third goal, as they led 3-5 to 0-1. Some remedial action was taken by Kilkenny to repair their leaky defence and while things did improve as the game grew older it was impossible to undo the damage of a disastrous opening half.

Wexford, with Katie Kelly and Louise Codd dominant in midfield, looked far sharper, displayed much better understanding and punished Kilkenny continuously by picking off good scores. They were crisper in their striking and were faster to the ball on most occasions than the Kilkenny ladies.

By the interval the home cause was pretty much a lost one as they trailed 3-6 to 0-3. And it was a measure of Wexford's superiority that by the half time whistle Kilkenny had not even driven a wide.

Given the obvious superiorty of Wexford in so many aspects of the game one could not foresee a comeback by the home side. And it did not materialise.

Five minutes into the second half the Kilkenny right full forward Jackie Frisby raised home hopes briefly when she shot a good goal from a very bad angle. But the Wexford response was to go upfield and Brona Furlong soloed right through the Kilkenny defence to shoot her side's fourth goal.

From there on there was no real prospect of a Kilkenny comeback. The level of performance did improve in the second half but there was no doubting the merit of this big Wexford win.

The Yellowbellies appear to be a far more advanced stage than the Noresiders, so there is plenty of work for team manager Bobby Jackman and his selectors Dermot Fennelly and Tom Doheny in the weeks that lie ahead. Kilkenny introduced a total of five substitutes but given the scale of the deficit it was really only a question of damage limitation by the home side.

Wexford, who had already beaten Cork and Dublin in the current league, look a formidable side – with height and strength in vital positions and a high level of fitness.

Kilkenny have obvious room for marked improvement and no doubt a lot of work remains ahead on the training ground.

Kilkenny had defeated Galway and Dublin their earlier league encounters.

Aofie Neary, Eileen Fitzpatrick, half time substitute Marie Dargan and Imelda Kennedy did best for the black and amber ladies but the fact that Jackie Frisby's goal was the only flag raised from play by the forward line will be a cause for concern. **Wexford:** Mags D'arcy, Noeleen Lambert, Catherine O'Loughlin, Bernie Holohan, Claire O'Connor, Mary Leacy, Áine Codd, Katie Kelly (1-6, 1-5 frees, 0-1 '45), Louise Codd, Michelle O'Leary, Brona Furlong (2-1), Bridget Curran (0-1), Una Leacy (0-1), Micheele Hearne (1-0), Katrina Parrock (0-1). **Kilkenny:** Laura Comerford, Colette Dormer, Áine Fahy, Niamh Butler, Elaine Aylward, Aoife Neary, Eileen Fitzpatrick (0-1), Deirdre Delaney, Julie Anne Woodcock (0-1), Imelda Kennedy (0-6, 0-5 frees, 0-1 '45), Edel Maher, Katie Power, Jackie Frisby (1-0), Edwina Keane, Michelle Quilty. **Subs:** Gráinne Brennan for Butler (23 minutes); Anne Dalton for Maher (half time); Marie Dargan for Delaney (half time); Therese Muldowney for Quilty (44 mins); Lizzie Lyng for Keane (53 mins).

Referee: Eamon Browne (Tipperary).

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Late goals kill off Cats

Dublin	2-8
Kilkenny	0-6



Battling: Kilkenny's Julie Anne Woodcock

PAT TREACY

THESE two teams had met three weeks previously in the National League with Kilkenny finishing on top by three points. This time the clash was in Portmarnock for a place in the Leinster final.

Kilkenny started with the wind blowing hard against them. Two missed frees early in the game suggested that this could be difficult game for Kilkenny on this occasion.

Two converted frees gave Dublin a 2 point lead. The middle of the field was getting congested and Kilkenny battled gamely into the elements. Two further points one from a free gave Dublin a 4-point advantage and they looked comfortable.

Just over halfway through the first half Collette Dormer was involved in a clash with a Dublin player, which resulted in her having to be substituted. It took Kilkenny 20 minutes to register their first and only score of the half a Lizzie Lyng 20m free.

Four further points by Dublin gave them a half time lead of 0-8 to 0-1. Given the strength of the wind Kilkenny would have been happy enough with the half time deficit and they had also prevented Dublin from scoring a goal. The second half opened with Laura Comerford pulling off an excellent save to prevent Dublin adding a goal to their tally.

This seemed to rally Kilkenny and they clawed their way back into this game. Points from play from Michelle Quilty, Katie Power and Lizzie Lyng and two Marie Dargan frees brought Kilkenny to within two points of Dublin with six minutes left in the game.

The next score was vital and with the wind in their sails Kilkenny looked like they might grab a win but three minutes from time a slip in concentration in the Kilkenny defence allowed Ciara Durkan to burst through and hit a shot to the top left corner giving the goalkeeper no chance.

Kilkenny responded with Elaine Aylward making a charging run form the half back line and laying off a pass to an unmarked Edwina Keane who sent a shot towards the Dublin Goal.

The Dublin goalkeeper, however, pulled off a magnificent full length save to prevent the goal and Kilkenny's sails deflated. Further loose marking in the dying moments of the game allowed Dublin to score a second goal and the game and Kilkenny's Leinster crown had gone.

Kilkenny

Laura Comerford, Colette Dormer, Aine Fahy, Niamh Butler, Elaine Aylward, Aoife Neary, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Julie Anne Woodcock, Deirdre Delaney, Marie Dargan, Imelda Kennedy, Edel Maher, Jackie Frisbee, Katie Power, Michelle Quilty, Brid Aylward, Catherine Doherty, Miriam O'Keefe, Therese Muldowney, Lizzie Lyng, Laurina Murphy, Edwina Keane.



St Mary's Magherafelt became only the second Ulster school ever to win the All-Ireland Senior Colleges 'A' Championship beating Presentation Athenry in the final replay last Saturday. Pictured is Sister Mairead presenting the All-Ireland Senior Colleges Cup to St Mary's captain Michaela Convery

Picture: Michael Cullen

Ten more reasons why men watch ladies GAA

1 There's now a new fashion in the sportswear worn by the ladies camogie players. Instead, of the traditonal skirts or shorts, some of the more progressive counties are opting for skorts - a kind of hybrid garment. It's bound to leave the girls better able to display their skills, which is the main purpose for the change of course.

2 Staying on the same theme, the ladies are also getting a revamp with new tighter jerseys, a bit like the Donegal and Laois versions of a few years ago. Afterall, they've been wearing the same type as the men for years and a change was long overdue.

3 The All-Ireland Ladies Football and Camogie Finals are also held in September around the same time as the football and hurling. They're a good end to the inter-county season and a chance to get into Croke Park in September if you don't have a ticket for the sell-out occasions.

4 If you're going to the All-Ireland Camogie Final, there's also the golden opportunity to see some top class hurling as well. Last year the All-Ireland U-21 Final was held on the same day and it's hoped that this arrangement will continue.

5 It's not just on the pitch that there's plenty of talent. In the stands and terraces as well, there's a lot of 'eye-candy' to focus on if the action between the teams gets a bit one-sided or boring.

6 For those who like a bit of celebrity spotting, the number of ladies footballers and camogs going out with top footballers and hurlers seems to be increasing and they're bound to be there supporting their other halves.

7 Ladies football is a bit like the men's game in the Seventies. It's more open, there's not as much negative play and the matches are invariably high scoring. But watch out for the bad tackles in what's supposed to be a non-contact support.

8 Some of the top GAA players of the past few decades have been ladies footballers and camogs. Just think of Sue Ramsbottom from Laois, the Downey sisters from Kilkenny, Jayne Adams of Antrim. Goes to prove that the girls can be just as good as the men.

9 For some of the weaker clubs and counties, the ladies have led the way in winning titles these past few years. Just think of Waterford and Monaghan who haven't exactly been hitting the big time in football or hurling, but have enjoyed a lot of glory at Croke Park with the girls.

10 The GAA, Ladies Football Association and Camogie Association are now working towards integration as one. So, from then on there'll be no excuse for not supporting the ladies football and camogie because all will be ready to move forward together.



TOP TIPP... Noelle Kennedy sporting the skort, a kind of hybrid of skirt and shorts

Congress preview

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THIS weekend it will be a step from the playing fields to the meeting room as Annual Congress goes ahead in the Armagh City Hotel, beginning on Friday night and recommencing on Saturday morning.

It will be President Liz Howard's first Congress and there is much to discuss. The game has expanded hugely over the past few years in terms of new competitions, further sponsorship, and further full time paid staff. This time last season the game was only being introduced to Kerry, now a year later it boasts of six clubs while there is also expansion in Mayo, Donegal with one club formed in Longford while Sligo have also formed another club.

Ardstiurthóir Sheila Wallace has provided a very detailed report as usual. In it she outlines the very detailed action plan for 2007 which covers all aspects of the game from media coverage to the playing of the game. Having worked on a very progressive Strategic Plan to date it is now time to draw up a Strategic Plan for the years 2008 to 2013. She further goes on to say that funding alone is not enough "as we must appoint full-time employees, we need only consider the achievements, in a short space of time, of our National and Regional Development Co-Ordinators to understand their importance to the development process at club, county, school and colleges level, and to the realisation of our targets in areas such as Coaching, Adminstration and Refereeing". It is the intention of the Association to appoint further Regional Development Co.Ordinators during 2007. Some of the financial assistance to support these employees will have to come from the members themselves and therefore it comes as no major surprise that there is a motion in from Central Council to this effect.

There are 21 motions for discussion on the Saturday, but one which will be likely to invoke a lot of discussion will be the one regarding raising of finance through a membership fee. The intention is that an adult's membership fee will be $20-00 while a juvenile (u16) will be $10-00. The county Board and Provincil Council will forward the entire amount to Central Council while Central Council will retain ten euro of every adult's fee and $7-00 from every juvenile. However, there is very good news for all at the end of this.

Central Council will then allocate a Development grant of $15,000 to each Provincial Council. On top of that each county board will also gain financially! Each county will receive an annual grant on a per head basis from remaining membership funds. The colleges councils and units abroad will also gain financially from this. While each club will have to face an increase in membership costs there is a huge incentive for counties to gain from this and be in a position to receive grants for further development thus everybody is gaining something from this scheme. Should this motion be carried it could make massive differences to the already expanding development of the game all over and abroad.

Another motion which may spark interest is that the request for a President elect, who would be elected for one year before becoming President but who would not have a vote at Central council meetings. In an effort to introduce more young people to administration there is a motion calling for all officers to hold office for just three years at both county board and Provincial council level. It sounds like a busy weekend, but on Saturday there will be a slight break from the heavy work when former GAA President Peter Quinn will address the delegates.

Despite the indoor activity at the weekend the 2007 Minor championship will get underway with five games while Limerick's unbeaten Division 1B side will travel to Wexford in a game that should see them still on top after the full-time whistle has blown.



Kilmaley camogie captain Clare McMahon.

Wexford seal Leinster crown with classy win

CAMOGIE: Wexford were crowned Leinster Senior Camogie champions yesterday thanks to a 0-10 to 1-2 win over Dublin at St Martin's, Piercestown. A wind-assisted Wexford lead by 0-8 to 1-0 at half-time, with the lone Dublin score coming from the stick of Sarah Ryan in the 21st minute. Despite Julie Draper scoring two points for Dublin in the second half, the home side were outstanding and good displays from Aine Codd, Louise Codd, Caitriona Parrock, Una Lacey and captain Mary Lacey ensured a double scores victory.

In Division 1B of the league, Wexford didn't have as much luck. Although they held a 2-4 to 1-2 interval lead thanks to goals from Stacey Kehoe and Diane Ryan, Limerick staged a good second-half comeback with goals from Marie Keating and Aoife Sheehan ensuring a 3-8 to 2-6 win for Limerick. In the All-Ireland Minor B Championship at Ballinderry, visitors Antrim had a comfortable 4-10 to 1-9 win over Derry. Orla McCaul and Rachel McGarry grabbed 2-5 each to ensure the comfortable win. At half-time Antrim held a 2-6 to 1-1 lead with the lone Derry goal coming from the stick of Eimear McKenna.

Coilin Duffy

Ulster says no to fees hike

Northern counties set to resist mounting costs for families

BY PAUL WELSH
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IN the week when Ian Paisley and Gerry Adams sat (almost) side by side at Stormont, Ulster will again unite tomorrow (Saturday) when camogs gather in Armagh for the Camogie Association's Annual Congress.

In spite of the difficulties of a turbulent last few months, Ulster counties, with the exception of Armagh, will come together to vote against a Central Council motion, set to be the most contentious of the weekend, calling for affiliation fees to be increased to €20 for adult members and €10 for juveniles (U16) - this is additional to the club membership and insurance fees camogs already pay.

However, Ulster counties appear to be vociferous in their opposition to the introduction of the increased fees and Antrim chairperson Catherine O'Hara has her concerns about the effect it would have on members of the association in her own county.

"In 2007 there is surprisingly a lot of poverty. There is a lot of poverty in West Belfast and in North Antrim, in the rural areas," she said

"There are a lot of single families, families on tax credit, low wage earners, supplemented rents, fragmented families and maybe one wage in the house trying to bring up children who all want to play camogie.

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"I know within club camogie there are private accommodations made with families so as not to humiliate them and to have their children playing, were they are paying off small memberships. I don't no how they are going to manage to pay any substantial increase?"

O'Hara didn't believe either that members would get value for money from the proposed increase.

"The people who you are going to hit the most, the 80 per cent of our membership, do not play at the top level of our game," said O'Hara.

"The mass participation of people in camogie are ordinary young kids who want to go out and enjoy a game. They don't get the privileges of the people at the top, they don't play for their county, they don't end up in All-Ireland finals and they are not the elite of the sport. That's the area that is being picked on the most.

"Sinead O'Connor (the Camogie Association's finance manager) was quiet eloquent in the way she put her argument across in Gaelic Life recently saying it was just 30 pence a week but we are not a 52 week sport, we're lucky in some places if it's a 16 week sport. So where is the value for money for young people?"

"I'll not see a benefit in my club. Where is the benefit for us in all of this? We'll run to courses because we have to, to come back to do what is basically a simple game, and something for enjoyment.

"At the end of the day it is the clubs and the schools that are the cornerstone of this Association. You don't put a roof on a house until you build a solid foundation and those foundations, in my opinion are crumbling."

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Goals put Cork on way to title glory

By MARY NEWMAN

Munster U16 B camogie

Cork	4-4
Waterford	1-2

CORK took the Munster U16 B championship title as they gained the upper hand on a Waterford side who contributed enormously to a good contest on Saturday in Ballyanley.

Katie Harrington gave Cork an early led when she first-timed to the net inside a minute of the throw in. Indeed, it was Cork's ability to grab goals that was the difference between the sides, with Sinead O'Neill and Rachel Keohane both also scoring goals before Waterford's Patricia Jackman pointed for her side's opening score.

With Jackman, the best player on view, causing the Cork defence plenty of problems, Waterford had the lead down to five points when she drew the Cork defence before setting up Rachel Whelan who finished with aplomb.

With the half-time whistle looming, Waterford were dealt a killer blow when seeing Jill Kelleher's long range effort deceiving keeper Tracy Kiely to finish in the net as Cork turned over 4-0 to 1-2 ahead.

Waterford, aided by the strong wind in the second half, failed to produce the performance that was expected and while their defence did an excellent job in closing down the Cork attack, their failed forwards to make any headway against the close-marking Cork backs.

In attack, Cork used possession effectively and two Maria Moran points and one apiece from Sinead O'Neill and Jessica Farmer sealed victory for Cork to give the county its first U16B provincial crown.

While Waterford were disappointed with the result, the game will have served as useful practice for the All Ireland B series which lies ahead in the coming months.

Cork, by virtue of their grading as an A county, are not allowed participate in the All Ireland series.

CORK: T Hawkes; L O'Sullivan, K O'Donoghue, O Johnson; S Harrington A O Connor, M E O'Donovan; M Moran (0-2), Sarah Buckley; K Harrington (1-0), J Kelleher (1-0), J Farmer, (0-1); A Whooley, S O'Neill, (1-1), R Keohane (1-0) **Subs:** M O'Mahony for Sarah Buckley (40mins), Sonya Buckley for R Keohane (42mins) S O'Reilly for A Whooley (45mins), K Fleming for M E O'Donovan (51mins)

WATERFORD: T Kiely; J McCarthy, J Forbes, C Fitzgerald; S Smith, M Russell, M C Dunphy; S Kiernan, K Hannon; S Fenton, N Ryan, R Whelan (1-0); C Mc Glone, P Jackman (1-1), C A Power

Subs: R Murphy for S Smith (36mins) S Corcoran for C A Power, (42mins)

Luby's goals are enough to put Cork into decider

By MARY NEWMAN

Munster U16 camogie

Cork	3-8
Tipperary	2-3

A STRONG last 10 minutes in Ballyanley on Saturday saw Cork qualify for the Munster U16 camogie championship final.

The score line is some what flattering to Cork as it does not reflect Tipperary's input into a game that could have gone either way, with Denise Luby's two goals inside a minute ultimately helping Cork progress.

Aided by the strong wind through the opening half, Cork struggled against a determined Tipperary defence. Despite enjoying plenty of possession, Cork failed to capitalise on the advantage and led by just one point at the interval.

Catriona Collins hit the game's opening score inside six minutes and it was Collins who maintained the pressure on Tipp, striking two further points as the Cork forwards made the early running.

Four minutes from half time, Tipp's opening score came when Aine Brislane got on the end of a long clearance and finished to the net.

Cork did not let the blow get to them, however, and they edged ahead as the half time whistle approached when Luby's powerful shot for goal was deflected superbly over the bar by Tipp keeper Aine Lucey.

It was Cork who got off the mark from the throw in in the second period, Collins pointing as the gap opened to two but with the wind to their backs, Tipperary applied the majority of the pressure and Christine Kenny pointed to narrow the gap to one.

Cork substitute Claire Keohane brought a bit of life to the attack and put her side two ahead when pointing a long range effort. Howeever, then Tipp struck for a goal when Catriona Shortt edged the visitors ahead by tapping the ball over the line after the Cork defence failed to clear.

The score seemed to act as a wake up call to the lack lustre Cork attack and suddenly they sprung to life, Aileen O'Donovan first timing to the net in a quick response as Cork regained the lead. Luby and Shortt swapped points and, as the sides battled for supremacy, O'Donovan stretched it to three points with eight minutes remaining.

Twice Tipp came close but again the Cork defence stopped them in their tracks yet with six minutes remaining anything looked possible as Tipp, with the wind in their favour, worked to get level.

However, inside a minute all was lost; Luby stretched the Cork lead with a superb goal before her long range free from 60 metres second later deceived the Tipp defence to finish up in the net. Brislane had a late point for Tipperary but it was too late to affect the outcome.

While Cork will be pleased with the win, they know a much tougher test lies ahead next weekend when they met Clare in the Munster final.

Cork: A Sheehan; R Finn, C O'Brien, M O'Donovan; M Healy, M A Hawkes, E Kingston; J Lynch, J White; J Casey, D O'Callaghan, C Collins (0-4: 0-3 play) 0-1 free; A O'Donovan (1-1), D Luby (2-2: 1-2 play, 1-0 free), E Healy **Subs:** C Keohane (0-1) for E Healy (h/t), K Mackey for D O'Callaghan (h/t) A Mc Carthy for A O'Donovan (57mins), O O'Mahony for J Lynch (58mins)

TIPPERARY: A Lucey; N Kelly, C Devane, C O'Meara; L Power, E Spillane, L Green; C Ryan, C O'Dwyer; N Williams, C Kenny,(0-1) A Kennedy; C Shortt (1-1), A Brislane (1-1), S Kirwin, **Subs:** L Dwane for C O'Mahony (inj 6 mins), A Butler for L Dwane (54 mins)

Referee: M Conroy (Waterford)

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Casey inspires Coachford to All-Ireland glory

COACHFORD COLLEGE 3-5
ST DOMINIC'S, DUBLIN 2-5

CAMOGIE: COLLEGES JUNIOR FINAL

COACHFORD College won their first All Ireland Junior title last Saturday after a spirited second half performance at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny.

The Cork side battled hard to come back from a blistering start from St. Dominic's, when the Dublin side raced into a 1-2 lead after just ten minutes to leave Coachford reeling.

Rosey O' Mahony and Ciara O' Connor battled gamely and were rewarded for their efforts when Joanne Casey, a star in the making, fired over her first point. Coachford made some swift changes but were unable to prevent Laura Quinn from scoring Dominic's second goal after twenty minutes. Aine O' Connor and Aoife Barry Murphy began to make an impression and were delighted when Casey fired a ground stroke into the net from 30 metres beyond Dublin netminder Alison Egan. The Cabra players pushed forward and scored another point on the stroke of half time with Coachford relieved to hear the whistle to allow them to regroup.

Coachford were like a team possessed after the resumption. The introduction of Jessica Farmer had a major impact, while Michelle Healy's crisp striking provided valuable clearances to her forward division. The full back line of Susan Buckley, Eimear McCarthy and the resolute Catherine O' Brien, who has the enviable distinction of having completed the championship without conceding a score to her direct opponent, were well in control.

Aine and Ciara O' Connor along with Emma Kingston and Rosie O' Mahony won a series of Dominic's puck outs and inevitably Joanne Casey batted a rebound to put two points between the sides. Casey converted a free and Laura McCarthy engineered an opening for Aoife Barry Murphy to score the equalising point with fifteen minutes remaining.

Ciara O' Connor, who had a great tussle with Karen Duggan all afternoon, floated a ball to the open corner and Casey whipped the sliotar to the net with another ground stroke to put Coachford a goal ahead for the first time. The tension was building with both sets of supporters encouraging their teams but, with ten minutes remaining,

Dominic's Aisling Gibbons was penalised for a wild pull across Aoife Barry Murphy which Casey duly converted. Dominic's were then awarded a 21 metre free but the Dublin side elected to go for goal when a point seemed the better option. They were denied once again by Catherine O'Brien on the goal line. With five minutes remaining, Laura Quinn scored a good point from an acute angle and Costello converted a 45 but it was Coachford's Joanne Casey who had the final say when she calmly slotted her long range free between the posts to put a goal between the schools. Referee Willie Barrett said afterwards that the game had been terribly exciting, although he admitted that he was concerned after the first 20 minutes that the Dublin side would "run away with it".

Coachford selector Rita O' Brien was delighted with her players' effort and resilience and complimented both sides on an excellent contest.

COACHFORD: M. Gleeson, L. McCarthy, C. O' Brien, E. McCarthy, S. Buckley, M. Healy (C), E. Kingston, R. O' Mahony, C. O' Keeffe, A. Barry Murphy (0-1), A. O' Connor, C. O' Connor, E. McSwiney, J. Casey (3-4), M. Hennessy. **SUBS:** J. Farmer, E. O' Donovan

ST. DOMINIC'S: A. Egan, S. O' Leary, L. Grogan, L. Kenny, A. Gibbons, K. Duggan, L. Hale, L. May, R. Costelle (C) (0-4), A. McDonnell, A. Bugler, K. O' Sullivan (1-0), L. Quinn (1-1), L. West, A. Carolan. **SUBS:** J. Carey, L. Byrne

News Briefs

Ulster Development

Not all Club and County Audits have been returned to the Ulster Camogie Development Officer. Any outstanding audits please return ASAP. Any club which has completed and returned the audit, please contact Kevin Kelly, UCDO, on 079 2052 8794 or email kkelly@ulster.gaa.ie for any help regarding Camogie Development within your club.

Pan Celtic Games

The Pan Celtic Games take place in Letterkenny on April 14 and 15. The Camogie is 12-a-side for U16's and seniors. Entry per team is €50. For further details and entry forms contact Maeve Moss on 086 0555439

Congress Mass

A special mass to mark Congress in Armagh will be celebrated by Archbishop Sean Brady tomorrow night at 7pm in St Patrick's Cathedral. All camogie clubs and Armagh Gaels are invited to attend wearing their club colours to help make this a memorable occasion.

200 Member Draw: The first draw for the County Fundraiser will take place at the April County Board Meeting. Two draws will take place for March and April and the winners will be published in the press the following week.

Antrim news

New sponsor: The Antrim County Camogie sponsorship draw took place at half-time during the Antrim/Kilkenny NHL match in Ballycastle last Sunday.
GAA President Nicky Brennan drew the winning ticket and the new sponsor of the Antrim Senior Camogie team is 'McMullan Shellfish' of Cushendall

Ahoghill CC

Ahoghill Camogie Club present 'The Rapparees' on April 21 in the CRDA Hall at 9pm. Tickets are £5 and are available from any member or contact Donna 07860396437

Creggan CC

Creggan Camogie Club and Kickhams Football Club present 'X Factor' on Easter Sunday at 8pm followed by a disco. Tickets are £5 pounds and are available from any members or contact Clare 07732059917 or Joan 07703040166

Derry Camogie

Presentation Dinner: A great night was had by the 300 guests who attended the presentation dinner in Toome last Friday night. The event was compared by Derry chairperson Breige McGilligan. Many thanks to the sponsors who turned out to support us in our successes.

Ballinascreen CC

Ballinascreen Camogie Club wish to congratulate St Mary's Grammar School, Magherafelt on their historic victory in the Senior A Colleges Final.
A special mention to Sarah O'Kane, Eimear McKenna, Christine McKenna, Natasha McEldowney, Ciara O'Kane, Roisin O'Kane, Aileen McIvor and Louise Breen from Ballinascreen.

Magherafelt CC

Easter 'Eggstravagnza': The Camogie Club are planning some Easter festivities at Rossa Park on Easter Monday (1-3pm), including an Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Bonnet competition, face painting and more. More details to follow.

Wexford's first Leinster title since 2003

(2007-04-02)

Wexford captured the Leinster Senior title on Sunday 1 April when they defeated Dublin 0-10 to 1-02 in cold, sunny conditions at St. Martin's excellent GAA facilities at Piercetown. A strong icy wind blowing down the pitch made conditions difficult for both sets of players and ensured that many spectators were frozen by half time.

Dublin won the toss and decided to play against the wind in the first half. Wexford started well and were the dominant team for the first 20 minutes scoring 8 points, 5 of them from Aine Codd frees. Dublin were playing well but were unable to convert chances they created. However Sarah Ryan scored a great hand-passed goal on 25 minutes to leave the half time score Wexford 0-8, Dublin 1-0

Hopes were high that Dublin playing with the wind after half time would quickly eat into Wexford's lead. But that did not happen. For the second Sunday in a row a number of Dublin players played poorly in the second half. Dublin had their scoring chances with the wind. But time and time again when the sliotar was sent in it was the Wexford backs who were dominant, gaining possession and driving out of defence to set up their own attacks. Unusual as it seems neither side scored from play in this second period of play – both sides scored 2 points each from frees. Wexford deserved their 0-10 to 1-2 win to claim another Leinster senior title.

Dublin's backs battled bravely throughout the game. They conceded too many frees and at this level such mistakes will be punished. Eimear Brannigan who has been positioned at full back during the league campaign, is growing into the position and had a good game. Andrea Fitzpatrick had another very good game at wing back and was everywhere in defence when needed. Louise O'Hara played well in the middle of the field displaying great skill. Perhaps she should have chosen to take some long range points when wind assisted in the second half.

Dublin now turn their attention to National League duties on Sunday, 8 April when they travel west for their Div 1A clash v Galway. We wish them all the best.

Scorers for Dublin: Sarah Ryan 1-0, Julie Draper 0-2 (frees)
Scorers for Wexford. Aine Codd 0-7 (frees), Louise Codd Una Leacy and Katrina Parrock 0-1 each.

Dublin team:
Eimear Butler, Jean Murphy , Eimear Brannigan, Siobhan Curran, Andrea Fitzpatrick, Elaine O'Meara, Caitriona Power, Louise O'Hara, Aine Fanning, Ciara Durkan, Noelle Comyn, Anne Griffin, Muireann O'Gorman, Sarah Ryan, Niamh Taylor
Subs:
Julie Draper for Anne Grinnin, Edel Reir for Niamh Taylor and laura Twomey for Jean Murphy. Elaine Ryan, Gemma Flynn, Eimear brogan,



Pictured at the annual Barryroe GAA dinner at Fernhill House Hotel, Clonakilty, are camogie club players and officers, Noreen Flemming, Helen O'Donovan, Elaine McCarthy, Denis Harrington, Tony McCarthy, Kathlean McCarthy and Dan O'Dwyer, with seated, from left, with some of the silverware, Ann-Marie Flemming, Jennifer O'Leary, Geraldine Collins and Eimear White. Picture: Denis Boyle

Barryroe GAA girls celebrate

Five minutes with...



Colette McSorley
Armagh Camogie

Who would you have around for Dinner?
I'd have Enrique Inglasias just to look at and Hilary Clinton for interest
What are you playing on your ipod?
I'm listening to U2's How to dismantle an atomic bomb
What is your current/dream car?
I drive VW Golf. My dream car would be BMW X5
What's the worst pitch you've ever played on?
The worst pitch would have to be Carlow Town hurling ground9beside Dr Cullen Park in Carlow town - it's absolutely terrible
What's your favourite holiday destination?
It would have to be Dubai. I haven't been yet but I intend to go someday
Who's the biggest joker in Armagh camogie?
It would be Colette Burns or Maria Larkin - it must be a Mullabawn thing
If you weren't playing GAA what would you be at?
I'd say I'd be playing hockey. I've played a bit at school
Where's your favourite place for a night out?
The Bank in Newry
Tightest marker?
That would have to be Dublin's Ciara Lucy
What was your worst ever performance in camogie?
The Ulster Schools final last year. I was sent off against Keady. It's my most disgraceful performance yet.
If there was a transfer market who'd be in and who'd be out?
I'd transfer Rena Buckley from Cork and also Mary O'Connor from Cork. I'd get in trouble if I transferred anybody out.



CAMOGIE

National League Div 1B: Limerick: 3-8: M Keating 2-1, A Sheehan 1-3 (0-2f), E O'Brien, M Nash 0-2 each **Wexford: 2-6:** S Kehoe 1-1, D Ryan 1-0, S Nolan 0-4, Shelley Kehoe 0-1.
Leinster SC final: Wexford: 0-10: A Codd 0-7f, L Codd, U Leacy, K Parrock 0-1 each **Dublin: 1-2:** S Ryan 1-0, J Ryan 0-2.
Minor 'B' c'ship: Offaly 7-11: J Brady 5-0, S Flynn 1-3, O Hearne 1-0, M Morkham 0-4, N Mc Cabe 0-3, A Corrigan 0-1 **Kildare 1-6:** C Farrell 1-0, L Keatley 0-2 (0-1'45), S Farrell, C Mc Sweeney 0-1 each. **Antrim 4-10:** R Mc Garry, A Mc Connell 2-5 each **Derry:1-9:** E Mc Kenna 1-1, S Cassidy 0-4, M Mc Goldrick 0-3, N Mc Loughlin 0-1. **Carlow: 1-6:** T Ralph 1-2, T Meaney 0-4 (0-2f) **Roscommon: 1-3** H Kenny 1-0,S Spillane 0-2, C Curley 0-1. **Down: 5-6:** K Timelly 1-3, L McPoland, L Hughes 1-0 each, N O'Hagan 0-2, J Fitzpatrick 0-1. **Armagh: 4-7:** S Molloy 2-0, C Mc Sorley 1-0,N Mc Kenna 1-0, M Mc Clelland 0-1.

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League & championship round up

(2007-04-01)

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In the All-Ireland Minor B Championship at Ballinderry, visitors Antrim had a comfortable 4-10 to 1-9 win over Derry. It was 2-5 each from the sticks of Orla McCaul and Rachel McGarry which ensured the comfortable win.

At half-time Antrim held a 2-6 to 1-1 lead with the lone Derry goal coming from the stick of Eimear McKenna.

There were further minor championship victories for Offaly who had a convincing 7-11 to 1-4 victory thanks to five fab goals from Jean Brady, while Carlow who only had thirteen players journeyed to Roscommon and defeated the home side on a 1-6 to 1-3 with a goal from Teresa Ralph while Teresea Meaney added four points. Helen Kenny was Roscommon's goal scorer.

Reigning All-Ireland minor champions Down had a narrow win over neighbours Armagh 5-6 to 4-7 with goals from Karen Tinelly, Lisa Mc Poland and Lisa Hughes. Colette Mc Sorley once again featured prominently with 1-6 while Sarah Molloy was the scorer of two goals for the Orchard county.
The Division 3 League game between Tyrone and Cavan did not go ahead.
National league, Div 1B:
Limerick: 3-8: M Keating 2-1, A Sheehan 1-3 (0-2f), E O'Brien, M Nash 0-2 each
Wexford: 2-6: Stacey Kehoe 1-1, D Ryan 1-0, S Nolan 0-4, Shelley Kehoe 0-1.

Leinster sen. c'ship final:
Wexford: 0-10: Á Codd 0-7f, L Codd, Ú Leacy, K Parrock 0-1 each
Dublin: 1-2: S Ryan 1-0, J Draper 0-2.

Minor'B' c'ship:
Offaly 7-11: J Brady 5-0, S Flynn 1-3, O Hearne 1-0, M Morkham 0-4, N Mc Cabe 0-3, A Corrigan 0-1.
Kildare 1-4: C Farrell 1-0, L Keatley 0-2 (0-1'45), S Farrell, C Mc Sweeney 0-1 each.

Antrim 4-10: R Mc Garry, A Mc Connell 2-5 each
Derry:1-9: E Mc Kenna 1-1, S Cassidy 0-4, M Mc Goldrick 0-3, N Mc Loughlin 0-1.

Carlow: 1-6: T Ralph 1-2, T Meaney 0-4 (0-2f)
Roscommon: 1-3 H Kenny 1-0,S Spillane 0-2, C Curley 0-1.

Down: 5-6: K Tinelly 1-3, L Mc Poland, L Hughes 1-0 each, N O'Hagan 0-2, J Fitzpatrick 0-1.
Armagh: 4-7: S Molloy 2-0, C Mc Sorley 1-6,N Mc Kenna 1-0, M Mc Clelland 0-1.



Inniscarra representatives on the Cork senior teams, Rena Buckley and Trish Murphy at the Inniscarra Camogie Club victory dinner.

Emily Hayden has an impressive record as an intercounty camogie player for Tipperary with one minor all-ireland medal in 1996 and 5 All-Ireland senior camogie medals from 1999 to 2004. She graduated from I.T. Carlow with a degree in Sports Rehabiliatation in 2002. She worked in Laois after graduation and gained valuable sports medicine experience with the Laois Senior hurling team in 2003-2005. Emily completed a post-graduate certificate in orthopaedic manual therapy at Curtin University, Perth, Western Australia in February 2007. In addition to her Inter-county Camogie achievements , Emily has two All-Ireland hockey medals with Moyne-Thurles who successfully retained their All-Ireland title in March, this year.

Roddy and Emily work with the Tipperary County Board G.A.A. and are closely involved in looking after players from the county senior hurling team, in addition to other panel players from hurling, camogie and football.



Cork's Catherine O'Brien battles for possession as she is challenged by Tipperary's Sarah Kirwin during the Munster U16 Camogie Champions Ballyanley. See page 50 for match report.
Picture: Richa

Ulster colleges name their All-Stars

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Michaela Convery, Sinéad Cassidy and Collette McSorley already know the prestige of the announcement yesterday in Magherafelt that they are included in the 2007 Ulster Colleges' Camogie All-star selection.

All three are receiving their third call-up. Both Sinéad and Collette are picking up theirs in succession, while Michaela, the captain of the St. Mary's Magherafelt side that won Saturday's All-Ireland Colleges' Senior final replay, was a very young recipient of an All-star back in the sports' Centenary Year of 2004.

That was the inaugural selection and 20 players were awarded All-stars ahead of their participation in an inter-provincial competition.

This year, 22 have received awards and they are quickly into action as they face a midweek training session ahead of the inter-provincial competition this Saturday.

Sinéad Cassidy from Loreto Coleraine and Collette McSorley from St. Catherine's Armagh are both already established senior inter-county players with Derry and Armagh respectively and they have been on full Ulster duty, along with Brianna Doherty who picks up the first ever award for St. MacNissi's Garron Tower.

Sinéad played in both the National junior league final and also the All-Ireland Junior championship final with the Oak Leaf last year, while Collette picked up an All-Ireland Junior Shield medal with Armagh last September and was the National Young Camogie Player of 2005.

A further four players have received their second All-star.

Loreto Coleraine's Méabh McGoldrick's brothers have featured heavily in the media already this month. They represented the club in the All-Ireland Intermediate final in Croke Park.

Like Meabh, brother Sean Leo picked up two Colleges' hurling awards and Barry holds an All-Ireland minor football medal while sister Grainne has been on the Derry senior team since the age of 17.

The other two players to collect successive awards are Shauna Murphy from St. Patrick's Maghera and Attracta McPeake from St. Mary's Magherafelt, while Orla McCaul from St. Genevieve's picked up her first award in 2005.

The promising Rossa club player had a horrific 2006 with a leg problem which only sorted itself out late in the autumn allowing her to join Jim Nelson's side ahead of their All-Ireland club final.

Four schools – Garron Tower, St. Louis Ballymena, St. Louis Kilkeel and Our Lady's Newry – pick up their first All-stars in camogie and the players involved all played in the All-Ireland Minor final in Casement Park in September when Down edged home over Antrim.

Karen Tinnelly (Our Lady's Newry) was Player of the Match in the game and was later nominated for National Young Player of the Year. She led her school to a first ever Ulster Colleges' title in January.

Given the fact that St. Mary's Magherafelt were so convincing in their eclipse of the Ulster Senior A schools' title this year, there will be some disappointment that only four of the team made the All-star panel.

However Ulster Colleges' chairperson Grainne Connolly stressed that the standard of the trials was very high.

"A number of established under-age camogie players didn't even make it through to the final trial because the standard was so high,"

She was also pleased with the type of play that she saw in the trial.

"On the first trial days in Cookstown and in Belfast, individuals shone because they showed themselves. At the final trial team-play easily developed among the players on both sides and this augurs well for putting together a team to take on the other provinces on Saturday."

Grainne thanked the selectors for their work.

"The selectors claim that where only one or two would have stood out at the higher standard over the past three years, 10 or 12 have reached that level this year."

The team will receive their awards later in the spring at an Awards' Dinner.

Colleges' All-star pen-pics :

Name: Shauna Murphy

School: Saint Patrick's College, Maghera

Club : St. Mary's Banagher

This is Shauna's second All-star as she was included in last year's selection. She holds 2 Ulster Colleges' medals, an U-18 Derry Championship with Banagher and 3 North Derry Senior Championships.

Name : Maeve McGillian

School : St Patrick's College, Maghera

Club : Ballinascreen

Maeve transferred this year to St. Patrick's from St. Colm's Draperstown where she won Derry and Ulster under-age medals. She was on the Derry U16 side that won the All Ireland B Championship last year, while with Ballinascreen she has collected an All-Ireland Division 3 Féile na nGael title as well as county league and championship medals at all age-groups on the double.

Name : Kerrie Graham

School : St Pius X College, Magherafelt

Club : Ballinderry Shamrocks

Kerrie helped her school reach the Liatroim Fontenoys' Cup final this year. She also holds schools' medals at under 14, 16 and 19 levels. With Ballinderry, she has won an under 18 medal and also under U-14 B and U-16 B medals. Kerrie also plays Gaelic football.

Name : Karen Tinnelly

School : Our Lady's Grammar School, Newry

Club : Ballyholland

Karen was Player of the Match when Down won the All-Ireland Minor title last year. She also holds an Ulster under 16 medal. She is currently on the Down Senior team. She helped Our Lady's win the Senior Medallion Cup this year for the first time and holds 6 Down schools' medals. With Ballyholland she has won the Down Junior and Intermediate Leagues and Championships. She was also a nomination for the Young All-Star of 2006 and for the Newry and Mourne Junior Sportsperson of 2006.

Name : Aileen McCusker

School : St. Mary's, Magherafelt

Club : Ballinderry Shamrocks

Aileen has won a total of 10 Ulster Colleges' Medals with St. Mary's and played full-back for the senior team in their run to the All-Ireland title. She holds an Ulster U-14 medal with Derry and with Ballinderry she has U-14, 16, 18 Derry League and Championship medals.

Name : Attracta McPeake

School : St. Mary's, Magherafelt

Club : Erin's Own Lavey

Attracta is selected on the All-star team for the second successive year and has won a total of 7 Ulster Colleges' Medals with St. Mary's. She played midfield for the senior team in their All-Ireland Senior success on Saturday. She holds a Derry championship medals at U-16 and Senior levels.

Name : Michaela Convery

School : St. Mary's, Magherafelt

Club : Tír na nÓg Randalstown

Michaela is winning her third Ulster Colleges' All-star, having made the inaugural 2004 team and last year's selection. She holds 7 Ulster Colleges' Medals with St. Mary's and captained the Senior team on Saturday to the All-Ireland. She was on the Antrim team in 2004 that won the All-Ireland under 16 B title and holds Antrim county medals at under 16 and under 18 levels.

Name : Sinéad McLaughlin

School : St. Mary's, Magherafelt

Club : O'Donovan Rossa Magherafelt

Sinéad has won 4 Ulster Colleges' Medals with St. Mary's and played full-forward for the senior team in their run to the All-Ireland title. She also possesses 2 Derry Junior Championships and 1 Junior League medal with her club.

Name : Sinéad Cassidy

School : Loreto College, Coleraine

Club : Sarsfield's Ballerin

This is Sinéad's third successive Colleges' All-star and she has been a Derry senior player for the past two seasons winning Ulster Senior and Junior championship medals and playing in both the 2006 National League final and Junior All-Ireland final. She has also made the Ulster Gael Linn team back in 2005.

With Derry under age teams she collected 3 Ulster U14 Championships (twice as captain), 2 Ulster under 16s and 1 Ulster Minor title, while with Loreto she holds 2 Senior Medallion Cup medals. Sinéad is also a keen Gaelic Footballer.

Name : Méabh McGoldrick

School : Loreto College, Coleraine

Club : Eoghan Rua, Coleraine

This is Méabh's second All-star in succession and she has represented Derry at Senior level winning an Ulster Junior medal last year to add to the provincial under 14 medal she won in 2002. With Loreto, Méabh has won Fr Davies' Cup and Junior Medallion Cup medals, while with Eoghan Rua, she has collected a Derry Senior championship.

Name : Shannon Graham

School : St. Louis Grammar, Ballymena

Club: Creggan Kickhams

Shannon has won one Ulster Under 14 and two Under 16 championship medals and played in the All-Ireland Minor final for Antrim in 2006. She has also collected the Antrim Junior league and championship with her club Creggan. This year she helped St. Louis win the Fr Davies' Cup. Shannon is also an accomplished Gaelic footballer with 4 provincial medals.

Name: Louise McAleese
School: St Louis Grammar School, Ballymena
Club: Geraldine's Portglenone
Louise has won one Ulster Under 14 and two Under 16 championship medals and scored the goal that clinched the inaugural All-Ireland under 16 title for Antrim in 2004. This year she helped St. Louis win the Fr Davies' Cup and she also won several Gaelic Football medals as well.

Name : Brianna Doherty

School : St. MacNissi's College, Garron Tower

Club : Ruairí Óg, Cushendall

Brianna is the first St. MacNissi's player to gain an All-star after captaining the school to the Senior Medallion Shield final this year. She has represented Antrim at all levels and was in the under 18 side that lost the All-Ireland final to Down last September. With Ruairí Óg, she has won an Antrim Junior championship and also Junior Feis na nGleann.

Name : Colette McSorley

Club : Tullysaran

School: St Catherine's College Armagh

This is Collette's third successive Ulster Colleges' All-star. She has also won the OCS Northern Irish sports person of the year 2007 and was the National Young All-star of 2005. Collette has played for the past three seasons for Armagh, winning an Ulster junior medal in 2005 and an All Ireland Junior shield in 2006.

Collette also plays Gaelic football at representative level.

Name : Catherine Mc Auley

School : Cross and Passion, Ballycastle

Club : McQuillan's, Ballycastle

Catherine has won a number of Ulster Colleges' medals with Cross & Passion including, Liatroim Fontenoys' Cup, 2 Fr Davies' Cup medals and also a Seven-a-side medal.

She has represented Antrim at under-age level winning an All-Ireland under 16 medal in 2004, while with her club she has won under 14 league and championship, under 18 championship and Division

Name : Emma Connolly
School : Cross and Passion, Ballycastle
Club : Loughgiel Shamrocks
Emma has played at all levels with Antrim winning Ulster titles at under 14, under 16 and under 18 championship and also an All-Ireland Minor B title in 2004.

With Cross and Passion, she has won the Liatroim Fontenoys' and Fr Davies' Cups, while she has won divisional medals at all ages with her club Loughgiel Shamrocks.

Name : Orla McCaul

School : St. Genevieve's Belfast

Club O'Donovan Rossa

Orla is winning a second All-star, her first coming in 2005. She holds an All-Ireland under 16B championship medal with Antrim and Ulster league and championship medals at under 16 and under 18 level.

With Rossa, Orla has 3 Antrim and Ulster Senior league and championship medals and played in last November's All-Ireland Senior club final.

Name : Helen Wilson

School : St. Louise's Belfast

Club : Naomh Eoin, Belfast

Helen has won Ulster medals at under 16 and under 18 level with Antrim. An all-round sportsperson, she has been included in regional netball squads for the past four years and won an All-Ireland basketball title with St. Louise's last month.

Name : Joanne Fitzpatrick

School : St. Louis Kilkeel

Club : Attical

Joanne was in the Down team that won the All-Ireland Minor final last September and she has also collected Ulster under 16 and minor medals. With Attical she has won under 14 league and championship medals, while with St. Louis she has collected several Down schools' medals.

Name : Emma McParland

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School : St. Patrick's Keady

Club : St. Brenda's Ballymacnab

Emma has won Ulster championship medals at under 14 and under 16 with Armagh and was selected for the Ulster Elite Development panel last summer. She has won a Liatroim Fontenoys' Cup medal with her school and holds numerous Armagh championship and league titles with her club as well as two All-Ireland Féile na nGael titles.

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Name : Catherine Toner

School : St. Patrick's Keady

Club : St. Brenda's Ballymacnab

Catherine has won Ulster championship medals at under 14 and under 16 with Armagh and collected Liatroim Fontenoys' and Fr Davies' Cup medals with her school. She also holds numerous Armagh championship and league titles with her club as well as two All-Ireland Féile na nGael titles.

Name : Lorna Canavan

School : St. Patrick's Dungannon

Club : Derrytresk

Lorna has represented Tyrone at all levels and is currently in the panel competing in the National Junior league. She has been part of the Tyrone Development squads and won a Senior Medallion Cup medal with the Academy last year.

With Derrytresk, Lorna has collected county medals at under 14, under 16 and under 18 levels.

UNDER 16 TEAM ADVANCE TO FINAL

WITH five minutes to go in the under Munster 16 A semi final Tipperary were within a point of Cork but a strong finish which yielded two goals from full forward Denise Luby ensures Cork advanced to next Saturdays final.

With the sides down for a championship meeting in the weeks ahead both will have no doubt learned a lot from last Saturdays game and come championship time a cracking encounter is forecast. Cork struggled against a determined Tipperary defence despite playing with the aid of the strong wind in the opening half. Cork led by a point at the interval thanks to the excellent accuracy of Catriona Collins who struck three points and a late point from Denise Luby in reply to a Tipperary goal from Aine Brislane.

In defence Cork were pressurised by the Tipperary attack but with Michelle Healy and Emma Kingston superb in defence Cork held the upper hand.

Catriona Collins pointed inside minutes of the restart but with the wind to their backs Tipperary applied the pressure Christine Kenny pointed to arrow the gap to a point. The introduction of substitute Claire Keohane helped the Cork attack and she pointed to put Cork two ahead.

Catriona Shortt edged the visitors ahead with a goal after the Cork defence failed to clear and suddenly the tempo was increased. Aileen O'Donovan first timing to the net in quick reply as Cork regained the lead.

Luby and Shortt swapped points and as the sides battled to gain control, O'Donovan stretching it to three points with eight minutes remaining and twice Tipp came close but the Cork defence held firm, with six minutes remaining cork sealed victory Denise Luby striking a superb goal before her long range free from sixty metres went all the way to the net. Aine Brislane had a late point for Tipperary but it was too late to affect the outcome.



Cork under 16 A team who contest the Munster Final on Saturday next in Clare

A tough test waits on Saturday as they face a strong Clare side in the Munster final. Clare had a big victory over Limerick two weeks ago Niamh Corry, Louise Woods and Patricia O'Loughlin are amongst the players who Cork will have to match if the provincial title is to be retained. The game takes place at Newmarket on Fergus at 1pm.

Busy weekend for senior teams

NO Easter rest for the county senior players as both the A and B sides face Kilkenny on Easter Monday. For the A side a win is a must to stay in the hunt for a place in the closing stages of the national league with one victory and a draw from four games they face a strong test from a Kilkenny side who have four points having recorded victories over Dublin and Galway but lost out to Wexford.

The division 1 B team will be hoping to continue their impressive run having lost just one game to Limerick a win on Sunday would help secure their continued involvement with just one game left against Dublin. Kilkenny defeated Dublin but lost out to Wexford and Galway. Games go ahead in Ballynoe the B game is at 1pm with the A following at 2.30

County board meeting

CLUBS are reminded that the because of the Bank Holiday on Monday next the county board meeting will take place on Tuesday night in Paire ui Chaoimh.

Camogiechat

With Mary Newman

U16 B team take title

THE decision to enter a team in the Munster B competition proved a successful one as the under 16 B team brought the first provincial title to Cork. Waterford despite losing contributed enormously to a good contest and they will look ahead with confidence to the All Ireland B championship, unfortunately Cork are not allowed enter this grade as we are an A graded county.

Katie Harrington gave Cork an early led when she grabbed a gaol from the throw in and with Sinead O Neill and Rachel Keohane both adding goals Cork took an early lead. Waterford's captain Patricia Jackman pointed for their opening score and Waterford had the lead down to a point with Jackman setting up Rachel Whelan for a goal. Waterford were battling to get on level but were knocked back when Jill Kelleher's long range effort deceiving keeper Tracy Kiely to finish in the net to give Cork a 4-0 to 1-2 interval lead. Waterford aided by the strong wind in the second half failed to produce the performance that was expected and while their defence did an excellent job in closed down the Cork attack their forwards to gain the upper hand.

In attack Cork with two Maria Moran points and one from Sinead O Neill and Jessica Farmer sealed victory. Well done to the Cork girls who hopefully have set the trend for further glory in the months ahead.

Cork v Tipp U18

THE Cork minor team travel to the Ragg at 2.30pm to meet Tipperary in the opening round of the Munster championship on Saturday With the All Ireland competition played on an open draw basis much of the gloss has gone out of provincial competition but this season Munster have decided to play their competition before the All Ireland series to give the counties an opportunity to prepare their teams and Cork as holders will be hoping to get their campaign off to a winning start.



Left: Kilbrittain N.S. player Hope Hickey striking goalwards against Scoil Naomh Michael, Upper Glanmire in the C3 final at Pairc ui Rinn, Cork. Picture: Des Barry

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Cork team which defeated Antrim in All-Ireland Senior Camogie final in 1972 and 12 months later completed the four in a row. Back: B Sugrue, P Moloney, L Garvan, A McAuliffe, M Sweeney, M McCarthy, D Sutton, R Hennessy. Front: A Keane, A Comerford, N Guilly, H Dineen, M Whelton, S Dunne, M Costine.



The Cork Camogie team in a relaxed mood during a photocall prior to the 1978 All-Ireland final. (ref221/029)

Depleted Cork face a difficult Cats test

By LINDA MELLERICK

Preview

THE fixture clash of both the Cork senior camogie team and the Cork ladies footballers once again leads to headaches for both sets of management.

They approach the issue with great maturity and on Sunday the camogie squad keep three and lose three of their dual players for their fourth round National A League tie against Kilkenny Ballynoe.

Rena Buckley, Breige Corkery and Angela Walsh will figure with the footballers and Mary O'Connor, Catriona Foley and Regina Curtin will line out against the Cats.

Amanda O'Regan and Denise Twomey are out through injury while Emer Dillon is taking a break to concentrate on exams.

Cork will find it tough particularly with the loss of such key players.

Twelve months ago Kilkenny may have only defeated the Rebels by four points, but in general play they won the game hands down.

Cork never got out of the traps and played second fiddle for 57 minutes to a more determined, gritty Kilkenny side.

The scoring of 1-2 in the final three minutes painted a better picture on paper.

However a couple of months later Cork gained revenge when they ran out 2-10 to 1-7 winners in the second round of the championship.

It was Cork's ability to grab two goals in 20 minutes which proved the deciding factor.

Jenny Duffy gets another chance to prove herself at left half back as does Emer O'Sullivan, lining out at centre-field.

Orla Cotter and Anna Geary line out at right half-forward and centre-forward respectively in an effort to strengthen the scoring power up front.

The Kilkenny defence are dogged. They hook, block, hassle and never give up. Against a Cork forward line not scoring freely at present it is hard to see the home side notching up an impressive score.

Bridget Mullally and Eileen Fitzpatrick make up a strong centre-field pairing and O'Connor and O'Sullivan will have to work hard to gain the upper hand. Up front, Kilkenny have fast, skilful forwards, none more so than Marie Dargan. The Cork defence, experimental as it is, should cope.

It promises to be a close tie.

Cork Team: A Murray; J O'Callaghan, R Holland, C Foley; S Hayes, M O'Connor, J Duffy; J O'Connor, E O'Sullivan; O Cotter, A Geary, J O'Leary; E O'Farrell, U O'Donoghue, E Watson.

Fixture: National Senior A League fourth round tie Cork V Kilkenny Date: Sunday April 8, St. Catherine's GAA Grounds, Ballynoe 2.30pm

Cork lacking cohesive play



LINDA MELLERICK

CORK go into tomorrow's fourth-round league game with Kilkenny minus three dual players and two or three of their typical starting 15 through injury and exams.

This is unfortunate against a team that could be Cork's biggest threat this year.

It surprised me a fortnight ago that Kilkenny lost out to Wexford by a massive 11 points.

Either Kilkenny have taken a massive step back since 2006, or they just had a very, very off day.

Cork have problems at the moment. To be fair we are in the early stages of 2007 and Cork rarely light up the skies during the National League.

They always seem to save the best for when it matters most.

Cork are very strong in defence. In goal, they have one of the best keepers I have seen in my time. And I've seen some good ones.

Last year's back six were a revelation, with the half-back trio of Rena Buckley, Mary O'Connor and Anna Geary totally dominant throughout the entire season.

Behind them Joanne O'Callaghan, Catriona Foley and Amanda O'Regan were as tight a full-back line as you could hope, or hope not, to meet.

Add to this the present additions of Emer O'Sullivan, Rosarie Holland and Jenny Duffy and the management team are in 'selector's paradise'.

Gemma O'Connor, Breige Corkery and Orla Cotter vie for the centre-field positions with either Corkery or Cotter slotting into the half forward line from time to time to accommodate all three.

It is obvious to all who follow this team that there are problems up front. There is versatility out the field and management have been playing with this over the past number of weeks. However it doesn't look to be bearing fruition.

Jenny Duffy had an outstanding year in 2006 both with her club St. Finbarr's and the Senior B side who also took All-Ireland honours.

She has not figured as regularly as she should this year with the A side.

Anna Geary has played sporadically during the league. While starting against Tipperary she came on as a substitute against both Wexford and Galway.

In all three games she has lined out at right corner-forward, centre-forward and full-forward respectively. Anna made her name as such while playing for St Mary's, Charleville around the middle of the park.



Jenny Duffy had a great season last year with club and county.

While she excelled here, she has really blossomed since moving up ranks and playing at left half-back with the Cork senior squad.

Geary was hotly tipped last year for the 'Camogie Player of the Year' accolade, an honour which went to her team-mate Mary O'Connor. While she is the obvious choice to 'try' up front in an effort to strengthen the team, it doesn't seem to be working.

I'm all for experimenting, but not to the detriment of the player.

In 2005 I preached for the entire season how wrong it was to play Gemma O'Connor at centre forward.

She was like a fish out of water and it was obvious she wasn't enjoying her hurling. The method behind her selection was apparently to mark Tipperary's Ciara Gaynor come All Ireland final day.

O'Connor had a poor season but won the All-Ireland for Cork.

At half time in the final Cork made the switch that won the game. O'Connor moved out to midfield and played the 30 minutes of her life.

I agree that Anna Geary has potential beyond the half-back line. With Cork spoilt for choice back there she is the one to move up.

But I'd move her to centre field if anywhere and try both Breige Corkery and Orla Cotter in the half-forward line.

You could argue that Breige covers huge ground and does a lot of defensive work when playing around the middle of the park.

Ok, then try both Anna and Breige in the half forward line, but no nearer to goal than that. They are runners.

Whatever Cork decide to try they need to try it consistently for a period of time.

What is evident over the past number of games is that the six players at any one time up front have no game plan at all. They play as individuals and hope for the best.

At this point in time and going for the three-in-a-row, players should be so used to each other that they could almost play blindfolded.

I fail to see such unity in play, and it is an area which requires huge focus and consistency from Cork's management team.



Inniscarra players Rosie O'Mahony, Claire Sheehan, Aine Ni Riain, Aine O'Connor, Emma Kingston, Joanne Casey and Laura McCarthy on the Cork U14 team at the recent club victory dinner in the Ramada Hotel.

County Board meeting: Change of date

A reminder to club delegates that, as Monday next is a bank holiday, there will be no county board meeting it will go ahead on the following night Tuesday in Páirc Ui Chaoimh, starting at 9pm

Cork need to get back up to pace

Sunday,
Senior Division 1B National League,
Cork v Kilkenny,
Ballynoe, 1pm

WITH just one game to go against Dublin a win tomorrow over Kilkenny would almost certainly guarantee the senior division 1B side a place in the latter stages of the league.

Having just dropped two points to Limerick, Cork are in a good position, the chasing pack has Galway sitting close also just two points adrift. Galway meet Dublin this weekend but have a tough games with Wexford to come having recorded a big victory midweek over Limerick they will be confident of making it to the latter stages.

Cork can count themselves a little unlucky to have lost out to Limerick. Cork bounced back to record a good victory over Galway and boosted by this they will be going into tomorrow's clash in confident mood.

With several of their line-out also involved with the senior division 1A panel it's been hard to put out a settled team and we have seen changes from match to match. Marie Corkery has been one of the driving forced behind the side in all clashes to date and she has had ample support from Linda Dorgan, Lucy Hawkes Aisling Thompson.

Again it will depend a lot on how many players the Division 1A selectors call up for duty for the second game. Eimear O'Sullivan Jenny Duffy and Sile Burns are players who have seen action with both teams and if unavailable for the first game would be a huge loss.

Tomorrow,
Munster U18 semi-final,
Cork v Tipp,
The Ragg, 2.30pm.

Cork as Munster holders will be hoping to get their campaign off to a winning start tomorrow but they will be wary of the threat that will be posed by a Tipperary side that defeated them two years ago in the Munster U16 final.

Pat Mc Loughney has continued up the line as manager of the Tipperary side and he has several members of that victorious U16 panel in his line-out.

Therese Shortt, Geraldine Stapleton and Aoife McLoughney Christina Kenneally Fiona Young are experienced campaigners while Aine Brislane impressed last weekend.

Cork selectors Anne-Marie Healy, Paddy Corkery and Thompson have assembled a strong panel including several of last season's U16 squad. Aine Moynihan, Ballygarvan, Deirdre Twomey, St Catherine's, Niamh Dilworth Inniscarra, Siobhán Gleeson, Éire Óg Lydia Cunningham, Glen Rovers, Aisling Thompson, Milford and Sineád O'Callaghan, Ballinhassig are among the players named on their panel.

A definite non-starter for Cork is Erin Corkery who suffered a hand injury recently.

Today,
Munster U16A Final,
Cork v Clare,
Newmarket on Fergus 1pm.

Last weekend Cork struggled to put away an average Tipperary side in their first game of the season and they know a similar performance will not suffice against a strong Clare outfit that had a compherehensive 5-6 to 1-2 victory over Limerick in their semi-final.

With just three of their starting forwards Denise Luby Catriona Collins and Aileen O'Donovan getting on the scoresheet, Cork will be looking for a bigger return from the attack if the title is to be retained.

Claire Keohane was introduced as a substitute last weekend and she given her contribution she will be pushing for a place on the starting 15.

Colleges announce panels for U14 blitz

PREPARATIONS are underway for the for the annual James Hurley memorial U14 blitz, which will be on in Inniscarra on the first Saturday in June.

This year Cork will be entering two teams, and again games will be played on the basis of multiple substitutions with panels of 27 per team.

There will be an A and B grade, and with teams expected to travel from as far as Dublin huge interest is forecast for what has become one of school's camogie's most prestigious competition and one which, for most of the participants ends their U14 school camogie.

Cork are the holders of the trophy which honours one of Cork Colleges most hard-working officials the late James Hurley who passed away five years ago. Cork won a tremendous final last year when they edged out Kilkenny in a thrilling final and already preparations have begun for this season with selectors naming two Cork panels this week.

In the weeks ahead both teams will play challenge games in preparation for the defence of the title, with training scheduled to take place on Thursday next in Ballynoe at 10.30am. Certainly plenty to look forward to in the weeks ahead

CORK COLLEGES U14 PANEL NUMBER 1

Claire Duggan (Bandon), Grace O'Callaghan (Bandon), Eimear O'Regan (Bandon), Caroline Sugrue (Bandon), Sharon Curtin (Charleville), Louise O'Flynn (Charleville), Rebecca Sheehy (Charleville), Aisling O'Brien (Christ king), Aine O'Donovan (Christ king), Sarah Quilligan (Christ king), Aisling Whitnell (Christ king), Aoife Barry Murphy (Coachford), Susan Buckley (Coachford), Aoife Hennesy (Coachford), Susan Brosnan (Colaiste na Phiarsaigh), heather Morgan (Colaiste Choilm), Fiona Cotter (Fermoy), Finola Neville (Fermoy), Jacinta Crowley (Kinsale), Chloe O'Callaghan (Kinsale), Caron O'Reilly (Kinsale), Katie Buckley (Mallow), Jane Fitzpatrick (Mallow), Aisling Glen (Mallow), Laura Tanner (Mallow), Sinéad Fahy (North Mon) Ann Keohane (St. Angela's), Sinéad O'Halloran (St. Angela's)

Cork colleges U14 panel number 2

Tessa Crowley (Bandon), Jessica Hawkes (Bandon), hope hickey (Bandon), Naomi mc Carthy (Bandon), Rita Crowley (Carrignavar), Shauna Keniry (Carrigtwohill), Sinéad Dennehy (Charleville), Lorraine Browne (Christ the King), Sinéad Duggan (Christ the King), Rebecca Murphy (Christ the King), Laura burke (Coachford), Erin O'Connell (Coachford), Emily O'Donovan (Coachford), Katie Healy (Davis College), Katie Dillane (Dromcollogher), Nicole O'Brien (Glanmire), Sarah Flaherty (Colaiste Treasa), Julie Mulcahy (Kinsale), Rachel Aherne (Midleton), Niamh O'Sullivan (Midleton), Anna Jean O'Reilly (Millstreet), Tia Mc Mahon (Passage), Alison Dowling (St Aidan's), Aisling Walsh (St Als), Michelle ring (St Patrick's), Chloe Daly (Youghal).

GLEN ROVERS

MIXED fortunes at the weekend as our U16 team lost out to Ballygarvan in an exciting game which yielded eight goals and 19 points, a tribute to both teams who served up and exciting contest. With the lead changing hands on several occasions it was hectic stuff in the finish Ballygarvan had enough to get them over the finishing line, 4-11 to 4-8. We continue our league games on Monday next when we travel to Buttevant.

Our U12 girls got their league campaign off to a start with a trip to Whitechurch and in an exciting contest they came away with a share of the spoils with the game finishing level. Chloe Noonan had the first goal of the contest and our defence held firm under severe pressure, Aisling Connolly, Emily McCarthy and Jennifer Hosford did great work to hold their lines. Driven on by captain Lauren Callanan, we continued to put Rockban under pressure but failed to extend our lead. By the midway stage Rockban had levelled matters and try as we could we failed to grab a winner despite good work up front from Aoife O'Sullivan and Niamh Gowen. Next game will be a home fixture on Saturday, April 14 when we welcome Buttevant to the Glen Field.

A busy week is ahead as games continue in all grades. On Monday our U16 team travel to Buttervant players to meet at club at 19.30am; on Tuesday our U14 team are off to Milford meet the club at 1.30pm; on Friday night we play our first game in the U18 championship when Aghbullogue travel to the Glen Field for a 6.30pm throw-in, and on next Saturday it's the turn of our U12 side, who play Buttevant in the Glen Field. Players to meet at 11am.

On Thursday night next we will hold a medal presentation for our victorious U16 and U13 teams who tasted success recently. Players and their families will join together with team mentors to celebrate a great season. We invite all present and former players to come along and join in the celebrations. Proceedings get underway at 8.30pm

SYMPATHY

Glen Rovers camogie club extend our sympathy to the family of the late Donal Moynihan who passed away last week. Donal was always in the Glen Field and had a huge interest in all club games. On a professional level he always was so caring and helpful to the many players who had occasion to visit South Doc in Blackpool where his attention was undivided. To his family we extend our sincere sympathy at his passing.

ST CATHERINE'S

Our senior team travelled to Nenagh on Sunday last to play their first challenge game of the year against Duharra in Co. Tipperary.

Colleges Inter-Provincial Tournament

Well done to Aileen Hogan, Orna Neville and Orla Cotter who represented Loreto Secondary School on this year's Munster Colleges Camogie team this tournament took place in Dublin on Saturday last.

St Peter's Passage West 4-3
St Patrick's 1-6

St Peter's Passage took the Corn Caitl Ni Cruadhlai Cork Colleges U16 B title defeating St Patrick's in a tough encounter recently. In this their first year back in Cork colleges competition St Patrick's gave it their all in quest of success Karen O'Connell gave them an early lead notching up 1-1 inside the opening five minutes. St Peter's settled with a pointed free and continued to pressurise the St Patrick's defence. They were back on level terms thanks to a long-range Lisa O'Sullivan free which went all the way to the net. Beginning to gain the upper hand, St Peters hit the front, Natasha O'Sullivan edging them ahead with a goal.

Alice Keating and Michelle Ring continued to cause problems for the Passage defence they had to be at their best to hold St Patrick's at bay. Karen Twomey stretched the advantage kicking to the net to give Passage a two-goal advantage at the interval.

The second half proved to be a hard fought battle with St Patrick's piling the pressure on the Passage defence, Karen O'Connell and Michelle Ring pointed four unanswered scores and St Patrick's were within two points. They continued to pile on the pressure but found the going tough against Emma Lydon in the Passage goal who kept St Peter's in the game denying St Patrick's when goals looked on. With their defence weathering the storm, the Passage girls pushed forward. A good clearance found Natasha O'Sullivan who made no mistake from close range. Lisa O'Sullivan pointed a 45 for St Peter's to relieve the pressure before the final whistle saw them take the title. Rob Lotty presented Corn Caitl Ni Cruadhlai on behalf of Cork Colleges Camogie Board to St Peter's captain Lisa O'Sullivan. The trophy honours the memory of the Late Coachford Colleges player Katie Crowley who passed away eighteen months ago and certainly the game was a fitting tribute to her memory.

St Peter's: E. Lydon, E. Hyde, L O'Brien, L.O'Sullivan (1-3) (C.), C. O'Brien, K Twomey(1goal) L. McCarthy, E. Twomey, N. O'Sullivan.(2goals) C. Doyle, S.O' Reilly, L. McCarthy.

St Patrick's: K Grimes, A Russell C O Keefe S Cotter D Ring, A Murphy K O Connell (1-4) A Keating, M Ring (0-2) S Attridge E Burns, N O Mahony.

ST VINCENT'S

A final reminder for all those who have yet to bring back their sponsorship cards it would be great if you could return them as soon as possible.

TRAINING TIMES: MONDAY: 5-6PM for 8 and 9 year olds 6-7pm U12s; TUESDAY: 5-6pm 6- and 7-year-olds; WEDNESDAY: 5-6pm under 10 and 11's 6-7pm under 14's 7-8 U16s and juniors; SUNDAY: 12 am U16s and juniors.

A nail biting affair between Wexford and Tipperary

April 2007

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A nail biting finish to a very tough game in O'Kennedy Park New Ross between Wexford A team and Tipperary A team with the full time score Wexford 0-13 Tipperary 1-9. It had been a long time since a Wexford team beat Tipperary and the Slaneysiders went out with determination to make sure this was not going to be the case this time. From the throw in, both sides fought hard for possession and the excellent playing conditions made for a very fast pace. Brigid Curran opened the score for Wexford when she pointed from play in the 7th. Cora Hennessey pointed for Tipperary from play in the 10th.
Wexford were then awarded a free and Aine Codd took it with ease and pointed in the 11th. Joanne Ryan even things up again when she pointed from play in the 13th, and Jenny O'Halloran edged here team ahead in the 15th when she pointed from a free. Wexford were awarded another free in the 18th which was taken again by Aine Codd who made no mistake and put it over the bar to level the sides again. Jill Horan then punished Wexford when she put one in the back of the net in the 23rd putting Tipperary 3 points ahead. Wexford dug deep and Kate Kelly pointed from a free in the 25th, this was followed by another Kate Kelly point from play in the 26th before Aine Codd levelled things again with a point from a free in the 32nd. The half time score was Wexford 0-6 Tipperary 1-3.
We anticipated a close second half and we were not disappointed as the sides exchanged scores time and time again. Wexford opened the score with an Aine Codd point from a free in the 3rd and Una Leacy extended Wexfords lead further when she pointed from play in the 4th, Tipperary Captain Claire Grogan reduced the gap when she pointed from a free in the 9th and here team mate Eimear McDonnell put the sides level with a point from play in the same minute. Louise Codd then edged Wexford ahead when she pointed from play in the 10th but again Tipp Captain Claire Grogan pointed from a free in the 12th.
It was Tipp who edged ahead then when Jill Horan pointed from play in the 13th and this was stretched to two points when Eimer McDonnell pointed in the 16th. Wexfords Caroline Murphy narrowed the gap to one point when she pointed from play in the 16th and a Kate Kelly point from a 45 levelled the scores once again. Claire Grogan poiinted from play in the 27th giving Tipp a one point lead before ever dependable Kate Kelly evened things up with a point from a well taken free in the 33rd, just when it looked like a draw was going to be the result, teenager Katrina Parrock put one over the bar in the dying seconds to the tremendous delight of the Wexford supporters, players and management. It was a tremendous effort by the Wexford ladies who raised to the challenged and proved that this Wexford side this year mean business and secured a place in the National League final.

Wexford: M. D'Arcy, D. Codd, C. O'Loughlin, C. O'Connor, N. Lambert, M. Leacy, A. Codd, K. Kelly, L. Codd, M. O'Leary, U. Leacy, K. Parrock, L. Holohan, M. Hearne. B. Curran, H. Jacob, A. Nolan. B. Holohan. C. Murphy. S. Redmond, S. Nolan. A. Moran. U. Jacob.

Banner women see off Offaly

CAMOGIE: TWO goals from 2005 Allstar Catherine O'Loughlin saw Clare defeat Offaly by 3-15 to 3-5 in Division 2A of the National League yesterday.

The Banner led 1-4 to 1-3 at the break, but did all their damage in the second-half.

In the other Division 2A clash, Down saw off Derry by 3-6 to 1-8. Substitutes Sarah Louise Carr and Caitriona McCrickard were the Mourne heroines with a goal each.

Double victory for the Model county

(2007-04-08)

Wexford 1-15 Tipperary 1-6

Wexford Senior B team were first up on Easter Sunday against Tipperary in a game that they needed to win following their defeat against Limerick the previous Sunday. The idylic conditions in O'Kennedy Park, New Ross set the scene for a very entertaining match. It was Wexfords Siona Nolan who opened the scoring with a point from a free in the opening minute, this was answered with a point from a free from Tipperarys Siobhan Ryan in the 6th.
The sides exchange points with scores coming from Avis Nolan 0-1 from play in the 7th and Mary Walsh 0-1 in the 9th also from play. Siobhan Ryan pointed for Tipperary in the 10th from a free but Wexford maintained their lead with a point from Shelly Kehoe in the 14th from play.Siobhan Ryan pointed again from a free in the 16th and it was 7 minutes before another score registered with Siobhan Ryan pointing again from a free in the 23rd to level the sides again. Shelly Kehoe pointed for Wexford from play in the 26th to nudge the Wexford side ahead and this was added to with an Aisling Moran point from play in the 27th. The Wexford side maintained the pressure and Stacey Kehoe pointed from play in the 29th putting three points between the sides.
Siobhan Ryan pulled back the lead when she pointed in the 31st from play. This saw the sides going in at half time with Wexford 0-7 to Tipperary 0-5. The second half saw Tipperary opening the scoring with a point from a 45 from Siobhan Ryan in the 3rd minute , Mary Walsh came back within seconds and pointed for Wexford from play. Wexford kept notching up scores with their persistant hassling and good team work and this was rewarded when Mary Walsh found the back of the net in the 4th from play.
Gretta Heffernan picked off a point from play in the 7th and it was Wexford who were dominating things at this stage with further scores from Stacey Kehoe 0-1 from play, and Ciara Storey 0-2 from frees before Siobhan Ryan hammered a goal home from a 45. The Wexford goalie Helena Jacob brilliantly saved a penalty in the 23rd which resulted in a 45 being given and the goal was scored from that. This was to be Tipperarys last score of the game with Wexford's Shelly Kehoe pointing from play in the 25th, Ursula Jacob pointed in the 26th and Stacey Redmond had the last say when she pointed from play in the 30th.
This was a good solid performance by the Wexford side who were happy to be going home with a 9 point victory.

Wexford: H. Jacob, S. Nolan, N. O'Connor. K. Atkinson, B. Holohan, S. Kehoe, F. Doran. C. Storey, S. Nolan, A. Nolan, A. Moran, S. Kehoe, G. Heffernan, M. Walsh, S. Kehoe, L. Cloney, S. Cullen, E. Moran, S. Redmond, U. Jacob.
Barbara Ryan, Wexford

Rebels skin Cats to keep up quest for first 1B title

By MARY NEWMAN

Division 1B

Cork	3-12
Kilkenny	2-6

A TREMENDOUS second-half display, which saw Kilkenny held to just one score, enabled Cork maintain their place as joint leaders of the Division 1B senior league in Ballynoe yesterday.

Kilkenny set a blistering pace which matched the superb conditions through the opening 30 minutes.

Despite Deirdre Twomey getting the game off to a good start for Cork they trailed 1-5 to 0-1 after 20 minutes the fast moving Kilkenny attack picking off scores again a static Cork defence.

Emily Darmody had registered three points before Eilish Cantwell's long range free ended up in the Cork net as the visitors opened up a seven-point lead.

The closing 10 minutes belonged to Cork after Marie Watson first timed to the net for a good goal Sile Burns followed up with two points but Laura Kavanagh steadied Kilkenny when she hand passed to the net four minutes from the interval as Kilkenny led 2-5 to 1-3.

It was a transformed Cork who took the field for the second half, their striking was now a lot more confident and playing with more aggression they closed down their opponents.

Driven on by the superb Marie Corkery, Linda O'Connell and Sile Burns, they picked off their scores.

Seven points without reply saw them forge ahead as Kilkenny wondered what had hit them.

All over the field Cork were now on top, their defence seldom troubled as the Kilkenny challenge faded rapidly.

Emily Darmody pointed on the three quarter stage but it was to be their only score of the half as they were closed down at every opportunity by a Cork defence for which Lucy Hawkes and Regina Curtin were superb.

Cork stretched their lead with a Rachel Myers goal after good work by Marie Corkery and with Aisling Thompson and Sile Burns pointing victory was secured long before substitute Marion Jaego set up Charlotte Kearney for Corks third goal three minutes from full-time.

With just one game to go against Dublin on April 22, Cork are guaranteed a place in the latter stages as they continue their quest for the county's first Senior Division 1B league title.

CORK: G Harrington, A M Fleming, N Mulcahy D Hayes, L O'Connell, L Hawkes, R Curtin, L Dorgan, A Thompson (0-4, 0-2 45s, 0-2 frees), M Corkery M Watson (1-1), D Twomey (0-2), C Kearney(1-1), R Myers (1-0), S Burns (0-4).

Sub: E White for G Harrington (ht), M Jaego for D Twomey (54 mins), E Power for D Hayes (57 mins), H O'Regan for A Thompson (62 mins)

KILKENNY: S Murphy, S Shore, G Brennan, K Fennelly, E Cantwell (0-1), R Fennelly, M Dalton, T Muldowney, M O'Keeffe, L Murphy, H Murphy, C Doherty (0-1), E Darmody (1-4, 0-2 frees), L Kavanagh (1-0), N Butler,

Referee: S Egan (Tipperary).



Jennifer O'Leary was Cork's top scorer in a tight win over Kilkenny yesterday.

Rebels are forced to hold on for win

Cork	3-10
Kilkenny	1-15

TEN points ahead at half-time, but Cork just about hung on to take the points in this National Senior Division 1A fourth round league tie against Kilkenny in Ballynoe yesterday afternoon.



LINDA MELLERICK

Three goals in the opening 30 minutes saw Cork dominate and take a commanding lead into the second half against a Kilkenny side which failed to excite.

But 33 minutes later Cork were pushed to the pin of their collars to hold on to their one point advantage.

Cork led 1-2 to 0-1 after eight minutes with Jennifer O'Leary hitting two points and Emer O'Farrell pulling first time on an Anna Geary cross.

Playing more direct hurling than they have of late, Cork raced into a nine point lead after just 17 minutes. Emer Watson connected with a Gemma O'Connor sideline cut and Una O'Donoghue, with a beauty, ensured the entire full-forward line got on the scoresheet.

Kilkenny were nowhere. Elaine Aylward was excellent at right half-back along with Imelda Kennedy at half-forward but the Leinster side were making no breakthrough. The Cats pointed on 21 minutes to leave nine between the sides. Anna Geary and Anne Dalton swapped points before O'Leary with a free left a massive 10-point gap between the sides as the half-time whistle blew.

The turnaround was not expected, based on the opening periods display. Yet Cork played second fiddle for the entire second half. The gap was narrowed to seven after Marie Dargan hit two points and Deirdre Delaney another. O'Donoghue and O'Leary pointed to stretch the gap again to nine with 41 minutes played.

Jennifer O'Leary was substituted 43 minutes in and her loss was sorely felt by Cork. Aylward and Kennedy continued to impress, Dargan did good work around the middle of the field and Jackie Frisby at corner-forward came into her own but Cork fell asleep.

Frisby goaled after 16 minutes. Points followed from Michelle Quilty and Frisby (2) and Cork were back peddling. O'Donoghue broke the Cats' momentum with a point on 23 minutes but it didn't last long.

Two from Dargan and a point from Delaney left the minimum between the sides entering the final minute. While Kilkenny attacked incessantly it was Rena Buckley who spared her side's blushes with experienced defending in the final five minutes which saw Cork survive.

Scorers for Cork: J O'Leary 0-7 (0-5f), U O'Donoghue 1-2, E O'Farrell and E Watson 1-0 each, A Geary 0-1.
Kilkenny: M Dargan 0-6 (0-3f), 0-1 (45), J Frisby 1-2, D Delaney 0-3, J A Woodcock, I Kennedy, A Dalton and M Quilty 0-1 each.
CORK: A Murray; J O'Callaghan, R Holland, C Foley; S Hayes, R Buckley, J Duffy; G O'Connor, E O'Sullivan; O Cotter, A Geary, J O'Leary; E O'Farrell, U O'Donoghue, E Watson.
Subs: R Moloney for J O'Leary (inj, 43min), S O Donovan for E O'Sullivan (53min), E Burke for E O'Farrell (63min).
KILKENNY: B Aylward; C Dormer, A Fahy, K McDonald; E Alyward, A Neary J A Woodcock; M Dargan, E Fitzpatrick; I Kennedy, A Dalton, D Delaney; J Frisby, K Power, M Quilty.
Subs: E Keane for M Quilty (59min).
Referee: John Morrissey (Tipperary).

GOOD DAY FOR SENIOR TEAMS

A GOOD day in Ballynoe on Easter Sunday as the senior division 1 A and 1B teams recorded victories over Kilkenny. In the division 1 A game Cork had to stand firm against strong challenge poised by a Kilkenny side who at one stage trailed by ten points , in the finish 'cork were thankful for the three first half gaols from Emer O Farrell, Emer Watson and Una O Donoghue.

The display given by Rena Buckley in the heart of the Cork defence was also note worthy time out of number she broke up Kilkenny attacks as the visitors pressed for an equaliser. While the results gives Cork a glimmer of hope in regards to qualification for the final stages it will all come down to results on the last day when Cork take on Dublin. Tipperary versus Kilkenny game on the same day will have a huge bearing as Tipp are on five points the same as Cork, while Kilkenny were they to defeat Tipp would go to six, Wexford are safely through on full points, all Cork can do is record a victory over Dublin and hope results go their way.



Seandun Under 16 players captain Denise Luby (Left) and Moira O donovan (right) with cork senior palyers Amanda O Regan and Joanne O Callaghan at Seandun medal presentation recently

Camogiechat

With Mary Newman

Minors Secure victory

TWO first half goals were enough to as the county minor side defeated Tipperary to book their place in the provincial decider. Kathleen O Brien had cork ahead before Aoife McLoughney pointed for Tipp and when her shot for goal rebounded to Catriona Maher she made no mistake to edge Tipperary ahead. Niamh Dilworth had Cork back in front minutes later and now dominant they finished the half stronger Deirdre Twomey Denise Cronin and Aisling Thompson pointing as Cork led 2.3 to 1.1 at the break. Aoife McLoughney pointed an early forty five but the Cork reply was immediate Sharon Whelton Kathleen O Brien (2) and Deirdre Twomey stretching their lead with points. Caitrióna Maher and Aoife McLoughney edged Tipp back into the game before Aoife McLoughney long range free found its way to the Cork net and just three points separated the teams. Cork upper the pace and with Kathleen O Brien and Niamh Dilworth adding points to hold their lead. Aoife McLoughney added two points but Corks with Aisling Thompson and Niamh Dilworth pointing secured their place in the final.

UNDER 16 RELINQUIISH TITLE TO CLARE

DISAPPOINTMENT for the under 16 side who had to give way to a strong Clare side in the provincial decider in Newmarket on Fergus on Saturday last In the finish just two points separated the sides and Cork will be disappointed not to have gotten at least a draw out of the game given the trenendous second half display.

The first half was abysmal as Cork failed to find their feet against a sharper Clare outfit who led 2-5 to 0-3 at the half time break. Triona Kelly, Roisin nc Manus and Shona Enright gaining the upper hand early in the game as Clare made all the running. Cork struggled from the throw in with Clare full value for their comfortable interval lead. Shona Enright and Patricia Mc Loughlin picked off four Clare points early in the second half Cork's reply coming from a Denise Luby pointed forty five.

Ten points behind and in trouble Cork suddenly woke up and playing with more determination began to come at Clare. They were denied a blatant a penalty after Catriona Collins had her feet taken from under her bearing down on goal but Julia White and Emma Kingston had two points before Joanne Casey volleyed on a super ball to the net.

Clare were now struggling as the Cork defence tightened up, Joanne Casey pointed to put four between the sides as Cork continued their assault on goal twice they forced forty five metre frees which Collins pointed, before she struck one from play. Cork pressure force a forty five which dropped in the square, Clare keeper Bell batted to safety from Denise Luby's shot on goal, again Cork pressurised but to no avail as the full time whistle sounded.



Cork's Denise Cronin, who had an excellent game for the minors.

O'Brien and Dilworth get goals to seal Cork victory

Cork	**2-11**
Tipperary	**2-6**

TWO first-half goals were enough to see Cork through in the Munster Minor camogie Championship against Tipperary at the Ragg on Saturday, ***writes*** **MARY NEWMAN.**

Kathleen O'Brien notched the game's opening score when her speculative long-range shot finished up in the Tipp net.

However, the home side soon regrouped from this blow and got into their stride when Aoife McLoughney slotted over their opening point.

Tipp began to grow and started exerting pressure on the Cork backline and they surged into the lead when Caitríona Maher slotted home on the rebound after McLoughney had seen her shot come off the woodwork.

Cork's reply was swift; Niamh Dilworth grabbing a goal as they regained their composure and dominated the game in the lead-up to the break.

They finished the half stronger and points from Deirdre Twomey, Denise Cronin and Aisling Thompson gave them a comfortable and deserved 2-3 to 1-1 interval lead.

Tipperary, as they had to do, applied early pressure from the restart, with McLoughney pointing a 45.

However, Cork were, at this stage, marking everything that Tipperary could muster up and Sharon Whelton replied for the Rebels, who then further increased their advantage through further points from O'Brien and Twomey.

Cork led 2-7 to 1-2 at this point and looked to be in total control.

However, Tipp stirred and began to battle their way back into the game, Maher and McLoughney both pointing to nudge their side closer to Cork.

And the gap was narrowed significantly when McLoughney's free snuck through to the Cork net.

Refusing to be ruffled, though, Cork upped the pace with O'Brien and Dilworth adding points to maintain their lead.

The highly-impressive McLoughney did add a further two points to her fine personal tally of 1-5 before the end, but Cork stood strong to book their place in the provincial final.

Scorers for Cork: Kathleen O'Brien 1-3, Niamh Dilworth (1-2), Aisling Thompson, Deirdre Twomey 0-2 each, Sharon Whelton, Denise Cronin 0-1 each

Scorers for Tipperary: Aoife McLoughlin, 1-5 (1-4 frees), Catriona Maher 1-1

CORK: D Leahy; S Gleeson, A Moynihan, M Foley; L Weste, M Walsh, C Motherway; A Thompson, B Twomey; S Whelton, D Cronin, E Healy; K O Brien , N Dilworth, D Twomey.

Subs: R De Faoite for E Healy

TIPPERARY: R Kenneally; M Ryan, S Morrissey, D Ryan; F Young, G Stapleton, T Flanagan; M Gleeson, S Hayes; A Kennedy, N O Connell, C Maher; T Shortt, A McLoughney.

Subs: S McGrath for C Shortt



Catriona Collins, seen here playing against Tipperary, was Cork's top scorer in the Rebel girls' defeat to Clare. Picture: Richard Mills

Cork's rally not enough for victory

By MARY NEWMAN

U16 camogie

Clare	**2-9**
Cork	**1-10**

A SOLID opening-half performance was enough to give Clare the Munster U16 title in Newmarket-on-Fergus on Saturday.

From early on, indications were that the Cork defence was going to be troubled by the pace of the Clare inside line of Triona Kelly, Roisin McManus and Shona Enright.

With the sides level at a point apiece inside the opening 10 minutes, Clare's Kelly struck the first big blow when she smashed home to the net to put her side in a strong position.

From here on in Cork struggled, with their failure to win their own puck outs resulting in their defence coming under enormous pressure.

When Ciara Lynch hand passed to the net 12 minutes from half time, Cork were in deep trouble with their only reply to a further three Clare points in succession coming from a Catriona Collins pointed free two minutes from the break as Clare held a comfortable eight-point interval advantage.

The second half looked to be taking on a similar pattern as Shona Enright and Patricia McLoughlin picked off four Clare points with Cork's only reply coming from a Denise Luby pointed 45.

Ten points adrift at this stage, there looked to be no way back for the Rebels but suddenly Cork sprung to life, the introduction of substitute Katrina Mackey helping their cause as they began to gain a grip around the half forward line while at mid field Jennifer Lynch and Julia White were now winning possession.

Julia White and Emma Kingston fired over two points before Joanne Casey volleyed on a super ball from Katrina Mackey to the back of the Clare net.

Now it was all Cork as Clare struggled to get back on track against a defence that suddenly could do no wrong.

With nine minutes remaining Joanne Casey pointed to put four between the sides as Cork continued their assault on the Clare goal.

Twice they forced 45-metre frees which Collins duly pointed, before she struck one from play to let two between the sides entering injury time.

However, Cork could not find the goal that would have turned their situation into a winning one.

While disappointed at the result, the Cork back room team will have learned a lot as they prepare for the first game of the round robin series of the All Ireland on April 21 against Galway.

Scorers for Clare: S Enright 0-6 (0-3 frees, 0-1 45); T Kelly, C Lynch 1-0 each, P O'Loughlin, R McMahon, K Kaiser 0-1 each

Scorers for Cork: C. Collins 0-4 (0-2 45, 0-1f), J Casey, 1-1, D Luby 0-2 (0-2 45s), E Kingston, J White, A O'Donovan 0-1 each

CLARE: M Bell; N Martin, A M .McMahon, C O Leary; J Kelly, C Lynch, K Kaiser; R O'Brien, E Considine; N Corry, A O Shea, S Enright; T Kelly, P O'Loughlin, R McMahon

CORK: A Sheehan; C O'Brien, R Finn, M O'Donovan; M A Hawkes, M. Healy, E Kingston; J Lynch, J White; J Casey, D Luby, C Keohane; A O'Donovan, C. Collins , A Mc Carthy

Subs: K Healy for C Keohane (h/t), E Healy for A McCarthy (h/t), P Mackey for M O'Donovan (45mins), O O'Mahony for E Healy (46mins)

Referee: E Brown (Tipperary)

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Div 2A: Clare 3-15 (C O'Loughlin 2-2, C Commane 1-2, A Ryan 0-5 (0-1f), L Limane 0-2, A O'Brien 0-2 (0-1f), C Lafferty, K Rosengrave 0-1 each) **Offaly 3-5** (A Cordial 2-0, J Brady 1-0, M Davis 0-3 (0-2'45, 0-1f), S Flannery, Z Carroll 0-1 each)

Down 3-6 (C Mc Gourty 1-5, S Louise Carr, C Mc Crickard 1-0 each, F Carr 0-1)

Derry 1-8 (P Murray 1-0, K Mc Auley, A Laverty, S Cassidy, 0-2 each, G Mc Goldrick, B Convery 0-1 each)

April 2007

Cats let 'B' title just slip away

Division 1B

CORK	3-12
KILKENNY	2-6

THE SENIOR B game against Cork in Ballynoe started out in optimistic vein but ended in a resounding victory for Cork. Despite Cork scoring first, Kilkenny scored five unanswered points, one from Catherine Doherty and four from Emily Dermody. The 20th minute saw Emily Dermody hit a 45 which the Cork keeper failed to block as Kilkenny hit their first goal. Cork hit back with a goal of their own and a point.

Kilkenny were outplaying Cork and every time Kilkenny attacked they managed to score, Cork on the other hand where having to work hard for their scores. Three minutes from the end of the first half Laura Kavanagh worked the ball across the centre and fired it to the back of the Cork net for her first and Kilkenny's second goal. Cork added a further point to their total to end the half, Cork 1-3 Kilkenny 2-6.

The Cork team that came out in the second half was a very different team. They substituted their goalkeeper who was vulnerable under the high ball and switched their forward line around. It took the home team thirteen minutes to draw the scores level with six unanswered points. Emily Dermody added the only Kilkenny score on the on the 46th minute but in truth the game had gone by that stage.

A further two goals and two points settled the issue in the Leesider's favour. In the end Kilkenny were not able to live with the fast paced hurling Cork used in the second half.

The Cats relinquished their hold on the league trophy to a team who may yet take it home themselves.

KILKENNY: Siobhan Murphy, Sara Shore, Grainne Brennan, Keeva Fennelly, Eilis Cantwell, Niamh Butler, Roisin Fennelly, Mary Dalton, Therese Muldowney, Miriam O'Keeffe, Laureena Murphy, Helen Murphy, Catherine Doherty, Emily Dermody, Laura Kavangh, Laura Comerford, Siobhan Fahy, Fiona Phelan

CORK: Gillian Harrington, Anne Marie Fleming, Noreen Mulcahy, Deirdre Hayes, Linda O'Connell, Lucy Hawkes, Linda Dorgan, Aisling Thompson, Marie Corkery, Marie Watson, Rachel Myers, Charlotte Kearney, Sile Burns, Regina Curtin



Right: Imelda Kennedy, Kilkenny

Below: Marie Dargan, Kilkenny

Picture: Matt Browne / SPORTSFILE

Kilkenny Ladies get Corked by the Rebels

Division 1A

CORK	3 - 10
KILKENNY	1 - 15

IT WAS the perfect weather for hurling, sunny with a light breeze, and it needed to be. Cork were fighting for their survival in this year's league competition. While Kilkenny were fighting to keep their destiny in their own hands. The first half was to prove a trying time for Kilkenny.

Cork opened the scoring with a point, it took Kilkenny two minutes to reply with a point from Julie Anne Woodcock. Cork added a further point from play and in the ninth minute Cork's Eimear O'Farrell found he self contesting a loose ball on the ground and she beat the backs and goalkeeper to the sliotar to score Corks first goal. Kilkenny's response was swift with two frees from Marie Dargan and a point on the run from Deirdre Delaney as it brought the score to 1-2 to 0-4.

Kilkenny were competing well with Cork but at times the full back line looked vulnerable. Cork exploited Kilkenny's weaknesses, another loose ball in Kilkenny's goalmouth was despatched by Cork for their second goal. The Rebels added a third when poor marking allowed Corks full forward Una O'Donoghue to receive a hand pass and run into the space on the left side of the goal and she gave the Kilkenny goalkeeper Brid Aylward no chance with a stinging drive to the net. Cork added three points and in the space of ten minutes Cork had a lead of 3-5 to 0-4. Kilkenny looked out of their depth at this stage as they played second fiddle to a rampant Cork team.

On the 24th minute Imelda Kennedy got possession of the sliothar on the Cork 21-yard line and rounded her marker to rifle a left handed shot to the net. The visiting cheers quickly turned to complaints when the referee had blown the whistle for a free, having adjudged that Imelda had been fouled before she hit the shot. The resultant free was swiftly despatched and a further point by Ann-Dalton and two more from Cork ended the half with the home team Cork 3-7 to Kilkenny's 0-6.

This game had all the signs of a rout with Kilkenny ten points in arrears and Cork scoring any time they wished.



Kilkenny made a half time substitution bringing on Grainne Brennan at full back for Aine Fahy. This had the desired effect on the full back line as the girls in the Black and Amber tightened up considerably in front of their own goal. Kilkenny were now hurling the second half as if their very lives depended on it. Two points by Marie Dargan and a further one by Deirdre Delaney, cut the deficit to 7 points. The full back line was steady, the half back line particularly, Elaine Aylward, were starting to dominate and deliver the fast ball to the forwards, who began to find the target more regularly.

Although Cork added two points the momentum was definitely with Kilkenny.In the 46th minute visitors rocked the home team when Jackie Frisby took the ball into the Cork square and despite three defenders converging on her , she managed to hand pass a goal. Points from Michelle Quilty and two form Jackie Frisby brought the score to 3-9 to 1-12 with ten minutes remaining. Kilkenny continued to attack but Cork sneaked away for a valuable point. But a quick reply of two points by Marie Dargan and one from Deirdre Delaney brought the difference between the sides to a minimum of one point. But despite their best efforts Kilkenny were not able to get that vital score for a win or draw and the game ended Cork 3-10 Kilkenny 1-15.

The day ended in disappointment for the black and Amber. The team can take two things away form the game. The first is that they can still qualify for the league final, but it is now dependent on them beating Tipperary and other results going their way. The second is that they scored more in one half against Cork than any other team. But early defensive lapses cost them dearly in the end.

If they can keep this improvement up and build on it they just might bring a few smiles to Kilkenny faces this year.

KILKENNY: Brid Aylward, Colette Dormer, Aine Fahy, Kate McDonald, Elaine Aylward, Aoife Neary, Julieanne Woodcock, Marie Dargan, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Imelda Kennedy, Anne Dalton, Deirdre Delaney, Jackie Frisby, Katie Power, Michelle Quilty, Laura Comerford, Edel Maher, Grainne Brennan, Miah Butler, Catherine Doherty, Edwina Keane.

CORK: Aoife Murray, Joanna O'Callaghan, Rosaire Holland, Sara Hayes, Rene Buckley, Jenny Duffy, Orla Cotter, Gemma O'Connor, Eimear O'Sullivan, Anna Geary, Jennifer O'Leary, Eimer O'Farrell, Una O'Donoghue, Eimear Watson.

Camogie aces pounce late to book league final spot

WEXFORD	0-13
TIPPERARY	1-9

by: Noel Holohan

WEXFORD HAVE qualified for the final of the National Senior Camogie League for the first-time since 2004 after a brave victory over Tipperary in this Division 1A encounter at O'Kennedy Park, New Ross on Sunday afternoon last.

But when Wexford were a point down going into injury-time it appeared as though the Slaneysiders would suffer yet another narrow loss to the Premier County, with Tipp having had close calls against Wexford in recent championship games, together with that league decider of 2004.

But this is a different Wexford side that displays both an absolute belief in their abilities and an unwillingness to give up the ghost. So Kate Kelly pointed to level matters in added-time before Katrina Parrock quickly pointed the winning score from play in the last seconds to claim a victory that left a very sweet taste in the mouths of all Wexford connections.

With a game to go Wexford are now through to the league final, where they await either the title-holders Cork or maybe even a rematch against Tipperary.

Wexford began the Sunday's task well, and although missing a few early chances they eventually took the lead, as Kate Kelly got on the end of an Aine Codd sideline cut to set up Bridget Curran to land the opening point of the game.

Tipperary quickly responded, when Cora Hennessy raised a white-flag to level things.



Michelle Hearne outwits Tipperary's Mairead Luttrell during last Sunday's league showdown at New Ross. Pic: PJ Browne.



Wexford's Lenny Holohan (centre) and Michelle Hearne (left) are out in front of Tipperary defenders Suzanne Kelly, Mairead Luttrell and Maria Tynan in this race for possession during last Sunday afternoon's National League Division 1A contest at O'Kennedy Park, New Ross. Pic: PJ Browne.

Bridget Curran was involved in Wexford's second point, as she was fouled and Aine Codd obliged from the placed ball.

But Tipperary took the lead for the first time after Joanne Ryan and Claire Grogan had added points for the visitors, with the latter pointing from a free (0-3 to 0-2).

Wexford hit back though when after Michelle O'Leary was fouled, Aine Codd was again on target from the resultant placed ball.

Wexford gained a great chance to strike a major blow in the 23rd-minute, when Michelle Hearne was fouled in the square at the expense of a penalty. But heartache followed when Kate Kelly's fine shot was brilliantly saved by Rose Anne Kennelly. Tipp quickly turned defence into attack, and all of a sudden possession was at the opposite end of the field, where Jill Horan wasted no time in dispatching the ball past Wexford 'keeper Mags D'Arcy with an unstoppable shot to the net for a 1-3 to 0-3 lead.

The response from Wexford was a key to their eventual success. Indeed, Kate Kelly immediately with a pointed free after Michelle Hearne was fouled, and Kelly followed by landing a super point from play as she fielded cleverly, turned and pointed well to reduce the gap to the minimum (1-3 to 0-5).

In the last seconds of the opening-half Aine Codd landed another super score for Wexford to tie up the scores on Wexford 0-6 to Tipperary's 1-3 at half-time.

Wexford began the second-half in great fashion, as they quickly stretched into a two point lead. Michelle Hearne, who continued to cause havoc for the Tipperary defence, was fouled again, and Aine Codd raised another white-flag from the resultant free. Interval substitute Caroline Murphy was the instigator of the next attack, as she laid off a peach of a pass to Una Leacy, and Leacy sped away to hit a great point.

Tipperary got back level yet again though, as they had two points on the spin - Claire Grogan pointing well from a placed ball and Eimear O'Donnell, who began to grow more influential, hit a great point from play.

Michelle Hearne lifted the siege with a point for the locals. But Tipperary had their tails up at this stage, and they hit three points without reply courtesy of Claire Grogan, Jill Horan and Eimear O'Donnell to turn the tables for Tipperary.

Midway through the half Wexford steadied their ship as Caroline Murphy pointed to close the gap to a single point again. It could have been much better for Wexford had Michelle Hearne and Bridget Curran not been unfortunate with goaling opportunities, as they each saw goal efforts blocked out. But Curran's effort did result in a '45 which was sent between the uprights by Kate Kelly.

With time running out so too were fingernails at the New Ross venue, as both sides sought victory.

There was a twinge in Wexford stomachs as Claire Grogan pointed Tipperary in-front again with only two minutes left.

But pure grit and hard work on Wexford's part made sure that this was not to be another 'oh so nearly' story for the home-side. Una Leacy was fouled en route to goal, and Kate Kelly obliged when pointing the resultant free.

While that score looked certain to force a draw, there was one further twist in the tail. Wexford captain Mary Leacy led by example with a great catch in defence, before she burst forward and whizzed a ball into Michelle Hearne who was terrific. She unselfishly laid off a great pass to Katrina Parrock, and the teenager sent home supporters ecstatic with a gem of a point, and the win that Wexford truly deserved, as they beat Tipp for the first time since 1991.

There wasn't any particular player that stood out for Wexford, as instead it was a result achieved through a united effort, and every one involved knows just how hard they must keep working if they are to realise their goals after some years of many near misses.

The management team Stellah Sinnott, Noel Ryan and Alan Aherne together with fitness trainer Eddie Flynn have put in huge work this year, and its showing. Indeed, with the enthusiasm being shown by the squad this may well be the year when Wexford's vast potential brings home the bacon. Certainly based on Sunday's showing they can really compete with the very best of them.

Wexford - *Mags D'Arcy, Deirdre Codd, Catherine O'Loughlin, Claire O'Connor, Noeleen Lambert , Mary Leacy (capt.), Aine Codd (0-4, 3 frees), Kate Kelly (0-4, 1 free, 2 '45s), Louise Codd, Michelle O'Leary, Una Leacy (0-1), Katrina Parrock (0-1), Lenny Holohan, Michelle Hearne (0-1), Bridget Curran (0-1).*

Subs: *Caroline Murphy for Lenny Holohan; Aisling Moran for Bridget Curran.*

Tipperary - *Roseanne Kennelly, Maria Tynan, Mairead Luttrell, Julie Kirwan, Michelle Shortt, Suzanne Kelly, Paula Bulfin, Philly Fogarty, Trish O'Halloran, Cora Hennessey (0-1), Emily Hayden, Eimear O'Donnell (0-2), Claire Grogan (0-4, 2 frees), Jill Horan (1-1), Joanne Ryan (0-1).*

Subs: *Geraldine Kinnane for Cora Hennessy; Una*



Tipperary duo Claire Grogan and Eimear O'Donnell close down Wexford's Michelle O'Leary at New Ross on Sunday. Pic: PJ Browne.

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Under-14s fail to capitalise upon scoring chances

ALTHOUGH WEXFORD'S under-14 camogie team suffered a heavy 5-3 to 0-3 loss to Dublin at Bellefield on Saturday afternoon last in the latest round of the Leinster league/championship, the scoreline does not reflect the fine effort of the home-side.

Wexford put in a hugely spirited performance, and, in fact, at half-time they were in arrears by just 1-3 to 0-3.

But Dublin up the pressure in the second-half and Wexford had no answers. However, the Wexford defence tried hard to keep the Dubs at bay. Unfortunately owing to a lack of scoring power at the other end of the field though, whatever ball the backs pumped up to the forwards was not capitalised upon.

Dublin's first-touch was excellent and they had strength in every position on the field.

Jenna Doran worked hard for Wexford as did Louise Hammel, but unfortunately the team just could not convert its possession into scores.

The team have a couple of weeks now to regroup and get some training in ahead of their next match, which is on April 21st against Kilkenny, to whom Wexford lost out by 3-10 to 1-1 in the first round of the qualifying series.

Wexford - *K. Flynn, P. Green, M. Doran, T. Somers, S. Dunne, C. Donohoe, L. Hammel, L. Hore (0-3), J. A. Murphy, J. Doran, L. Warren, L. Sinnott, S. Byrne, A-M. Murphy, M. C. Morrissey, L. Walsh, M. Lancaster, M. Byrne, C. Holohan, S. McGovern, S. O'Regan, N. Dunphy, S. Sinnott, S. O'Connell, E. Lyndon, F. Donnellan, A. Hayes, C. McGuinness, N. Boggan.*

'Caman' and coach camogie

THERE IS a new Level 1 Camogie Coaching Course available for club coaches, which is aimed at coaches who train players between the ages of 10 to 16.

The dates for the course which is being staged in the O'Loughlin Gaels clubhouse in Kilkenny city are as follows: Friday 13th April from 6.30p.m. to 10p.m; Saturday 14th April from 10a.m., to 5p.m; and, Saturday 28th April between 10a.m., and 5pm.

The tutors will be Damien Young, the Tipperary senior hurler, as well as Noel Wilson from Wexford.

Anyone wishing to take up this course must have a Foundation Camogie/GAA Coaching Course completed, be over 18 years of age, and/or have played junior or senior inter-county Camogie.

For further information please contact your Club Secretary or check out the website at www.camogie.ie.



Wexford's under-14 camogie squad took on Dublin at Bellefield last Saturday in the latest round of the Leinster league/championship. Pic: Barbara Ryan.

'B' team keep slim hopes alive with comprehensive victory

WEXFORD	1-15
TIPPERARY	1-6

WEXFORD'S CAMOGIE second-string has maintained what is now a very slim hope of reaching the National League Division 1B final when producing another quality display to account for their Tipperary counterparts in last Sunday's league double-header at sun drenched O'Kennedy Park, New Ross, *writes Ronan Fagan.*

By recovering from the previous weekend's loss to the Limerick first-string (3-8 to 2-6), Wexford are now on six points as they chase one of the top-two spots in the group. But wins for Cork and Galway against Kilkenny (3-12 to 2-6) and Dublin (2-10 to 0-10) respectively on the same afternoon have moved the Rebels and Tribeswomen onto eight points.

Wexford have a concluding group game away to Galway on the weekend after next, but they will be very much depending on the results of other games in order to force even a play-off to contest the divisional decider.

The purple-and-gold had the better of the first-half exchanges against Tipperary despite the Munster women having enjoyed wind advantage, and indeed Wexford were more than happy to eventually reach half-time leading by 0-7 to 0-5.

After an opening exchange of pointed frees between Wexford midfielder Siona Nolan and Tipp full-forward Siobhan Ryan, the home-side stretched ahead 0-3 to 0-1 after ten minutes courtesy of scores from Avis Nolan and Mary Walsh, with the latter making a welcome return after missing the Limerick game.

Tipperary recovered to draw level on four points apiece after 24 minutes, as Siobhan Ryan sent over three more frees, while Shelly Kehoe got on the scoresheet to keep Wexford ticking over. The Oulart-The Ballagh player together with her twin, Stacey and Aisling Moran added points between the 27th and 29th minutes to open-up a three point advantage.

But a fifth personal point from Siobhan Ryan a minute into injury-time saw Tipperary narrow the gap to two points at the interval.

With the wind behind them Wexford really pushed on in the second-half. After shipping another point to the accurate Ryan – from a '45 – Wexford quickly pulled clear by 1-8 to 0-6 in the 35th-minute with a point and then a goal from Mary Walsh; the Blackwater player maintained her excellent form of goaling in each appearance this year when collecting a delivery from a free around midfield by Siona Nolan and hammering a head-high shot to the Tipp net.

Wexford stretched ahead with a series of points from Gretta Heffernan, Stacey Kehoe and Ciara Storey (a '45 and a free) to lead by 1-12 to 0-6, before Siobhan Ryan notched what proved to be Tipperary's final score in the 54th-minute, when she added a consolation goal direct from a '45.

A major highlight of this game was the introduction of Ursula Jacob to the Wexford forwards, in what was the ace attacker's first taste of action with the purple-and-gold this year following injury problems. It was also great to see Jacob get on the scoresheet, as she along with her Oulart-The Ballagh colleagues Shelly Kehoe and Stacey Redmond pointed during the closing stages to help Wexford to a nine point win in the end.

Wexford – *Helena Jacob, Sara Nolan, Niamh O'Connor, Karen Atkinson, Bernie Holohan (capt.), Sharon Kehoe, Frances Doran, Ciara Storey (0-2, 1 '45, 1 free), Siona Nolan (0-2 frees), Avis Nolan (0-1), Aisling Doran (0-1), Shelly Kehoe (0-3), Gretta Heffernan (0-1), Mary Walsh (1-2), Stacey Kehoe (0-2).*

Subs: *Ursula Jacob (0-1) for Avis Nolan; Siobhan Cullen for Bernie Holohan; Emma Moran for Stacey Kehoe; Stacey Redmond for Siona Nolan; Lucy Cloney for Helena Jacob.*

Tipperary – *Deniese Ryan, Julie Delaney, Siona Ryan, Caroline Kirwan, Paula Ralph (capt.), Noelette O'Dwyer, Siobhan O'Doherty, Brid Bryne, Niamh O'Connell, Noreen Flannigan, Jackie O'Connor, Karen Doheny, Maire O'Doherty, Siobhan Ryan (1-6, 1-1 '45s, 0-4 frees), Ciara Johnston.*

Referee – *Oliver Welsh (Cork).*



Louise Codd on the charge for Wexford as Tipperary's Sinead Nealon trails in her wake during last Sunday afternoon's National Senior Camogie League Division 1A clash at O'Kennedy Park, New Ross. Wexford won by 0-13 to 1-9. Pic: PJ Browne.

Tipp suffer late defeat in Wexford

National Camogie League

Tipperary 1-9 Wexford 0-13

In a closely fought encounter Tipperary's camogie team may well feel a little aggrieved not to come away with at least a point from Sundays National League encounter with Wexford in New Ross.

Lessons will have to be learned by Tipp who had a quality amount of possession and scoring chances, which should have secured the result. Wexford were always going to be stiff opposition and they battled six minutes into injury time searching for the winner.

It proved a case of the game not being over till its over as they took the lead late on to win by the narrowest one point margin. Spectators were treated to over an hour of entertaining camogie in glorious weather, a stark contrast to earlier league rounds.

Wexford opened the scoring with a point from Bridget Curran. Cora Hennessey was on hand with Tipp's reply converting a well-worked point. Aine Codd converted the first of her frees to edge Wexford back in front in the 10th minute.

One of Joanne Ryan's trademark solo runs earned a point in return for Tipp. Claire Grogan and Aine Codd exchanged frees to leave the score line level at three points apiece.

Both sides were playing an attacking brand of camogie and Wexford pressure drew a penalty opportunity in the 22nd minute. Kate Kelly saw her effort well saved by Tipp goalie Roseanne Kenneally. The ball was emphatically cleared by Tipp's backs, sweeping it up the field where Jill Horan was on hand to slice open Wexford's defence; her solo effort found the back of the net leaving Tipp a goal to the good.

Tipperary suffered from some inaccurate shooting in the final sector of the half and it was Wexford who finished the stronger with Aine Codd and Kate Kelly converting frees and the latter also scoring a point from play to leave the sides level at half time Tipperary 1-3 Wexford 0-6.

Wexford introduced Caroline Murphy at half time and again the second half began in a similar trend with both sides free takers exchanging points. Eimear McDonnell and Wexford's Louise Codd added points from play.

Tipperary now asserted themselves and scored three unanswered points from Claire Grogan (free), Jill Horan and Eimear McDonnell. Wexford's reply coming from the stick of Caroline Murphy with a point. Roseanne Kenneally was alert in the Tipperary goals as she saved and cleared a shot from Michelle Ahern. Geraldine Kinnane was introduced for Cora Hennessey for Tipperary as their defence were now withstanding tremendous Wexford pressure, which yielded a free, scored by Kate Kelly.

Geraldine Kinnane was on hand to turn provider as her pass found Claire Grogan who pointed as Una O'Dwyer was introduced for Emily Hayden in the 25th minute.

Tipperary now two points to the good were not afforded any more scores by the relentless Wexford side who pointed two frees well into injury time to draw the sides level. In the questionable 6th minute of injury time it was Wexford who finished with aplomb as Katrina Parrock pointed to snatch the game from Tipp's grasp.

Tipperary will be in no doubt disappointed that they did not take at least a point from the game. Some consolation maybe taken from the overall performance although wayward shooting and conceding frees will be an issue that will be surely needed to be addressed.

Tipperary now play Kilkenny at home on April 22nd, should they take the points in the next round they may well find themselves in a play off situation on April 29th most likely against All Ireland Champions Cork.

Tipperary: R Kenneally; M Tynan, M Luttrell, J Kirwan; M Shortt, S Kelly, P Bulfin; P Fogarty, T O'Halloran; C Hennessey (0-1), E Hayden, J Ryan (0-1); E McDonnell (0-2), J Horan (1-1), C Grogan (0-4, 3 frees). Subs Geraldine Kinnane for C Hennessey, Una O'Dwyer for E Hayden.

Wexford: M D'Arcy; D Codd, C O'Loughlin, C O'Connor, N Lambert, M Lacey, A Codd (0-4, frees), Kate Kelly (0-5, 4 frees), L Codd (0-1) M O'Leary, U Lacey, K Parrock (0-1), L Holohan, M Hearne, B Curran (0-1), Sub Caroline Murphy (0-1).

Munster Minor Camogie Championship

Two first half goals kill off Tipperary

Munster Minor Camogie Championship

Cork 2-11 Tipperary 2-6

Two first half goals somewhat against the run of play were enough of a cushion to see Cork through in the Munster Minor Championship against Tipperary on Saturday last in the Ragg hurling grounds.

In the ninth minute a speculative long-range shot from Corks Kathleen O'Brien found its way to the Tipp net to notch up the visitors opening score. Tipperary got into their stride with good defensive work from Tracy Flanagan finding Aoife McLoughney who slotted Tipp's opening point.

Tipp now began to assert pressure on the Cork backline and Aoife McLoughney's rebound off the post was finished to the net by Caitríona Maher to edge Tipp a point in front.

Corks reply was swift as Niamh Dilworth again found the net. Cork now dominated the last quarter as Deirdre Twomey and Denise Cronan pointed from play and Aisling Thompson added a pointed free as Róisín De Faoilte was introduced for Ellen Healy on the Cork side.

Tipperary suffered from some wayward shooting in the first half and failed to add to their tally leaving Cork in front on a score line of 2-3 to 1-1 at halftime.

Tipperary introduced Siobhan McGrath for Caitríona Shortt at halftime as they exerted early pressure forcing a 45 in the opening minutes of the second half, which Aoife McLoughney pointed.

Cork reply was again immediate with Sharon Whelton pointing. Corks forwards continued to take point from play with Kathleen O'Brien (2) and Deirdre Twomey stretching Corks score to 2-7 to Tipp's 1-2.

Tipp's Caitríona Maher doubled on a ground ball to score a point, which Aoife McLoughney followed with a pointed free. Tipp now began to edge their way back into the game and when Aoife McLoughneys long range free found its way to the Cork net three points separated the teams.

Cork however continued their display of points scoring with Kathleen O'Brien and Niamh Dilworth adding one point apiece to maintain Corks lead. Aoife McLoughney added two points, one from a free and the second from a 45 to keep Tipp in touch, but Corks forwards had the final say with Aisling Thompson pointing from a free and Niamh Dilworth pointing from play to take the spoils for Cork.

Cork were well served by Maria Walsh, Aisling Thompson, Sharon Weldon, Denise Cronin, Kathleen O'Brien and Niamh Dilworth. Tipperary's Marion Ryan, Tracy Flanagan, Sharon Hayes Caitríona Maher and Aoife McLoughney worked equally hard for the home side. Tipperary now must prepare for the All Ireland series, which begins in earnest in July.

Tipperary: R Kennelly, M Ryan, S Morrissey, D Ryan, F Young, G Stapleton, T Flanagan, M Gleeson, S Hayes, A Kennedy, N O'Connell, C Maher (1-1), T Shortt, A McLoughney (1-5, 1-4 frees). Sub: S McGrath for C Shortt

Cork: D Leahy, S Gleeson, A Moynihan, M Foley, L Weste, M Walsh, C Motherway, A Thompson (0-2 frees), B Twomey, S Whelton (0-1), D Cr 1), Ellen Healy, K (1-3), N Dilworth Twomey (0-2). Sub Faoilte for E Healy.

Howard: grants scheme could create two-tiered association

by Brendan O'Brien

CAMOGIE president Liz Howard has warned that possible government grants for inter-county GAA players could create a two-tiered association that would place the club game in serious jeopardy.

Ladies Football CEO Helen O'Rourke has called for members of her organisation and their camogie counterparts to be incorporated into the scheme should it be given the green light but Howard has some serious concerns.

"This must be handled with great care," said Howard, who was also a long-serving member of the Tipperary county board.

"We must look beyond the present to down the road and where this would lead to.

"Would it lead to a two-tier association between club and county?

"We have seen something like this with the rugby here in Ireland with the provinces.

"Club rugby, to a degree, has almost become a non-event. Nobody is conscious of it.

"A few years ago I used to go and see Garryowen and Shannon. Now I wouldn't dream of going. I follow Munster or I go to see Leinster. We need to think this through carefully because the club player gives as much to the game as the inter-county player and everybody needs equal treatment."



Liz Howard: grants scheme would 'open the floodgates.'

Speculation that the Government has got cold feet on the grant scheme has been prompted by the perceived difficulties in ring-fencing such a concept, as evidenced by O'Rourke's earlier call for inclusion. However senior Government sources denied last night that any decision had been made.

Continued Howard: "If footballers and hurlers get a grant, it opens the floodgates and you have to look after athletes in Ladies football, camogie and all the other pursuits as well."

With the age profile of Ladies Football and camogie players considerably lower than that of their male counterparts, the figures in question would be of considerable help to their inter-county players, a large proportion of whom are in third-level or starting out on careers.

Howard praised the work done by the GPA in furthering the cause of player welfare across the board in recent years but added that there were some lines that Gaelic games should fall short of crossing.

"We must be careful - the day we become professional is the day that I walk away from it. I have always made it clear that I wanted our players to be treated well and not be out of pocket because of injuries.

"This grant thing - there's a bit of a red herring here at the moment. The government's hand is being forced a bit. That would be very unwise. I would like to pay tribute to Minister O'Donoghue who has been very good for sport, including hurling and camogie. We must work with the government, whoever that may be."

Money matters

Camogie boss Liz Howard joins player grant debate



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Cork manage slim win

Cork	**3-10**
Kilkenny	**1-15**

CORK just about hung on to take the points in this National Senior Division 1A league game against Kilkenny in Ballynoe.

Cork led 1-2 to 0-1 after eight minutes, with Jennifer O'Leary hitting two points and Emer O Farrell finishing to the net. With Emer Watson connected on a Gemma O'Connor sideline cut and Una O'Donoghue grabbing a third goal, Cork made all the early running.

Elaine Aylward was excellent in the Kilkenny defence while Imelda Kennedy at half forward worked hard.

Nine points separated the sides after 21 minutes. Anna Geary and Anne Dalton swapped points before Jennifer O'Leary with a free left a 10-point gap between the sides at half time.

Kilkenny showed tremendous spirit through the second half when they tore into Cork

Marie Dargan hit two points and Deirdre Delaney another to narrow the gap. Una O'Donoghue and Jennifer O'Leary pointed to stretch the gap again to nine points. With Marie Dargan doing good work around the middle of the field, Cork struggled, and when Jackie Frisby goaled, points from Michelle Quilty and Frisby (2) followed quickly as Cork struggled to find their feet.

Una O'Donoghue broke the momentum with a point on 23 minutes but three in a row from Dargan and Delaney left the minimum between the sides. Kilkenny applied enormous pressure to level but Rena Buckley at the heart of the Cork defence stood tall as Cork survived to take the two valuable points on offer.

Scorers- Cork: J O'Leary 0-7 (0-5f's), U O'Donoghue 1-2, E O'Farrell and E Watson 1-0 each, A Geary 0-1.

Kilkenny: M Dargan 0-6 (0-3f's, 0-1 '45), J Frisby 1-2, D Delaney 0-3, J A Woodcock, I Kennedy, A Dalton and M Quilty 0-1 each.

Cork: A Murray; J O'Callaghan, R Holland, C Foley; S Hayes, R Buckley, J Duffy; G O'Connor, E O'Sullivan; O Cotter, A Geary, J O'Leary; E O'Farrell, U O'Donoghue, E Watson.

Subs: R Moloney for J O'Leary (inj, 43min), S O Donovan for E O'Sullivan (53min), E Burke for E O'Farrell (63min).



Paul O'Connell of K O'Connell Sea Foods, presenting gear bags to Tracy Sheehan (selector) and Catherine O'Brien captain Cork U 16 A camogie team.

Rebels too good for Kilkenny in race for 1B league title

Cork	**3-12**
Kilkenny	**2-6**

CORK maintained their place as joint leaders of the Division 1 B senior league with a victory over Kilkenny.

Deirdre Twomey had Cork ahead with a point but they trailed 1-5 to 0-1 after 20 minutes. Emily Darmody had registered three points before Eilish Cantwell's long range free ended up in the Cork net. Cork's Marie Watson first timed to the net for a good goal and with Sile Burns adding two points Cork rallied. Laura Kavanagh steadied Kilkenny with a goal as Kilkenny led 2-5 to 1-3.

Cork were inspired for the second half picked off seven points without reply and they hit the front.

Emily Darmody pointed on the three quarter stage but it was to be Kilkenny's only score of the half as they were closed down by a defence where Lucy Hawkes and Regina Curtin were superb.

With just one game to go — Dublin on April 22 — Cork are guaranteed a place in the latter stages as they continue their quest for the counties first Senior division 1B league title.

Cork: G Harrington, A M Fleming, N Mulcahy D. Hayes, L O Connell, L Hawkes R. Curtin L. Dorgan, A Thompson (0-4 :0-2 45" 0-2 frees) M Corkery M Watson (1-1), D Twomey(0-2) C Kearney(1-1), R Myers(1-0), S Burns(0-4), Sub E White for G Harrington (h/t), M Jaego for D Twomey (54mins), E Power for D Hayes (57mins) H O Regan for A Thompson (62mins)

U16s fail to retain crown

Clare	**2-9**
Cork	**1-10**

DISAPPOINTMENT for the Cork under 16 'A' as they failed to retain their provincial crown in Newmarket on Fergus on Saturday.

Clare were sharper and were full value for their interval lead of 2-5 to 0-3 Triona Kelly, Roisín McManus and Shona Enright gaining the upper hand early on. Triona Kelly finished to the net inside ten minutes and from here on Cork struggled.

Ciara Lynch hand passed to the net 12 minutes from half time for Clare's second goal. Three Clare points from Shona Enright and Karol Kaiser were replied to by Denise Luby and Catriona Collins as Clare held a comfortable interval advantage.

Shona Enright and Patricia McLoughlin picked off four Clare points early in the second half Cork's reply coming from a Denise Luby 45.

Ten points behind Cork sprung to life with substitute Katrina Mackey working hard as they began to gain a grip around the half forward line while at mid field Cork were winning possession.

Julia White and Emma Kingston had two points before Joanne Casey volleyed on a super ball to the net.

Again Cork pressure force a 45 which dropped in the square, Clare keeper Bell batted to safety and again Cork pressurised but to no avail as the whistle sounded.

Cork: A Sheehan, C O Brien ©, R Finn, M O Donovan, M A Hawkes, M. Healy, E Kingston(0-1), J Lynch, J White, (0-1) J Casey (1-1), D Luby (0-2 45's), C Keohane, A O Donovan (0-1), C. Collins (0-4: 0-2 "45 " 0-1f) A Mc Carthy Subs: K Healy for C Keohane (h/t), E Healy for A Mc Carthy (h/t), P Mackey for M O Donovan (45mins), O. O Mahony for E Healy (46mins).

Referee: E Brown (Tipperary)

Deise brush aside Cork for final spot

Waterford	**5-10**
Cork	**1-6**

By MARY NEWMAN

Munster Intermediate Championship

CORK had no answer to a stronger Waterford 15 when the sides met in the Munster Intermediate championship in Killeagh yesterday.

From the throw-in, a well organised Waterford took the game to Cork.

An early goal from Tanya Morrissey set the trend for what was to follow as the visitors stretched their advantage to lead by two goals at the break.

To be fair it was Cork's third team lining out against their oppositions first-choice side, but that should in no way take from Waterford's victory.

They showed fierce determination and commitment and were full value for their win.

Throughout the opening half Cork failed to make any headway against a tough Waterford defence, who blocked them down at every opportunity.

Charlotte Kearney opened the Cork account with a seventh-minute point.

Waterford replied with points from Trish Jackman, Aine Breathneach and Karen Kelly.

Five minutes from the break Patricia Jackman set up Nicola Morrissey for a Waterford goal, but Cork finished the half stronger.

Rachel Myers, Charlotte Kearney and substitute Michelle Brown pointing for Cork, while Tanya Morrissey had one back for the visitors.

On the resumption Waterford could do no wrong.

Their first touch was excellent as they continued to put the Cork defence under pressure.

Aine Lyng had added two points inside a minute before Jackman picked out the unmarked Tanya Morrissey, who make no mistake from close range to goal.

Two minutes later Karen Kelly hand passed to the net and it was Waterford who were on their way to their first Intermediate final.

Michelle Brown had a Cork point 16 minutes into the second half and while, Mario Jaego did grab a goal seven minutes from time substitute Roisin Heelan grabbed Waterford's fifth with two minutes remaining to see them safely through to the final.

While Cork will be disappointed with the result it comes as a huge boost to Waterford, who have qualified for the junior Division Two National League final with the same team having won promotion last year from division three.

CORK: E White, A M Fleming V O' Keeffe, E Power, E O' Sullivan, N Mulcahy, L Hawkes, L Dorgan, S Cunningham, H O' Regan (0-1 Free), C Kearney (0-2), R Myers (0-1), C Motherway, D Twomey, M Jaego (1 goal).

Subs: M Brown (0-2) for C Motherway (26mins), F Buckley for V O' Keeffe (45mins), E O' Sullivan for D Twomey (45mins), C Harrington for E Power (56mins), M O' Donoghue (57mins).

WATERFORD: F Ni Chadhla, A Kelly, L Prendergast, N Ryan, V Gaffney, J O' Grady, J Simpson, P Cunningham, G Kenneally, K Kelly (1-1), A Lyng (0-6 :0-3 frees), A Breathneach (0-1), P Jackman (0-1), N Morrissey (1 goal), T Morrissey (2-2).

Subs: R Heelan (1 goal) for T Morrissey (47min), A Cummins for P Cunningham (48mins), M Murphy for A Breathneach (49mins).

Referee: P McCarthy (Limerick).

Colleges Interprovincials

Portmarnock Community School played host to the All-Ireland Inter-provincial Competition on Saturday, March 31st.
A selection of exceptional post-primary camogie players descended on North County Dublin to battle it out for the honour of becoming this years winning province.
The first matches took place with Leinster beating Munster and Ulster taking the spoils against Connaught. After a short break, the girls once again took to the field under glorious sunshine.

Munster beat Connaught to take third place while Leinster looked in trouble against a stronger looking Ulster team. Featuring players from the All-Ireland Senior A winners, Magherafelt, it looked as though the honours were heading North. With 10 mins to go, Leinster raised their game and took suberb points from distance. The Ulster defence were under extreme pressure as Leinster's outfield players swept every ball back in. The final whistle saw a triumphant Leinster team lead the way to Naomh Mearnóg Club for a well-deserved meal and presentation.
Many thanks to Portmarnock Community School and Naomh Mearnóg Club for the generous use of their facilities.

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INTERMEDIATE TEAM LOSE OUT

THE Cork Intermediate team had to give way to a strong Waterford side in the Munster semi final in Killeagh on Sunday last.

A goal from Tanya Morrissey helped Waterford to an early advantage and it set the trend as they stretched their advantage. Cork found the going hard against the Waterford defence who held the upper hand through the hour. Charlotte Kearney opened the Cork account with a seventh minuet point but Waterford maintained their dominance thanks to points from Trish Jackman Aine Breathneach and Karen Kelly as Hazel O'Regan tapped over a free in reply.

Five minutes from the break Patricia Jackman set up Nicola Morrissey for Waterford second goal as Cork finished the half stronger Rachel Myers, Charlotte Kearney and substitute Michelle Brown pointing with Tanya Morrissey getting had one back for Waterford.

On the resumption Waterford they continued to put the Cork defence under constant pressure Aine Lyng had added two points inside a minuet before Jackman picked out the unmarked Tanya Morrissey who make no mistake from close range, two minutes later Karen Kelly hand passed to the net and it was Waterford who were on their way to their first Intermediate final.

Michelle Brown had a Cork point sixteen minutes into the second half and while Mario Jaego did grab a goal seven minutes from full time substitutes Roisin Heelan grabbed Waterford's fifty with two minutes remaining to see them safely through to the final.

Camogiechat

With Mary Newman



Passage girls Lisa O'Sullvian Nastasha O'Sullivana and Sinead O'Reilly at the Seandun victory celebrations at the Glen Rovers club recently.

Senior teams take on Dublin

BOTH the division 1A and B team travel to Dublin on Sunday for the last game in their respective group of the national league. Having just dropped two points to Limerick, the division 1B team are in a good position, the chasing pack has Galway sitting close also just two points adrift.

Galway meets Wexford this weekend while Limerick also having dropped just two points meet Kilkenny on April 28th. Were Cork Limerick and Galway to win their last games it will come to a play off as only two teams qualify, the immediate task is to ensure progress continue with a victory over a Dublin side who have yet to record a victory in the league.

For the division 1A team it very much depends on results from other games going their way. Wexford are most likely already through having won all their games they top the group on eight points. Cork and Tipperary are on five each with Kilkenny on their heels on four.

Tipperary and Kilkenny meet on Sunday and if Cork and Wexford win and Tipp to lose it would be Cork and Wexford who go through to the final, if Kilkenny beat Tipperary and Cork win Cork are through, of course if we have draws it will be a different scenario. Dublin recorded a draw with Galway who proved tough opponents for Cork on Sunday Cork will need to be at their best if victory is to be secured.

Championship draws

ALL eyes will focus on St Finbarrs club this evening when the county championship of 2006 host the championship draws for 2007, From Senior to Junior B clubs will be anxious listening and will be able to hear all the updates on 103FM County Sound as they happen on the evening, so tune in from around 9.45pm to hear who your club will be playing in 2007.

U18 meet Limerick

THE under 18 side continue their quest for place in the provincial final when they meet Limerick on Friday evening at 7.30pm in Buttevant. Having recorded an opening round victory over Tipperary the selectors will be looking for another good performance to see them through to the Munster final.

Last round up

AN outstanding fixture from 2006 the under16 C league final takes place on Sunday in Ballyanley at 2pm when county champions Mallow go in search of a double as they take on Brian Dillon's at 2pm.

All Ireland quest begins

THE county under 16 side travel to Ardrahane County Galway on Saturday to play the first game in the round robin series of the All Ireland.

It's a tough opener and one where Cork will have to be at their best to come out victorious. In the provincial semi final they lost out narrowly to Clare having almost snatched it at the finish. In that game a disastrous opening thirty minutes cost Cork dearly but they rallied in the second half and came storming into the game only to lose out by two points.

The selectors will no doubt have taken into account the excellent performances from the substitutes when introduced and it will come as no surprise to see new names pencilled into the starting fifteen for Saturday.

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Pan Celtic

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Pan Celtic
Sunday 15th April

Galway Clubs take honours at Pan Celtic tournamnent

Mullagh's Senior camogie team got their 2007 campaign off to a flying start last weekend when they defeated Dublins Erins Isle in the Pan Celtic Finals held in Letterkenny on Sunday, April 15th .

The Pan Celtic is an All- Ireland competition open to Clubs throughout the country and was hosted by Letterkenny for the second year in succession.
Mullagh were the only Galway Club to participate in the Senior A grade as well as U16 level with Craughwell taking the honours in the Senior B Competition against Blackrock of Cork.
Last years U-16 champions , Mullagh's young contenders failed to make this years final, yet held good account of themselves in their close fought group games.
The Mullagh Senior A team exceeded in the fast, open conditions and despite being caught napping in their second group game, they were significantly stronger than their opponents throughout the round robin games.
Erins Isle who were also impressive in their group games had notable performances from Dublin intercounty player Louise O Hara, nevertheless they lacked strength in depth to break down the Mullagh defence.
Powerhoused by Centre back Sinead Cahalan who was the catylst for much of the Mullagh attack, the east Galway ladies never really looked in trouble for the hour, and ran out convincing winners on a scoreline of Mullagh 2-9 Erins Isle 1-3. Claiming their first senior title since 1993, this is a welcome boost for the east Galway club, who have had much success in recent years at underage level.

Mullagh Pan Celtic Panel
Cora Shaughnessy, Jennifer Coune, Sinead Larkin, Aislinn Hobbins; Pam Boyle, Sinead Cahalan, Sarah Dervan; Colette Glennon, Catriona Cahalan; Ann Hardiman, Therese Manton, Colette Hardiman; Alison Clarke, Imelda Hobbins , Leona Monaghan. Laura Gaynor, Clare Kelly, Carmel Duane, Aisling Joynt, Reona Daly, Fiona Kelly, Chloe Finnerty, Elaine Reynolds Sarah Smyth.
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Toomevara Claim Pan Celtic U16

All Ireland Pan Celtic Champions
Congratulations to the under 16 team who had a marvellous victory in the Pan Celtic competition in Letterkenny at the weekend. A large panel, mentors and parents made the long journey on Friday for the weekends competition. Saturday saw the girls play the group stages and with victories over Douglas (Cork) and Swateragh (Derry) they qualified for the final on Sunday. Last year we were defeated in the final but our girls were determined to avenge this as they faced Carrigaline (Cork) in the final. With great flair and heart the team fought bravely for the hours camogie and emerged champions on a scoreline of 1-4 to 0-1. Great celebrations followed as word was quickly transferred to all camogie suppoters in Toomevara of the teams achievement and a huge crowd gathered to welcome the girls home on Sunday night. Deirdre Hughes was on hand to present the medals and the crowd were treated to a recap of the weekends events from Club Chairman Donal Kelly and trainer James McGrath. Congratulations to all involved with the team especially Nora Dwan, James McGrath and Donal Kelly, to those who travelled to support the team and to Club Secretary Sarah Corcoran who organised travelling and competing in the event. Many thanks to those who came out to welcome the girls home, it was fitting that their achievement be saluted in such a fashion and we hope it will be the first of many titles this year.

CAMOGIE world

with Olhausen

by Maire Ui Scolai

THE SCHOOL'S SEASON

The future stars of camogie always get to grips with the championship early in the season and this year the colleges had a very fruitful season with titles going to Ulster (Senior A), Munster (Senior B, Senior C, Junior B, Junior C) while Leinster took the Junior A title.

Drumlane in Cavan was the beautiful venue for the Senior A Colleges final between St. Mary's Magherafelt and Presentation Athenry. Both schools met in last year's All-Ireland semi-final. They drew and in the reply it was the Galway champions who had the upperhand but a year later the result was different as St. Mary's won the replay and the title for the very first time.

It is often said that you must loose one All-Ireland before you win one, but Magherafelt were in no mood to loose one this season. Appearing in their first ever senior All-Ireland final, they decided to enjoy every bit of it and the venue chosen, Drumlane in Cavan did great justice to the game and provided two great teams with the very best of facilities. Only opened last year by Michéal Ó Muircheartaigh, it was a perfect sod for camogie. A fine stand and scoreboard provided by Sean Flynn Concrete Products provided the crowd with everything necessary for the day. He even has his name embossed on the back wall of the stand! Plenty of parking for all and easy access made this a very worthwhile venue to return to for the replay.

Weather conditions may not have ideal the first day, but still that did not deter both sides from providing a fine open game with plenty of skill. Both schools were starved of success. Athenry were seeking their fourth ever senior All-Ireland final and their first since 1978. Their opponents were hoping to become the second ever Ulster school to take the beautiful Corn Sceilg to the province, Sacred Heart of Newry being the first ever Ulster school to win the coveted trophy in 1971.

Prior to the final the Magherafelt mentors, Antrim camogie player Orla Donnelly and Derry hurler Raymond Kennedy, felt it would be an "unbelievable feeling should they win."

They got that feeling in the end, but they had to endure some very shaky moments in the drawn game. With ordinary time up, it was a splendid point from captain Michaela Convery in injury time that saved the day for the Ulster champions and thus denied Athenry their first senior All-Ireland title in 29 years.

The way was then paved for a very exciting replay and once again it lived up to all expectations but on the day the winners were the Ulster champions and deservedly so. The Ulster champions did not get it all their own way in the replay as an Athenry goal after just eight minutes rattled them but it also seemed to have had the desired effect, as it may have made them quickly realise what stiff opposition they were up against. Four minutes later Sarah O'Kane goaled for St. Mary's and it was enough to give them a narrow half time lead of 1-5 to 1-4.

It was all to play for in the second half with the winning goal coming ten minutes from time from Eimear Mc Kenna, but still the Connacht champions fought back with a late goal from Stephanie O'Dwyer, but a rock like defence meant no way through for the Western girls. The scenes after the game were amazing as long time Colleges Officer and Ulster Secretary Sr. Mairead proudly presented captain Michaela Convery with Corn Sceilg. The amazing dream for mentors Orla Donnelly and Raymond Kennedy was now reality. It was now time to enjoy the moment.

Enjoying the winning feeling also were St. Mary's Nenagh who won this year's Senior B All-Ireland title defeating Kilkenny side Castlecomer Community School 3-6 to 1-8. Nenagh captain Aoife McLoughney, a daughter of the former Tipperary hurler Pat McLoughney played a real captain's part by scoring 2-4 in all. The Senior C final was between another Tipperary school, Scoil Mhuire Carrick on Suir who defeated Offaly side St. Brendan's of Birr 4-9 to 1-4. The winners had a real star in Kilkenny rising star Katie Power who finished the day with 1-8 for the winners.

Each school that won this year's junior finals won their title for the very first time while the above mentioned schools were also writing their names on their respective trophies for the first time also. This was a great bonus for the colleges council and prove that by introducing different graded they are catering for all levels of players. There was double joy for two Cork schools as Coachford Community School took their first ever Junior B All-Ireland title defeating Dublin side St. Dominic's, 3-5 to 2-5 in a very close final in Nowlan Park.

Joanne Casey was the Rebel's hero with a hat -trick of goals, one in the opening half and a brace of goals in the second period, with her second coming just one minute after the restart. Dublin had it their way in the opening half as they led 2-3 to 1-1 at the break, the Dublin goals having come from Aisling Carolan and Leagh West.

Coláiste Choilm of Ballincollig made it a very good Cork day when they defeated Carlow side De La Salle 4-12 to 0-3 in the C All-Ireland final, with the Ballincollig goals coming from Aoife Mc Carthy (2-5) and Samantha Coomey (2-0). Emma Brennan was Carlow's sole scorer of 0-3.

Grand finalé..... These Finals bring to an end a very successful schools year as students slowly think now of exams, but with the Interprovincials still to go there is another day out for many students and a day for them to meet other players they normally play against. And they say school days are tough!

With the National League in full flight, thoughts will slowly be hedging towards the Gala All-Ireland championship which kick stars on May 12th and what promises to be a year of possible surprises. With Wexford going so well at the moment, who knows what may happen on September 9th in Croke Park!



St. Mary's Magherafelt captain Michaela Convery accepts the All-Ireland Senior A trophy from Sister Mairead


All-Ireland Senior A champions - St. Mary's Magherafelt


The Colaiste Choilm, Ballincollig squad - All-Ireland Junior C winners


The Coachford panel which claimed the All-Ireland Junior B title

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The Cork team celebrate. Picture Dan Linehan

Determined Cork Win Through

By Linda Mellerick

Just two weeks after being crowned National League Champions for 2006 Cork set about the more important task of retaining their All Ireland crown. Seeking back to back titles was going to be tough but a determined Cork outfit took each game one by one and saw off all challengers seeking to take their title.

May 27th is championship opening day and Cork faced Wexford at home in Páirc Ui Rinn. Cork named a full strength first 15 for their opening tie, taking no chances. Aoife Murray held the number one spot once again, Captain Joanne O'Callaghan, Catriona Foley and Amanda O'Regan lined out at right corner, full and left corner back respectively. Rena Buckley and Anna Geary flanked Mary O'Connor at right half and left half back. Breige Corkery and Gemma O'Connor took the centre field positions with the six forward positions going to Una O'Donoghue, Angela Walsh, Jennifer O'Leary, Emer Dillon, Sarah O'Donovan and Elaine Burke.

This starting fifteen showed 4 personnel and 3 positional changes to the side that lined out in last year's All Ireland final. Rosarie Holland had left the Country and taken a year out, Stephanie Dunlea and Vivienne Harris had announced retirements and Rachel Moloney was taking a well-earned rest.

Despite playing well below par Cork had the better of Wexford by five points. A total of seventeen wides on the day reflecting just how dominant they were in general play! It was Cork's ability to grab two goals inside twenty minutes in the opening half of their All Ireland Senior A championship second round tie against Kilkenny in Callan on Saturday the 25th of June which was the deciding factor.

Fielding the same side as that which lined out against Wexford it was Cork who looked the most impressive, the only change being the positional switch of Elaine Burke to full forward and Sarah O'Donovan to the corner. While not scaling any great heights Cork displayed some good passages of play which were fast and open. However a total of six wides ended some promising moves.

A 2-5 to 0-2 advantage at the break gave Cork a very healthy lead. It was obvious that Kilkenny were going to get the upper hand for some period of the game. They dominated for 15 minutes of the second half but Cork finished the strongest winning with a score line of 2 to 1-7.

One wondered on the day if Kilkenny had their full compliment of players, caught up in an internal row involving Freshford and the County team management, what the final result woul have been. Eight players had been sensationally dropped from the Kilkenn squad as conflict arose over training schedules and 'rights' over players. Cork's next outing was a tough one. Th opposition was the weakest in the grou and for that reason alone it was tough. Cork have so comprehensively defeated Limerick so many times over the years that is was going to be hard for the management team to get the players mentally right. Cork used the hour to tr out some of their panellists and give th a feel of championship camogie. Elaine O'Riordan, Sarah Hayes, Orla Cotter, Em Watson and Collette Desmond all starte with Ellen Clifford, Regina Curtin, Marie O'Neill and Ciara Healy all making an appearance.

While never exciting, Cork were always in control and took the points in driving wind and rain.

They led at the break by 2-5 to 0-1. It looked as if they would create an embarrassing score line when by the fiftieth minute they had tapped on a further five points to Limerick's one.

Credit Limerick however who upped their performance, determined to salvage some pride. From the 54th to the 60th minute they threw everything at Cork with Grace McNamara and Eileen O'Brien the main tormentors. Four points within four minutes put a better reflection on the score board. But that's all it did.

Cork were always going to win this one and emerged top of the group with their toughest assignment to date facing them the following Saturday when they took on Galway at home.

This was the game of the championship played in Ballincollig on the 17th July. In sweltering heat Cork and Galway produced a pulsating 68 minutes of camogie which saw the rebels take the lead for the first time, since the seventeenth minute of the first half, in the second minute of added time only to see victory snatched away from them when Brenda Kerins pointed to give Galway a much deserved draw.

The only change Cork named to their familiar lineout was positional and involved the switch of Rena Buckley to full back and Catriona Foley to right half.

The game started at a furiously fast pace with Cork having the slightly better of exchanges. They failed to capitalise up front and it was nine minutes before Una O'Donoghue opened their scoring with a perfect finish to a great run from 60 yards. Galway, after their long journey, began to gather momentum and their hurling quickened.

Jennifer O'Leary hit a point on 14 minutes but from thereon in it was all Galway. Cork were not dominating midfield as one would expect, their defence having to work extremely hard to keep Galway back.

The westerners led by four points at the break. Cork made switches and certainly it upped the tempo. Foley moved back to full back, Walsh reverted to half forward.

They say that semi-finals are the most difficult to win. When you reach the final anything is possible...

Collette Desmond, introduced in the firs half, moved to right half forward, Sarah O'Donovan went in full and both O'Con and Dillon switched back to their origin positions. Amanda O'Regan led Cork's fight back with an inspiring long range converted free from all of 75 yards afte minutes.

Cork grew in stature. Their defence g stronger, they worked harder, they had the wind at their backs and it all begar pay off.

Jennifer O'Leary was Corks shining light, playing magnificently and scoring a total of seven points. Final score line - Cork 0-10, Galway 1-7; At this stage C were through to the All Ireland semi-fin having won 3 and drawing one game. The only bearing their final group game against Tipp had was determining who would finish first in the group. It matte little as all four games were put into a drum. It wasn't a case of first in group played second in group B. Cork enterec the game with two injuries to corner ba Joanne O'Callaghan and right half back Rena Buckley. In stepped Elaine O'Riorc and Sarah Hayes respectively to fill the gaps.

A highly motivated Tipp side took the points. With Tipp playing their best hurl of the year they matched Cork point for point for the first 27 minutes of the gar Tipp were looking the more dangerous. Cora Hennessy at left half forward was causing huge problems. Una O'Dwyer



The cork team celebrate after winning the Gala All Ireland senior camogie championship final against Tipperary at Croke Par Picture Dan Linehan

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Mary O'Connor looking to break past Emily Hayden, Louise Young and Geraldine Kinane of Tipperary. Picture Dan Linehan

was coming back to her best at full back and Philly Fogarty at centre back had a tremendous game throughout.

Cork were struggling, looked tired and lacked sharpness. However they still displayed moments of brilliance and through this led by four at the break. Emily Hayden goaled for Tipp after the break and when Louise Young scored a second Cork were in trouble.

Despite throwing everything at Tipp, the blue and yellow held out with every indication that they would meet again on All Ireland Final day.

The All Ireland Semi Final - the most critical of days!

They say that semi-finals are the most difficult to win. When you reach the final anything is possible, its getting there is the obstacle. Cork got there. Compliments of a four point victory over Galway in Nowlan Park on August 12th.

It never reached the heights the drawn encounter provided but Cork didn't mind. Cork's defence, particularly their half back line were magnificent. Rachel Moloney came in for Elaine Burke and Orla Cotter began her first All Ireland senior championship semi final coming in for Sarah O'Donovan and starting at centre field with Breige Corkery lining out at right half forward and Una O'Donoghue moving to full.

Cotter did well. Gemma O'Connor worked tirelessly around the middle of the Park but up front Cork disappointed. Enjoying good possession a return of 1-4 from play was poor. Emer Dillon scored the only goal of the day both starting and finishing a good Cork move. This was Corks victory from the throw in - 1-7 to 0-6.

All Ireland Final Day. Cork's fifth final in a row against the same opposition, Tipperary! Its two a piece to date.

Based on the six hours of championship camogie played to date, Cork needed to improve. Heading into the final the following was determined-Corks defence was very secure. It was at centre field and up front that they needed to show consistency. September 10th was the day!

Cork imposed themselves on the game from the start and it was evident from very early on that once again the Cork defence were in outstanding form. Points from Emer Dillon and Jennifer O'Leary and Cork were in front, the excellence of Tipp goalkeeper Jovita Delaney denying Cork a goal when she deflected O'Leary's effort over the bar. Joanne Ryan had Tipperary's first score after 11 minutes. Corks control strengthened further when O'Leary had her third point followed by a quality strike by Gemma O'Connor from midfield. Cork were in control all over the field. They led by only 0-6 to 0-3 at half time but in general play Tipp had a mountain to climb. Rachel Moloney, Una O'Donoghue and O'Leary tacked on further points without reply and the game was over as a contest. Tipp persevered and went in search of goals but to no avail, facing a formidable defence and goalkeeper in Aoife Murray. Tipp had failed to score in the second half before registering a point in the third minute of injury time and the whistle couldn't come quick enough for them. The final score read Cork 0-12, Tipperary 0-4.

Cork are champions for the second year in a row and the O'Duffy cup returns to the Lee. Already the talk is of a three in a row. Its an exciting prospect but in itself it carries a burden. That's for another day. For now Cork bask in the glory of being crowned All Ireland Senior Camogie Champions for the 22nd time.

Cork's Winning Trail

May 27th, 2006
Cork 1-10, Wexford 1-5
June 24th 2006
Cork 2-10, Kilkenny 1-7
July 8th 2006
Cork 2-10, Limerick 0-6
July 15th 2006
Cork 0-10, Galway 1-7
Aug 5th 2006
Cork 1-10, Tipperary 3-8
All Ireland semi-final - Aug 12th 2006
Cork 1-7, Galway 0-6
All Ireland Final - Sept 10th 2006
Cork 0-12, Tipperary 0-4

A Double Header Won in Style

By Linda Mellerick

With one All-Ireland senior title safely tucked away, the focus turned to the County's senior B team. They too had reached the All Ireland final and Cork were on the verge of making history as the only County ever to win two All Ireland senior titles in one season. The senior B category was a new championship introduced in 2006, effectively replacing the Intermediate championship. This became the second most important title race in the country. Prior to '06 the junior championship was widely acknowledged as number two, ahead of the intermediate championship.

Cork were no longer eligible to play junior, the rule being that this championship was now strictly for junior graded counties only. With a spring in their step the Senior B squad began their championship debut at home to Wexford on Saturday, May 26. Most of the Senior A and B games were double headers throughout the season except for when it came to the knock out stages. A weak Wexford challenge saw Cork comfortably take the points. Leading 2-7 to 4 points at half-time Cork piled on the pressure even further in the second half finishing 4-16 to 0-4 to the good.

A point down with seven minutes to go and Cork dug deep to score 2-1 and take a further two points in their second round tie in Callan, Kilkenny on Saturday afternoon, June 24. Poor shooting from both sides meant that neither could really get a grip on the game leaving the outcome hanging in the balance until the 53rd minute.

Marie Watson billowed the far side netting with an unstoppable shot to give Cork breathing space. Linda Dorgan batted in a second two minutes later and Cork were home and dry. It didn't look that way in the first half with Cork playing second fiddle to the cats for most of the 30 minutes. In a tough, physical game each score was worked hard for and it was Kilkenny who made most of the openings. They led three points to no score after 21 minutes. Cork didn't register a score until the 26th when Marie Corkery pulled across the square to her sister Catherine who struck to the roof of the net.

This was a blow to the Cats coming up to half time who had dominated the half but now found themselves level.



Miriam Deasy lifts the cup after beating Galway in thier meeting in the Gaelic Grounds. Photo: Brian Arthur

Trailing by a point at the break Cork stood up to Kilkenny in the second period. In control, they could have pushed Kilkenny three points behind after 10 minutes but for some poor shooting. The Cork defence stood firm.

Kilkenny managed to score only a point from play in the second half but three further points from frees gave them a one point advantage with 53minutes played on the clock. Up stepped Watson and Dorgan with those two goals and it was game over. A game which looked to be over at half time saw Cork face a second half revival from Galway but survive, in a highly entertaining third round qualifier in Ballincollig on July 15. Cork started very strongly and were on top in most sections of the field particularly in the half back line and centre field.

The Rebels had their first score on the board within 60 seconds, a Catherine Corkery point and eight minutes later Cork led by seven with Marie O'Neill (3), two from frees, Emer O'Farrell (2) and Marie Watson all hitting over. Cork were firing on all cylinders as Galway were still struggling to get to grips with the pace of the game. The westerners had it all to do when after 13 minutes a smart quick flick from O'Neill to O'Farrell saw the latter blast the back of the net. Two minutes later O'Farrell again took a pass from Watson and made it goal number two with Cork now really in the driving seat.

The game began to turn. Having arrived later than planned at the pitch it looked as if Galway, legs now stretched, were beginning to come alive. Gillian Harrington was alert in the Cork goal when called upon, Cork continued to create chances but over elaboration of needless hand passing meant they failed to score for the remaining fifteen minutes of the half.

Galway hit over two points in the 20th and 23rd minute but Cork still had a commanding 2- 7 to 0-2 lead at the break. >From the throw in for the second half the scores came fast. The game became end to end stuff. With Cork leading 2-11 to 0-5 after thirteen minutes they were suddenly hit with two bombshells. Martina Conroy stepped up to take a penalty awarded for a melee in the square and she struck it superbly to the roof of the net. Barely a minute had passed when Galway produced their best passage of play in the 60 minutes. Three fast, long strikes from full back up the field saw Susan Tannion hit the back of the cork net again giving Harrington no chance. With Lynda Dorgan taking control Marie O'Neill steadied the ship and three points in three minutes, two from frees, ended Galway's gallop.

A show of strength from Cork as the county's second senior team cruised into the All- Ireland final. From the throw-in Cork held the upper hand and totally

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The Ballincollig camogie side Féile na nGael

outclassed Tipperary in the semi- final on Aug 5. Playing with confidence they led by seven points before Tipp had their opening score 12 minutes to the break from Mary Ryan. They killed off the Tipp challenge with three first half goals in the closing stages of the half. Denise Twomey, Emer Watson and Emer O Farrell hitting the important majors, saw Cork build up a 3-11 to 0-2 half-time advantage. Marie O'Neill had Corks fourth goal 22 minutes into the second half and Marion Jagoe and O'Neill pointed to send Cork comfortably into the final. Galway who recorded a four point victory over Kilkenny were to be Cork's final opponents, and it had been reported that Galway were fielding many of the side that ran the Cork senior team to just four points in the recent All-Ireland senior A semi final (a ruling which must surely change for 2007).

October 1 was D-day. A game which produced three goals, two penalties and 16 points was open, fast and physically draining. Despite the downpour the underfoot conditions in the superb Gaelic Grounds provided plenty of soakage. Cork got the perfect start, a goal three minutes into the game from full forward and Captain Miriam Deasy. With both teams still trying to impose themselves on the game this was a huge blow to the Westerners. An Orla Cotter free two minutes later showed promising signs for the Rebels. Galway remained composed and slowed pegged it back. Two frees in the sixth and ninth minutes brought them within one of their opponents. Galway began playing more direct hurling than Cork who, while splitting the Galway defence, at times took the ball just one step too far instead of shooting when the opportunity arose. The play became 50/50 with both sides creating chances. Jenny Duffy and Orla Cotter began to influence the game. After 14 minutes Deasy was pulled down in the square and Cork were awarded a penalty. Marie Dorgan's strike was batted out for a 45 and once again Cotter duly delivered. Leading 1-2 to 3 points 22 minutes in, Cork were doing enough when a goalmouth mistake put them behind for the first and only time during the game. Credit the Cork player's response. Three further points gave them a two point lead entering the break. The sun now shone and the second half took off at a fiery pace. Watson pointed again after seven minutes but then Cork fell asleep. For the next six minutes it was all Galway as they hit over three excellent points without reply to draw level. They certainly had the momentum and Cork needed to curtail it. They did so in style. Cotter upped the ante. She pointed a free. Four minutes later the same player hit a long free in. It looked to be going wide. Most of the Galway players began to turn away when suddenly the ball came back off the post into the path of Emer Watson who pulled first time to the net to the utter astonishment of the Galway defence. It was game over! It was a great team performance from the red and white, who always looked in control of any situation. Captain Miriam Deasy, a great servant of Cork over the years, climbed the steps to collect the cup amidst huge cheers as Cork collected their second All Ireland senior camogie title in three weeks.

All Ireland Senior B Championship Trail

May 27 2006
Cork 4-16 Wexford 0-4
June 24 2006
Cork 3-6 Kilkenny 0-9
July 15 2006
Cork 2-17 Galway 3-7
All Ireland semi-final — Aug 5 2006
Cork 2-13 Tipperary 0-4
All Ireland final — Oct 1 2006
Cork 2-9 Galway 1-7

Camogie star wins an IT scholarship



Danielle Minogue

AMONG the winners of sports scholarships at IT Carlow is Danielle Minogue, a second year Physiology and Health Science student.

Danielle has won many honours, including three All-Ireland senior club camogie medals with St Lachtain's, Freshford, Co Kilkenny, one Leinster senior with Kilkenny as well as numerous underage titles.

She has been selected on the Leinster Senior Camogie team on three occasions and is a versatile player who can play in any position but commands the centre back spot on the Institute's camogie team. As well as camogie, scholarships were presented for hurling, Gaelic football, badminton, equestrian, soccer, basketball, rugby and boxing.

Applications for 2007/2008 will be considered from students who have applied for a course at IT Carlow through the CAO Office.

Sports Scholarship Forms or further information can be obtained from: Carmel Lynch, Sports Officer, The Barrow Centre, IT Carlow, Kilkenny Road, Carlow. Tel: 059 91 70471 or email: carmel.lynch@itcarlow.ie.

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Galway to prove a tough nut to crack

SATURDAY
All-Ireland U16 Championship, Cork v Galway, Ardrahane, Galway, 3.30pm.

By MARY NEWMAN
All-Ireland U16 camogie

A TRICKY assignment in Ardrahane awaits, but one which the Cork U16 panel look forward to as they get their All-Ireland round-robin series campaign up and running.

There are two groups of five. Cork are paired in group one alongside Galway, Limerick, Tipperary and Clare, while Dublin, Wexford, Antrim, Offaly and All-Ireland champions Kilkenny are in group two.

It's a repeat of last year's opening round, where Cork had just four points to spare over a gritty Galway side.

This season on home territory, Galway will be determined to reverse that result.

It's a tough opener, and one where Cork will have to be at their best to come out victorious.

A repeat of their performance against Clare in the Munster semi-final simply will not be good enough against a strong Galway outfit.

In that provincial semi-final Cork lost out narrowly and almost snatched victory at the final whistle.

A disastrous opening 30 minutes cost them dearly.

They trailed at one stage by nine points, but they rallied in the second half and totally dominated as they came storming into the game only to lose out by two points.

The selectors will no doubt have taken into account the excellent performances from their substitutes when introduced.

It will come as no surprise to see new names pencilled into their starting team for Saturday.

While a team has as yet not been named the selectors have moved to strengthen their panel and have added three players to it.

Sinead O'Neill, Clonakilty, Mary Ellen O'Donovan, Ballygarvan, and Sarah Harrington, Fr O'Neill, have come into the panel of 28 and no doubt there will be stiff competition for places on the starting 15.

Cork's preparations have gone well despite several of the panel's involvement in exams and they will be determined to show their disappointing display against Clare was a once-off.

Galway lost out narrowly to Cork in last season's opening game and it proved to be the result which stood against them in the run up for a qualifying spot at the end of the round-robin series.

They are determined to make amends and get their campaign off to a good start.

They are captained by their goalkeeper Helen Campbell, while Tara Rutledge, Marie Duane, Caoimhe Staunton all lined-out with the side last season.

They are experienced inter-county campaigners having worn the county colours at U14 and colleges levels.

The U16 competition is a hard grade to predict.

Galway are always tough and well prepared, but Cork selectors Ger Sheehan, Mary Kingston and Tracy Sheehan know what to expect.

Their experience last time out against Clare will have prepared them for what lies ahead.

CORK PANEL: Ashleen Sheehan, (Ballincollig), Catherine O'Brien, (C) (Inniscarra), Mary Ann Hawkes, (Valley Rovers), Michelle Healy, (Aghbulloguel, Emma Kingston, (Inniscarra), Rebecca Finn, (Milford), Pamela Mackey, (Douglas), Orlaith O' Mahony, (Milford), Jennifer Lynch, (Tracton), Joanne Casey, (Inniscarra), Julia White, (Douglas), Catriona Collins, (Ballinhassig), Aileen O'Donovan (Douglas), Niamh O'Keeffe, (Erins Own), Katrina Mackey, (Douglas), Sinead O'Neill, (Clonakilty), Denise Luby, (Glen Rovers), Mary Ellen O'Donovan, (Ballygarvan), Emer Healy, (Buttevant), Karen O'Connell, (Glen Rovers), Breda O'Callaghan, (Ballincollig), Aoife McCarthy, (Eire Og), Darina O'Callaghan, (Buttevant), Alison Coughlan, (Ballincollig), Moira O'Donovan, (Douglas), Mariah Reidy, (Newtownshandrum), Sarah Harrington, (Fr O' Neill's), Claire Keohane, (Killeagh).

It's all down



Rosarie Holland should line out in defence for Cork this weekend.

Four teams chase vital qualification



LINDA MELLERICK

IT'S all down to the final day of the group series.

Sunday's National Senior 1A League Camogie schedule sees all six teams in action, and four in with a chance of qualifying.

Wexford presently top the group on eight points, Cork and Tipp are tied with five apiece, Kilkenny have four, while Galway and Dublin are out of the running with just one point each from four games.

Many scenarios have the potential to arise depending on the weekend's results.

Only two teams go through to the final. There is a play-off date set aside — April 29 — should it be required, but it may well happen that such a date is not needed.

Predictions are that it will.

Should Wexford win, they are automatic qualifiers.

Should Cork and Tipp both win, they go through to the play-offs.

Should Cork lose and Tipp win, Cork are out or vice versa.

If both Cork and Tipp lose and Kilkenny win then it is the Cats who go through to meet their Leinster counterparts.

And if Wexford lose and Cork and Tipp win, then all three will finish on eight points.

The weekend line-up is as follows: Tipp v Kilkenny Dublin v Cork Galway v Wexford.

Cork look to have the easier of the meetings. On present form Wexford should almost certainly account for Galway, which will see them through.

The hardest one to call is possibly the Tipp and Kilkenny clash.

Dublin, playing in division 1A for the first time in a number of years, are a work in progress.

They have had mixed fortunes



Marie Corkery has stood out as a class act in the Cork line-out

Cork in a healthy position

SUNDAY,
Cork v Dublin,
Senior Division One B National League, Naomh Mearnog, 1pm.

By MARY NEWMAN
Camogie

HAVING lost one game in Division 1B of the Senior National League when they dropped two points to Limerick, Cork are in a good position to take on Dublin on Sunday.

The chasing pack has Galway sitting close, just two points adrift and they are also in action this weekend when they meet Wexford.

Limerick, who dropped two points to Galway, meet Kilkenny on April 28. Were Cork to win on Sunday and Galway to beat Wexford all eyes then turn to the Limerick and Kilkenny game on Sunday week.

A victory for Limerick would in this instance force a three way play-off, as only two teams go through.

Cork's immediate task is to ensure they remain in contention for the final shake-up. A victory over a Dublin side that have yet to record a league win would ensure this.

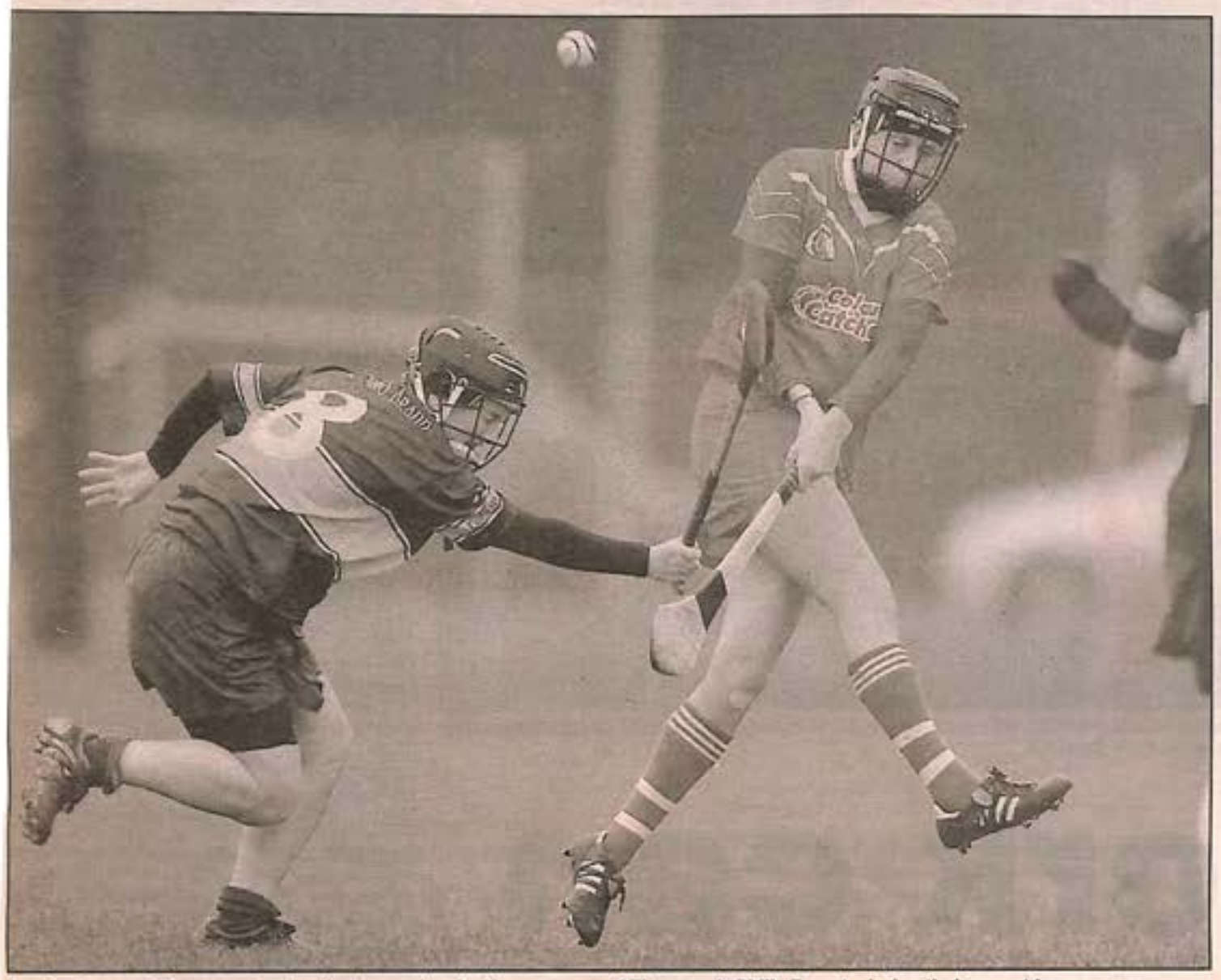
Throughout the league the selectors have rotated players with the division 1A team.

Again this weekend is no exception as they will have to plan with Eimear O' Sullivan (Ballinhassig) Jenny Duffy and Marie O' Neill, who are named on the panel for the division 1A clash with Dublin, while Lynda O'Connell is out of the country on holidays.

To date the management could not have asked for more from their players.

Victories over Wexford, Galway,

to last day



Cork's Gemma O'Connor gets her shot away despite the presence of Tipperary's Philly Fogerty during their recent league game.

to date. They are out of the running for league honours this year, but are using each game to learn and gain valuable experience.

Some of their results, while on the losing side, haven't been bad at all.

A three-point defeat to Kilkenny followed by a two-point defeat to in-form team Wexford saw them suffer a heavy defeat to Tipp.

A draw against Galway saw them bounce back, and provides their single point in the league campaign to date.

They will relish the thought of playing the All-Ireland champions in their own back yard.

Despite the Cork footballers playing their National League semi-final on Saturday evening, Cork have named a strong side for Sunday's encounter.

Barring injury to the dual players, this side will line out less than 24 hours later.

Aoife Murray once again protects the goal. Joanne O'Callaghan, Catriona Foley and Rosarie Holland seem to be Cork's consistent choice in the full back line at present, particularly with Amanda O'Regan not yet quite back to full fitness following her recent injury.

Rena Buckley, Mary O'Connor and Sarah Hayes complete the defence, while Breige Corkery and Gemma O'Connor once again hold the centrefield positions.

The Cork management team are continuing with Orla Cotter, Anna Geary and Jennifer O'Leary at right, centre and left corner forward respectively, forming a very formidable line.

Elaine Burke, Una O'Donoghue and Marie O'Neill complete the lineout.

Denise Twomey continues to be an absentee in the corner through injury.

Surprisingly, Jenny Duffy and Eimear O'Sullivan don't start, but Cork have mixed and matched a lot this year.

They continue to be spoilt for choice in defence. With players of this caliber sitting out and O'Regan waiting for her chance to move back in, players can ill afford to have an off day without looking over their shoulder.

Tired dual players and a long journey could catch Cork if they are not on their guard.

Dublin will be 'buzzing' for this one. Cork have options, however should players fade and it is hard not to see at least advance to the play-offs come 4pm Sunday afternoon.

FIXTURES

National Senior League Division 1A

Cork v Dublin Sunday April 22, Naomh Mernog, Dublin, 2.30pm.

ahead of Dublin game

Kilkenny and Tipperary have ensured they are in prime position.

They have only lost one game by the narrowest of margins to Limerick in what were horrific wintry conditions over St Patrick's weekend.

It's Dublin's first year fielding a second team and, while it's a young side they gave a good account in their last game against Galway, losing by just two goals.

In that encounter Dublin started well with early points from Trish Egan and Emer Brogan, but two Galway goals in the opening half gave the home side a one point lead at half time.

A much improved second-half display reduced the deficit, but time ran out on a spirited Dublin side that have excellent players in Laura Twomey, Noelle Comyn, Clodagh Cooney, Joleene Hoary and Kirsten Farrell.

In the campaign to date Marie Corkery has stood out as a class act in the Cork line-out.

She is very committed and dedicated and the Cloughduv player epitomises everything that is good about this team. Her drive and determination have seen her to the fore in all Cork's league games.

Another player who has impressed is last year's U16 star Aisling Thompson, whose accuracy from placed balls is vital, while Síle Burns, Lucy Hawkes and Ann Marie Fleming have continued to play crucial roles.

On league form to date Cork will be expected to continue their winning ways, but will do so with one eye to results elsewhere.



Aisling Thompson's accuracy from placed balls is vital for Cork.



Cork will be hoping that Niamh Dilworth will maintain the form that saw her recently grab a goal against Tipperary.

Rebels set to get a good work out from Limerick girls

By MARY NEWMAN
Minor Camogie

TONIGHT, Munster Minor Championship semi-final, Cork v Limerick, Buttevant, 7.30pm

THE Cork minor selectors will use this Munster U18 championship semi- final as a good work out for their side.

The management team of Ann Marie Healy Paddy Corkery and Sheila Thompson will be hoping to continue their winning way this evening after their opening round victory over Tipperary two weeks ago.

Limerick will no doubt prove tough opponents.

Last season when the counties met at the same stage of the competition, Cork edged it at the finish but with both sides fielding changed line-outs that result will count for little.

At U16 level Limerick have taken two B All-Ireland titles since 2004 and they will be hoping to build on these victories.

Camogie in the county is enjoying a huge surge of enthusiasm brought about by the appointment of Ciaran Carey as coach to the county senior team and reports are that the under age structure has also enjoyed the spin-off.

Sheila Moynihan, Aideen McNamara, Niamh Mulcahy are all regulars on the senior team, while Judith Mulcahy, Aisling McAuliffe, Karen Mullane, Siobhán Enright, Naomi Carroll are senior panellists.

Ciaran's daughter Sarah is a also a member of the minor panel.

The side is managed by James Moynihan, who is also part of the county minor football management team, while selector Ger Mulcahy starred for Ahane and Limerick in his playing days and is the holder of an All-Ireland masters medal.

Cork's ability to grab goals against Tipperary was vital.

Kathleen O'Brien and Niamh Dilworth were on target, while Aisling Thompson and Sharon Whelton, Denise Cronin and Deirdre Twomey were all to the fore as Cork notched up an impressive 2-11.

A definite non-starter is Erin Corkery, who continues to be on the injured list.

The stylish Eire Óg forward is a huge loss to the Cork attack having suffered a broken wrist six weeks ago.

The Cork selectors should have sufficient back up in their panel as they strive to defend their crown and book a place in the Munster final.

CORK PANEL: Kathleen O' Brien (Mallow), Siobhan Gleeson (Eire Og), Brid Twomey (Aghbullogue), Mairead Foley (Rockban), Roisin De Faoite (Blackrock), Leah Weste (Ballincollig), Maria Walsh (Ballyhea), Sinead O' Brien (Clonakilty), Caroline Motherway (Dungourney), Aisling Thompson (Millford), Sharon Whelton (Clonakilty), Aine Moynihan (Ballygarvan), Denise Cronin (Ballincollig), Ellen Healy (Enniskeane), Niamh Dilworth (Inniscarra), Lisa Mario O' Mahony (Eire Og), Denise Leahy (St Catherines), Deirdre Twomey (St Catherines), Lydia Cunningham (Glen Rovers), Christine O' Neill (Courcey Rovers), Aileen Twomey (Aghbullogue), Sinead O' Callaghan (Ballinhassig), Erin Corkery (Eire Og).

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St Peter's Community School, Passage West, who defeated St Patrick's, Dillons Cross, to capture the Kate Crowley Cup recently for the first time.

Picture: Howard Crowdy

Preparations are underway at U14

By MARY NEWMAN

Camogie notes

THIS week we continue our look at the underage league fixture schedules and feature the U14 leagues.

Already games have got under way with two round having taken place. As with all competitions we will keep a close eye on fixtures and results. Please email these to resultscamogie@hotmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you in the weeks ahead.

U14 A LEAGUE

One sections — Top four teams to qualify Section 1 — Inniscarra, Ballinhassig, Valley Rovers, Douglas 1, Milford Glen Rovers, Blarney, Eire Og.

April 24: Milford v Ballinhassig Inniscarra v Glen Rovers Valley Rovers v Eire Og Blarney v Douglas 1 1st May: Eire Og v Inniscarra Ballinhassig v Blarney Glen Rovers v Valley Rovers Douglas 1 v Milford 8th May Milford v Blarney Glen Rovers v Eire Og Ballinhassig v Douglas 1 Inniscarra v Valley Rovers.

May 15: Valley Rovers v Milford Blarney v Inniscarra Eire Og v Ballinhassig Douglas 1 v Glen Rovers.

May 22: Glen Rovers v Ballinhassig Douglas 1 v Eire Og Milford v Inniscarra Valley Rovers v Blarney.

U14 B LEAGUE 2

Sections of eight teams. Top two in each section qualify.

Section 1 Buttevant, Mallow, St Catherines, Aghbullogue, Rockban Ballincollig Cloughduv, Newtownshandrum.

April 24: Rockbán v Mallow Buttevant v Ballincollig St. Catherine's v Newtownshandrum Cloughduv v Aghabullogue.

May 1: Newtownshandrum v Buttevant Mallow v Cloughduv Ballincollig v St. Catherine's Aghabullogue v Rockbán.

May 8: Rockbán v Cloughduv Ballincollig v Newtownshandrum Mallow v Aghabullogue Buttevant v St. Catherine's.

May 15: St. Catherine's v Rockbán Cloughduv v Buttevant Newtownshandrum v Mallow Aghabullogue v Ballincollig.

May 22: Ballincollig v Mallow Aghabullogue v Newtownshandrum Rockbán v Buttevant St. Catherine's v Cloughduv Section 2 Carrigaline, Ballygarvan, St. Vincent's, St. Finbarr's, Courcey Rovers, Blackrock, Fr O'Neill's Killeagh.

April 24: Courcey Rovers v Ballygarvan Carrigaline v Blackrock St. Vincent's v Killeagh Fr. O' Neills v St. Finbarr's.

May 1: Killeagh v Carrigaline Ballygarvan v Fr. O'Neill's Blackrock v St. Vincent's St. Finbarr's v Courcey Rovers.

May 8: Courcey Rovers v Fr. O'Neill's Blackrock v Killeagh Ballygarvan v St. Finbarr's Carrigaline v St. Vincent's

May 15: St. Vincent's v Courcey Rovers Fr. O' Neills v Carrigaline Killeagh v Ballygarvan St. Finbarr's v Blackrock.

May 22: Blackrock v Ballygarvan St. Finbarr's v Killeagh Courcey Rovers v Carrigaline St. Vincent's v Fr O'Neill's.

U14 C LEAGUE

Three sections: Two sections with seven teams, one section with six. Top two in each section to qualify.

Section 1- Millstreet, Kildorrey, Brian Dillon's, Watergrasshill, Bride Rovers, Sarsfields.

April 24: Millstreet v Sarsfields Bride Rovers v Watergrasshill Kildorrey v Brian Dillon's.

May 1: Brian Dillon's v Sarsfields Watergrasshill v Kildorrey Bride Rovers v Millstreet.

May 8: Sarsfields v Watergrasshill Kildorrey v Bride Rovers Millstreet v Brian Dillon's .

Section 2-Passage, Ballincollig, Carrigaline 2, Na Piarsaigh, Douglas 2, Youghal Tracton.

April 22: Douglas 2 v Ballincollig 2 Passage v Youghal Tracton v Na Piarsaigh.

1st May: Ballincollig 2 v Tracton Youghal v Carrigaline 2 Na Piarsaigh v Douglas 2.

May 8: Douglas 2 v Tracton Ballincollig 2 v Na Piarsaigh Passage v Carrigaline 2.

May 15: Carrigaline 2 v Douglas 2 Tracton v Passage Na Piarsaigh v Youghal.

May 22: Youghal v Ballincollig 2 Douglas 2 v Passage Carrigaline 2 v Tracton Section 3- Ballinora, Newcestown, Enniskeane, Kilbrittain, Clonakilty, Sliabh Rua Ballinascarthy.

April 24: Clonakilty v Newcestown Ballinora v Sliabh Rua Ballinascarthy v Kilbrittain Enniskeane v Bye 1st May Newcestown v Ballinascarthy Sliabh Rua v Enniskeane Kilbrittain v Clonakilty Ballinora v Bye.

May 8: Clonakilty v Ballinascarthy Newcestown v Kilbrittain Ballinora v Enniskeane Sliabh Rua v Bye.

May 5: Enniskeane v Clonakilty Ballinascarthy v Ballinora Kilbrittain v Sliabh Rua Newcestown v Bye May 22: Sliabh Rua v Newcestown Clonakilty v Ballinora Enniskeane v Ballinascarthy Kilbrittain v Bye.

U14 D LEAGUE

Two sections: One section of six teams and one section of five teams Top two teams in each section to qualify.

Section 1: Douglas 3, Valley Rovers 2, Bishopstown, Barryroe, Carrigtwohill St. Vincent's 2.

April 24 : Douglas 3 v St. Vincent's 2 Carrigtwohill v Barryroe Valley Rover's v Bishopstown 1st May Bishopstown v St. Vincent's Barryroe v Valley Rovers Carrigtwohill v Douglas 3

May 8: St Vincent's v Barryroe Valley Rovers 2 v Carrigtwohill Douglas 3 v Bishopstown Section 2 — Ballyhea, Castleyons, Grenagh, Charleville, St Fanahan's

April 24: St. Fanahan's v Charleville Castleyons v Grenagh.

May 1: Charleville v Castleyons St. Fanahan's v Ballyhea.

May 8: Castleyons v St. Fanahan's Ballyhea v Grenagh.

U12 A LEAGUE

One section of eight teams, top four teams to qualify. Inniscarra, Ballinhassig, Valley Rovers, Milford, Courcey Rovers, Eire Og, Douglas 1 20th April: Courcey Rovers v Ballinhassig Inniscarra v Eire Óg Douglas 1 v Milford Valley Rovers v Bye.

April 27: Ballinhassig v Douglas 1 Eire Óg v Valley Rovers Milford v Courcey Rovers Inniscarra v Bye.

May 4: Courcey Rovers v Douglas 1 Ballinhassig v Milford Inniscarra v Valley Rovers Eire Óg v Bye .

May 11: Valley Rovers v Courcey Rovers Douglas 1 v Inniscarra Milford v Eire Og Ballinhassig v Bye.

May 18: Eire Óg v Ballinhassig Courcey Rovers v Inniscarra Valley Rovers v Douglas 1 Milford v Bye.

U12 B LEAGUE

Two section of six teams, top four teams to qualify Teams -Section 1- Ballincollig, Blackrock, Cloughduv, St. Vincent's, Carrigaline, Brian Dillon's.

April 20: Ballincollig v Brian Dillon's Carrigaline v St. Vincent's Blackrock v Cloughduv.

April 27: Cloughduv v Brian Dillon's St. Vincent's v Blackrock Carrigaline v Ballincollig.

May 4: Brian Dillon's v St. Vincent's Blackrock v Carrigaline Ballincollig v Cloughduv Section 2 Buttevant, Ballygarvan, Rockbán, Glen Rovers, St. Finbarr's Blarney.

April 6: Buttevant v Ballygarvan Rockbán v Glen Rovers St. Finbarr's v Blarney.

April 13: Blarney v Ballygarvan Glen Rovers v Buttevant Rockbán v St. Finbarr's.

April 20: Buttevant v Blarney St. Finbarr's v Glen Rovers Ballygarvan v Rockbán.

April 27: Rockbán v Blarney Glen Rovers v Ballygarvan St. Finbarr's v Buttevant.

May 4: Blarney v Glen Rovers Ballygarvan v St. Finbarr's Buttevant v Rockbán .

U12 C LEAGUE

Three sections: Two sections of six — One section of seven Top two teams in each section to qualify Section 1- Enniskeane, Clonakilty, Kilbrittain, Ballinora, Sliabh Rua, Fr. O'Neill's.

April 20: Enniskeane v Fr. O'Neill's Sliabh Rua v Ballinora Clonakilty v Kilbrittain.

April 27: Kilbrittain v Fr. O'Neill's Ballinora v Clonakilty Sliabh Rua v Enniskeane.

May 4: Fr. O'Neill's v Ballinora Clonakilty v Sliabh Rua Enniskeane v Kilbrittain Section 2: Newtownshandrum, Mallow, Millstreet, Aghabullogue, Douglas 2, Na Piarsaigh.

April 20: Newtownshandrum v Na Piarsaigh Douglas 2 v Aghabullogue Mallow v Millstreet.

April 27: Millstreet v Na Piarsaigh Aghabullogue v Mallow Douglas 2 v Newtownshandrum.

May 4: Na Piarsaigh v Aghabullogue Mallow v Douglas 2 Newtownshandrum v Millstreet Section 3: Dungourney, Youghal, Bride Rovers, Killeagh, Sarsfields, Watergrasshill St. Catherine's.

April 20: Sarsfields 1 v Youghal Dungourney v Watergrasshill St. Catherine's v Killeagh.

April 27: Youghal v St. Catherine's Watergrasshill v Bride Rovers Killeagh v Sarsfields.

May 14: Sarsfields 1 v St. Catherine's Youghal v Killeagh Dungourney v Bride Rovers.

May 11: Bride Roves v Sarsfields 1 St. Catherine's v Dungourney Killeagh v Watergrasshill.

May 18: Watergrasshill v Youghal Sarsfields 1 v Dungourney Bride Rovers v St. Catherine's

U12 D LEAGUE

Three sections: Two sections of Six teams One section of five team. Top two teams in Section 1 — Passage, Bishopstown, St. Finbarr's, Douglas 3, Carrigaline 2.

April 20: Carrigaline v Douglas 3 Bishopstown v St. Finbarr's 2 Passage v Bye.

April 27: Douglas 3 v Bishopstown Carrigaline v Passage St. Finbarr's v Bye.

May 4: Bishopstown v Carrigaline 2 Passage v St. Finbarr's Douglas 3 v Bye.

Section 2 — Barryroe, Newcestown, Kilbree, Bandon, Ballinhassig, Valley Rovers 2.

April 20: Barryroe v Valley Rovers 2 Ballinhassig 2 v Bandon Newcestown v Kilbree.

April 27: Kilbree v Valley Rovers 2 Bandon v Newcestown Ballinhassig 2 v Barryroe.

May 4: Valley Rovers 2 v Bandon Newcestown v Ballinhassig 2 Barryroe v Kilbree Section 3 St. Vincent's 2, Carrigtwohill, Ballyhea, Sarsfields 2 Blackrock 2, Charleville.

April 20: Ballyhea v Carrigtwohill Sarsfields 2 v Blackrock 2 St. Vincent's v Charleville.

April 27: Charleville v Carrigtwohill Blackrock 2 v St. Vincent's Sarsfields 2 v Ballyhea.

May 4: Carrigtwohill v Blackrock 2 St Vincent's v Sarsfields 2 Ballyhea v Charleville

U12 12-A-SIDE LEAGUE

One section of six teams. Top four teams to qualify for final. Teams: Castleyons, Tracton, Ballinascarthy, Grenagh, Kildorrey, Cobh Panel of 16 Players only (12 + 4 subs).

April 20: Castleyons v Cobh Kildorrey v Grenagh Tracton v Ballinascarthy.

April 27: Ballinascarthy v Cobh Granagh v Tracton Kildorrey v Castleyons.

May 4: Cobh v Grenagh Tracton v Kildorrey Castleyons v Ballinascarthy.

Ladies need to score heavily to take title



LINDA MELLERICK

RARELY at this stage of the National Camogie Division 1A League are the semi-finalists unknown.

Played on a round-robin basis, the top two teams emerge to a final spot. Typically it was four teams went through to create a semi-final situation. This year it's straight to the final pending play-offs.

It's a while since Cork found themselves in a last day win or lose situation. Even if they win, they may still have to enter a play-off with Tipp or Wexford, depending how their respective games go.

I don't think Cork will be unduly worried should the league title not rest on Leeside. The games are crucial however, and for that reason alone Cork will want to defeat Dublin and have another day out.

Organising challenge games is next to impossible during the league and championship season.

Those worth playing are anyway. The squad rely on mixed A V's B games, which can be pretty tough I can tell you. Just back after a training weekend to Youghal, coach Fiona O'Driscoll seems to be stepping it up even further this year. The three in-a-row beckons.

The team have yet to hit form with many personnel and positional switches evident to date as they search once again to find a lethal combination up front.

We haven't had that for a while, a lethal forward combination. Not since the likes of Lynn Dunlea, Irene O'Keeffe and O'Driscoll set the playing fields alight.

Cork have had great forwards since but they are more individualistic. I don't mean that they are selfish — far from it — we pass at times, too much. But as a unit, or even a lethal partnership, we have yet to find a 'click'. At present our corner-forwards are starved of possession.

If our half forward line were scoring from 50 or 60 yards out, that might be acceptable. But they're not. And 90% of the time it's a case of gain possession, put the head down and go off on a run which a lot of the time is diagonal and away from goal.

If the inside forwards do get the ball its as a result of a poor strike or a runaway ball which happens to come their way. It must be extremely frustrating to play in that position. We play fast hurling in defence and around the middle of the field, most of the time. But after that we fail. Denise Twomey has added life inside.

She gathers the ball and her first thought is to look up and see if she is in a scoring position.

She isn't getting enough of a supply though. Emer Dillon is possibly one of the strongest strikers of a ball on the team. That attribute is wasted in the corner, particularly if the play is slow and full of small taps and hand passes. Cork don't have strong hitters in the half-forward line, (although the introduction of Orla Cotter in particular to the position should change that).

They don't think 'point' when they win possession; they think 'let's get nearer to goal'. I'd try Dillon in the half forward line out on the wing for a consistent period of time and see what scores she amasses.

If that isn't an option for the management team, they need to ensure fast ball reaches her in the corner, at the very least. Remember her points in the All-Ireland final of 2005 from great distance and difficult angles.

Cork are heading for a three-in-a-row, so must be doing something right. Cork now have a great half-forward line on paper — Orla Cotter, Anna Geary and Jennifer O'Leary. I think that Geary is better further back a versatile player will be moved around to better and balance the team.

If these three players can be of the mindset to think 'score' at every available opportunity, or to involve their full-forward line with quick, low, fast, balls in, then there won't be a team in Ireland within four goals of Cork.

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BALLINHASSIG

We have made a great start to our underage campaigns with many teams having got their programmes under way

Our U12 team opened their campaign in the "A" league against Inniscarra and fought hard against the home team but unfortunately lost on the night. They went on to play against Valley Rovers in Ballinhassig and lucky for them a great goal scored by Amy Cullinane secured victory for us by two points.

Our U14 team opened their season with a very tough encounter against a strong Inniscarra side, we came out on top on a 3-8 to 3-1 score line. Scorers: C. McCarthy 2-0, A. O Brien 1-1, G. O Callaghan 0-7.

Our U18 team played at home against Mallow on Sunday last and were victorious with four points to spare

Finally congratulations to Emer O'Sullivan who has been selected by the Cork Senior team, Catriona Collins, selected for the Cork U16 team; Aisling O'Brien and Grace O'Callaghan, selected for the Cork Colleges U14 team. Well done girls from all in Ballinhassig Camogie club.

BALLYGARVAN

Our U14 team travelled to Carrigaline where Rebecca Murphy opened the scores with a well-taken goal before Carrigaline replied with a point. A strong Carrigaline squad put pressure on the girls however Ann Keohane at full-back along with Mary Coveney and Louise McCarthy, put in a flawless display. The half-back line of Clara White, Vivienne Murphy and Saoirse Kavanagh also worked hard. Lorraine Brown a tower of strength at centrefield supplied centre-forward Rebecca Murphy with the opportunity of putting over a point before following with a beautiful long-range goal herself. Sara Quilligan then had another goal.

In the second half, Carrigaline found the net despite the efforts of Katriona Keohane. Laura McCarthy's strong side-line puck set up Sara Quilligan for her second. Katie O'Donovan, Ciara O'Sullivan and the Dineen sisters, Lily and Rita, helped prevent the opposition scoring again. It finished in a victory for us Ballygarvan 4-1; Carrigaline 1-2.

BLACKROCK

The junior team travelled to Donegal last weekend to compete in the senior b grade of the Pan Celtic.

With three teams in the group we had two games to play on the Saturday. They played with great determination in their first game. There were great scores with Blackrock eventually winning 3-12 to Markevitz 0-1. In the second game, Blackrock scored a huge, 7-8 to Geraldines' (Antrim) 1-0. Blackrock, with only 14 players, reached the senior b final at O'Donnell Park on Sunday 15. They faced Craughwell from Galway in the final. After a very strong start, with scores from Ciara Barry, Roisin deFaoite and Doireann NiMhuiri, Blackrock lead at the half time break.

Craughwell came out fighting in the second half and won. After a fantastic effort from all 14, the game ended on a score of Blackrock 2-6, Craughwell 6-2.

See blackrockcamogie.com for photos and reports.

BRIAN DILLON'S

On Friday we presented medals to our underage teams for last season, parents proudly gathered together to watch their daughters receive medals for their well deserved achievements. Kay Dunne, Registrar of the County Board, Ellen Clifford, and Vice-Chairperson of the Cork Juvenile Board were present. All-Ireland medallists Amanda O' Regan, Linda O'Connell, Emer O'Farrell & Sarah O'Donovan also came to present medals. Donie Lyons, secretary of Brian Dillon's Hurling & Football Club, President of the Camogie Club Mr Con Aherne, Chairperson Margaret O'Sullivan and all Committee members who work tirelessly year after year were thanked.

We reached the following finals: U18 C County final where we beaten by Dungourney. The girls were unlucky to be beaten in the final but luckily most of the team is still underage this year. In the U14 C league final we lost to Newtownshandrum. On their way they met such formidable teams such as Tracton, Sarsfields and Douglas. The U13 team won the annual St Finbarr's blitz with victories over St Vincent's and the Barrs ensured success. Thanks to the Barrs for hosting this blitz. Our Féile team displayed great spirit and were defeated by a strong Lismore team. We hosted Gleneally, Co. Wicklow and thanks to families who looked after the girls.

John Ring and Niall Mac Lochlainn were thanked for their commitment, motivating underage girls on Saturday mornings, and showing great encouragement.

The players who fhave continued to help train the girls; Therese, Claire, Sarah, Amy & Sorcha were also thanked and the teams couldn't have done it without their huge commitment and encouragement and advice. Brian Dillon's Camogie club is going from strength to strength and with the present and future players the outlook is very positive.

CARRIGALINE

It was a lot of firsts for us last weekend the first time an underage team travelled to the Pan Celtic Festival and the first time we won a U16B Shield and qualified for the U16A final. It was also the first time most the girls were driving as we went Go-Karting on Saturday night. We played Davitts of Derry on Saturday morning and proved too strong 5-4 to 0-3 and qualified for the Under 16A competition. Our first match was against Mullagh from Galway. This was tough but we came out winners 2-3 to 0-3, Jen O'Shea and Patti O'Keeffe scoring goals for Carrigaline and Grainne O'Keeffe, Elaine Curtain and Donna Smyth taking points.

Next were St Vincents, Dublin. We started slow and were down a point within minutes. Then at the start of the second half Grainne pointed from a 45 and the team settled. With the teams level the ball was put into the net by Megan Scully. This was followed by another goal from Patti O'Keeffe. Maria Moran was in top form and dominated midfield. In the last few minutes St Vincent's broke through and only for a superb save from Aideen Mc Carthy, it was a certain goal. The game finished 2-2 to 0-3 to Carrigaline.

The final of the U16A competition against Toomevara was played on Sunday morning. The teams were level at half-time with a point each. Jenny Foster, Sarah Cotter and Deirdre OLeary in defence were brilliant on the day. In the second half Carrigaline played with the wind and had chances but were unable to convert them to goals. In the 25th minute Patti O'Keeffe scored a point followed by another by Maria Moran. However this was not enough as Toomevara went on to score two goals in the second half, beating Carrigaline with a final score 2-2 to 0-3.

Taking the U16B Shield and runners-up in the U16A was a huge achievement for all the girls involved. Maria Moran, captain, gave thanks to trainers Pat Moran, Marie Scully and Paul Buckley and all who travelled for the weekend.

Team: Aideen Mc Carthy, Darra O'Sullivan, Jenny Foster, Saidbh O'Connell, Ciara O'Connell, Sarah Cotter, Deirdre O'Leary, Maria Moran (Capt), Grainne O'Keeffe, Patti O'Keeffe, Megan Scully, Donna Smyth, Elaine Curtin, Jen O'Shea, Aoife Kearney, Sarah Barry, Niamh Crowley, Shauna Murphy, Jessica Buckley, Jessica Field, Stephanie Milner, Orla Milner.

GLEN ROVERS

Our minor (U18) team opened their championship campaign in the round robin series with a victory over Aghbullogue who travelled to the Glen Field on Friday last. A close opening half saw lead a the break but a superb second half display saw us notch up the scores with the introduction of Nicole O'Brien and Sinead O Halloran at half time. U14 captain Sinead Fahy had a superb hour ably assisted by the hard working Karen O'Connell, Lisa Cotter, Captain Amy Murphy and Roisin Foley to secure victory.



Douglas underage camogie players seen here with a selection of trophies they won during the year.

CLUB NOTES

Our U14 team had a super victory over Blarney who visited us on Tuesday last in the Glen Field. In a close opening half we held a slender 1-2 to 0-2 interval lead thanks to excellent play from Maria Sheehan who was provider with a great pass to Sinead O'Halloran for our opening goal. Some shrewd switches by our backroom team of Kelly Dave and John proved to be vital as the girls set about extending their lead. Three second half goals from Sinead O Halloran and one each from Nicole O Brien and Alison Dowling ensured victor with Sinead Fahy, Aoibhinne Murphy Edel O Connell and Aisling O Keeffe to the fore.

Our U12 team lost to Buttevant on Saturday 3-2 to 0-1 victory despite the best efforts of Emilly Mc Carthy, Sarah Hourihane Olivia Harrington and Emma Newman who all performed well.

Fixtures: Sunday, April 22

U18 Championship v Blackrock in Blackrock at 6pm Players to meet at club at 4.45pm ; Thursday April 26. U14 league v Inniscarra in Inniscarra player to meet at 5.15pm

NA PIARSAIGH

We would like to thank Blackrock for the invitation on Good Friday to their club. Great performances on the day were from Megan Moynihan and Teegan Ryan who scored six goals each. Also Saoirse O Sullivan, Niamh Ryan, Emma Buckley, Lauren Twohig and Niamh O Sullivan

Our U12s played Douglas2 last week, it was a great game for both teams Amy O'Connor (captain) got a point from play and Niamh Connolly scored a goal after half time Full time score Na Piarsaigh 1-1, Douglas2 0-0.

Newcestown travelled to Na Piarsaigh last week to play our U16s. Players showed great skill and are improving every week at training and of course it is showing in their matches. Sunday last the Under 16's travelled to Enniskeane. Players who stood out were Orla Bourke, Jessica Cronin, Ciara Allen, Rebecca Rourke and Aoife Moynihan. Full time score was Na Piarsaigh 4-6, Enniskeane 2-1. We would like to thank Enniskeane for tea and sandwiches provided on the day.

Mallow travelled to Na Piarsaigh last Friday to play our U12s in the Fairfield. All players played well on the day. Players who took the eye were Rebecca Sheehan, Orla Connolly Amanda O Leary and Amy O Connor.

Any club wishing to travel to Na Piarsaigh on Saturday mornings U6s to U12s please contact Eddie Sheehan on 085-1501029 or Taryn Lynch on 085-7408367.

PASSAGE

U12 Camogie Passage 0-0 Bishopstown 3-0

Ria & Ellen O' Mahony were excellent for Passage. Shannon Twomey played well and Emma Harrington just 9 years old was superb at centre back. Player of the game for Passage had to be goalkeeper Erin McAvenny who was superb between the posts. Forwards Danielle Mehigan, Maeve & Roisin Dunlea and Alison Gleeson played very well. Team: E. McAvenny, E. Keogh, K. McAvenny, L. Gleeson, G. Quirke, E. Harrington, E. O'Mahony,R,O'Mahony,E. O'Connor,S.Twomey,S. Cahill, D. Mehigan,R. Dunlea, A. Gleeson, M. Dunlea. Next game v Douglas Tue. 17.

U14 Camogie Passage 4-0 Ballincollig 0-1

Tia McMahon & Niamh Murphy were dominant at midfield and setup the hardworking forwards for some fine early goals. Aine Healy was first to find the net and followed soon after with another well taken goal. Tia McMahon's long range shot confused to goalkeeper and Rebecca Farr added another goal before half time. Ballincollig defended well in the second half and held the Passage girls scoreless. The first half goals were enough to secure the points for Passage. Amy Corkery, Niamh Cahill & Megan Farr played very well for Passage. Team: S. Twomey, R. O'Connor, Nikki Twomey, K. O'Neill, M. Farr, N. Cahill, A. Corkery, N.Murphy, T. McMahon,L. Corcoran, R. Farr, A. Healy, S. Cashman, L. Hickey, M. Dineen. Subs: C.McMahon, S. McCarthy, K. Murphy, S. Collins & N. Smith.

U16B League Valley Rovers 2-6 Passage 2-5

Another exciting U16 League game on Saturday 14 at Inishannon. Passage opened with a point from Sinead O'Reilly. Just before the break Rovers scored a goal leaving Passage trailing by a point.

The second half looked promising with Natasha tormenting Valley's defence and scored two quick goals. Valley Rovers true to their tradition mounted a strong challenge and scored some fine points followed by a goal close to the full time whistle. Passage tried hard to equalise and deserved a draw but a free on full time went inches wide.

Shauna Jordan, Erin Twomey, Gillian Foley & Laura McCarthy played well for Passage.

Scorers: N. O'Sullivan2-3, S. O'Reilly 0-1,A. Costello 0-1

Team: E. Lydon, E. Hyde, G. Cooney, C. O'Brien, E. Twomey, L.O'Sullivan, S. Jordan, L. McCarthy, K. Twomey, A. Costello. G. Foley, N. O'Sullivan, S. O'Reilly,L McCarthy, E. McMahon

Subs: T. McMahon. N. Cahill M. Doyle, N. Twomey

Next Game Vs Cloughduv on Friday 20th.

ST CATHERINES

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Our Senior A team continued their preparation for the championship with a challenge game against our arch rivals of recent seasons, Ballygarvan. Played in a very competitive spirit we won by the miimum. Games like this are invaluable at this time of the year and show us the level we must attain to progress at this grade. Full time Score St. Catherine's 2-11 Ballygarvan 3-7

Team: D. Leahy, Y. O'Neill, A. Fitzgerald, S.Noonan, M. Mulcahy, E. Power, O. Neville, F. Noonan, E. O' Keeffe, M. O'Keeffe, O. Cotter, L. Higgins, A. Hogan, L. Power, D. Twomey. Subs: D. Mulcahy for S.Noonan, M. Daly for F. Noonan, E. Harpur for A. Hogan. Scorers: O. Cotter 0-5 (3f), L. Power 1-1, L .Higgins 1-0, D. Twomey 0-5.

U18 "A" Championship

We played our first game in this years group when we travelled to Inniscarra on Thurs night last, April 12. While we played reasonably well we had to bow to the superiority of the home side.

With the core of the team which backboned our two County successes over the past two years now overage we are still playing at the top grade which is a difficult task.

Nonetheless our girls hurled well especially in the first half and we trailed 0-3 to 0 -6 at half time, with defenders Ciara Clancy and Ciara O 'Brien particularly effective.

Inniscarra dominated the second half and ran out winners, Our girls worked hard throughout and hopefully will do well in future group games. Welcome to Christine Twomey who has recently joined our club.

St. Catherine's 0-5 Inniscarra 1-13

Team: D.Leahy (capt), C. Clancy, C.O' Brien, C. Twomey, F. Cotter, K. Hannon, A.O' Keeffe, J. Hurley, S. Gallagher, C. Kearney, M.O' Keeffe, A. Collins, A .Burke, D. Twomey, F. Neville.

Subs: N. O'Donoghue for A. Burke, S. Barry for S. Gallagher, F. Feeney for C. Kearney, A. Donnolly for A. Collins. Scorers: F. Neville 0 — 3(2f), D. Twomey 0 — 1, F. Cotter 0 — 1(f)

U12 League: St Catherine's v Watergrasshill

Our U12 team had a comfortable victory over an under strength Watergrasshill side on Friday night last in Watergrasshill. Well done to all concerned and welcome to new team members Emer O'Brien, Aisling O'Brien and Niamh Coughlan. Panel: R.Spillane, E.Murphy, C.Mc Aulliffe, G.Walsh, N.Coughlan, M.Galvin, L.Hartnett, R.O'Callaghan, E.O'Brien, K.England, K.Mulcahy, A.O'Brien, A.Mulcahy, O.Anthony, M.Walsh.

ST FINBARR'S

This has been a good week for the club with two grades picking up league points. On Friday night, our U12D side recorded a fine win over Carrigaline. Great play by Orla McCarthy, Aisling Shannon, Leanne Kavanagh, Michaela Kavanagh and Karen Santry was rewarded with a two goal victory.

On Monday night, our U16 side were made fight to the final whistle by a good Rockbán side. The visitors were ahead at the break. They would have had the match wrapped up but for the outstanding saves by the Barrs keeper, Simone Austin. Goals from Katie Leisk and Heather Morgan put the Barrs in the lead. Rockban came again with a good goal and it took some determined defending to deprive them of the winner. Ellen Crowley, Shannon McCarthy, Heather Morgan, Katie Leisk and Danielle Austin played some great camogie and were prominent all through.

Our senior team had a good run out against the Cork Senior B team on Monday. Gemma O'Connor was unavailable and her strong play was missed in the middle of the field.

Congratulations to Clare Kirby on the birth of her son, Colm. Good Luck to Lynda O'Connell who has been named captain of the Cork Senior B team. With Gemma O'Connor leading the Cork Senior A side, we look forward to receiving some silverware at the club as the season progresses.

Long-range goal secures Limerick's win in Cork

By MARY NEWMAN

Munster minor camogie championship

Limerick	**1-6**
Cork	**1-3**

A GOAL from a long-range free six minutes from full-time was enough to book Limerick a place in the Munster minor championship final as they edged out Cork in a low-scoring contest in Buttevant last night.

Cork were guilty of erratic shooting through the opening 30 minutes and in the end, it was to cost them dearly. Eight wides in total for the first half, before they finally found their range, while shooting 12 for the hour simply wasn't good enough at this level.

The game was 20 minutes old before we had the first score. Naoimh Carroll pointing to edge Limerick ahead. Both defences gave little away as the sides battled to gain the early advantage.

Cork finally got on the score board from the puck out when captain Deirdre Twomey slotted home a goal after good work from substitute Sinéad O'Callaghan, who picked out Twomey with a perfect pass.

The goal gave the Cork girls a much-needed boost and settled them into their stride. They came at the Limerick defence more with O'Callaghan pointing a free before Niamh Dilworth struck a long range effort over the bar, as Cork led 1-2 to 0-1 at the break.

Aided by the brisk wind for the second half, Limerick took the game to Cork and driven on by the superb Niamh Mulcahy and Fionnuala Dore, they were level inside five minutes. Two Niamh Mulcahy points and one apiece from half-time substitute Katie Campbell and Siobhán Enright, made sure they ran Cork ragged.

Battling to stay in contention with the stronger Limerick side, Cork edged ahead with an Aisling Thompson point on the 40th minute but this was to be their last score as the Limerick defence closed them down after that.

To their credit, the Cork defence also had to absorb a lot of pressure, as Limerick worked to again find an equaliser.

With six minutes remaining and Cork just about hanging on, the game turned in Limerick's favour. Niamh Mulcahy floated a long-range free from almost the half-way line over the Cork defence to the roof of the net and Naomi Carroll stretched the lead to three points as Limerick continued to press.

Now it was Cork who needed the equaliser but credit to the Limerick defence who absorbed three minutes of severe pressure before referee Eamonn Brown's whistle signalled full-time.

Cork will not need to be told that tougher tests lie ahead in the forthcoming round-robin series All-Ireland championship and many improvements are needed if they have title aspirations.

CORK D Leahy, S Gleeson, A Moynihan, M Foley, L Weste, M Walsh, C Motherway, A Thompson (0-1), B Twomey, S Whelton, D Cronin, C O Neill, K O'Brien, N Dilworth (0-1), D Twomey(1-0).

Subs S O Callaghan (0-2; 0-1 free) for K O'Brien (19mins), R De Faoite for S Whelton (36mins), E Haley for D Cronin (48mins).

LIMERICK S Moynihan, A McNamara, S Collins, K Mullane, J Mulcahy, N Mulcahy(1-2; 1-1 frees), F Dore, L Fitzgerald, E Hannon, A McAuliffe, S Enright (0-1), A Nolan M Fitzgerald, S Collins, N Carroll (0-2).

Subs K Campbell (0-1) for A Nolan (HT).

Referee: E Browne (Tipperary)

Cork and Tipperary in League play off...

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NOELLE Kennedy the holder of five senior All-Ireland medals made a welcome come-back after announcing her retirement almost two years ago and yesterday (Sunday) knocked over 0-3 from play as she assisted Tipperary in their victory over neighbours Kilkenny 2-18 to 1-6 in the National League Division 1A game on her home club ground Toomevara.

Playing her first game since her come back at full-forward the Toomevara player inspired her fellow players who were 1-7 ahead to Kilkenny's 1-4 at the break, the Premier county goal coming midway from Jill Horan, while the 2006 Kilkenny All-Star Imelda Kennedy knocked in the Cat's lone goal in the opening half.

A second goal immediately after the restart from Eimear Mc Donnell put finish to any idea that Kilkenny had of defeating the 2006 League finalists.

Cork were made fight all the way against a very gutsy Dublin side in Naomh Mearnóg in Division 1A as only a goal seperated the sides at the end, Cork 0-14, Dublin 1-8 played in Naomh Mearnóg. Player of the match was the Dublin goalkeeper Emer Butler who denied the Rebels two first half goals from Breige Corkery and Úna O'Donoghue. As a result of this it was the home side who went in ahead at the break leading 1-4 to 0-4 the Dublin goal having come from Edel Reid seven minutes from the break.

However, the experienced Cork side began to buckle down in the second half, as they knew it was a game they had to win to stay in contention for the League. As a result of this victory the Rebels will now face old rivals Tipperary next weekend in a League play off to determine who will play in the National League Final against Wexford who had a concincing 6-8 to 1-5 victory over Galway.

Wexford were very impressive yesterday at Ballinasloe in Division 1A of the National Camogie League when they inflicted an 18 points defeat on Galway thanks to a goal fest with Michelle Hearn the hat-trick heroine.

The visitors had all the groundwork done in the opening half and they led by 5-4 to 0-2 at half-time with goals from Kate Kelly, Una Leacy and three from Hearn before the interval with Galway's points coming from Deirdre Burke and Ann Marie Hayes. Wexford continued to remain convincing in the second half to finish 6-8 to 1-5 winners.
Wexford also had three goals from Mary Walsh,Siona Nolan, and Lenny Holohan in their Division 1B encounter with a 3-9 to 0-9 win also against Galway.
Cork made it a double victory against Dublin with a 4-6 to 1-5 win in the Divison 1B game. Cork were well in control in the opening half with a hat trick og goals from Charlotte Kearney, Tina Roche and Rachel Myers and this gave the visitors a well earned lead of 3-4 to 0-2 at the break.

Dublin upped the pace in the second half with two rapid fire points from Joleen Horay and Emer Brogan. However, while the Dubs battled hard, Charlotte Kearney knocked in goal number two eleven minutes into the half for Cork. Despite this fourth goal Dublin did not lie down and immediatley responded with a fine goal from Kirsten Farrell who took a fine pass from half forward Siobhán Keogh. However, Cork ran out easy winners in the end.

It was a similar story for Tipperary who had just two points to spare against Kilkenny in the opening game, 0-13 to 1-8. Once again Siobhán Ryan was the winner's top scorer of 0-6 while Edel Maher got the visitors only goal in the opening half with just five minutes to go to the break.

National League, Div 1A:
Cork: 0-14: J O'Leary 0-4 (0-1'45, 0-1f), A Geary, E Burke 0-3 each, M O'Neill 0-2, B Corkery, G O'Connor 0-1 each.
Dublin 1-8: E Reid 1-2, A Jordan 0-4 (0-2f), C Durkan, N Taylor 0-1 each.

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Galway 1-5: B Hanney 1-0, A M Hayes 0-3(0-3f), D Burke 0-2.

Div 1B:
Cork: 4-6: C Kearney 2-1, T Roche 1-1, R Myers,1-0, A Thompson 0-3 (0-2f), S Burns 0-1.
Dublin: 1-5: K Farrell 1-1 E Brogan,C Cooney,J Horay,P Malcomson 0-1 each.

Wexford: 3-9: S Nolan 1-2 (0-1f), M Walsh, L Holahan 1-1,S Redmond 0-2, S Kehoe,A Moran, C O'Connor 0-1 each.
Galway: 0-9: G Kelly 0-3,(0-1'45, 0-1f), E O'Sullivan, M Dunne 0-2 each, A Lynskey, C Bowes 0-1 each.

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U16 c'ship:
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CAMOGIE

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U16 Championship: Dublin 7-2 Antrim 3-14

Rebels battle back to see off Dublin

Camogie League

by Cóilín Duffy

A strong second half performance by Cork at Naomh Mearnog ensured they were 0-14 to 1-8 winners over Dublin in Division 1A yesterday.

An Edel Reid goal helped the homeside to a 1-4 to 0-4 interval lead but the Rebels came back and scored eight points without reply in the third quarter to take the spoils.

In Division 1B Cork also inflicted defeat on Dublin with goals from Tina Roche, Charlotte (2) and Rachel Kearney ensuring a 4-6 to 1-5 win. Wexford hammered Galway by 18 points in the National Camogie League Division 1A at Ballinasloe yesterday with Michelle Hearn the hat-trick heroine.

The visitors had all the groundwork done in the opening half and led by 5-4 to 0-2 at the break with goals from Kate Kelly, Una Lacey and three from Hearn.

Galway had points from Deirdre Burke and Ann Marie Hayes.

The Model County girls continued to impress in the second half to finish 6-8 to 1-5 winners.

Wexford also had goals aplenty in their Division 1B encounter with a 3-9 to 0-9 win over Galway.

Elsewhere Tipperary were convincing 2-18 to 1-6 winners over Kilkenny in Division 1A while the corresponding 1B fixture was a lot tighter with just two points separating the sides as Tipperary finished 0-13 to 1-8 winners.

Medals of honour for Brian Dillon's ladies

BRIAN DILLON'S CAMOGIE Club celebrated last season's sporting successes with a presentation of medals to its Under-13, Under-14 and Under-18 teams at the club's pavilion recently.

Kay Dunne, registrar of the County Board; Ellen Clifford, vice-chairperson of the Cork Juvenile Board and All-Ireland medallists Amanda O'Regan, Linda O'Connell, Emer O'Farrell and Sarah O'Donovan were on hand to present medals.

Special tributes were made on the night to club secretary Donie Lyons, camogie club president Con Aherne, chairperson Margaret O'Sullivan and committee members who worked tirelessly to keep the club going, while coaches John Ring and Niall Mac Lochlainn were thanked for their huge commitment to club training.

The club also expressed its gratitude to local primary schools St Patrick's, Scoil Mhuire Banrion and Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn for promoting the game while parents were thanked for their continuous support to the club.

It has been a very successful year for Brian Dillon's with the junior team showing great commitment and the Under-14s and Under-18s both reaching county final level.

The Under-14s were unlucky to be beaten by Newtownshandrum while the Under-18s too suffered defeat at the hands of Duńgourney, but with many of the Under-18 players still underage, the club are hopeful the girls will go all the way and win the final next time round.

The Under-13s won the annual Seandún Blitz which was held in the Barr's, while the club's Féile team also displayed great sporting spirit in their defeat at the hands of a very strong Lismore team.

The past seasons successes are a testament to the fact that the Brian Dillon's Camogie Club is going from strength to strength and with such talented young players the outlook is very positive for the Mayfield side.



The U14 Brian Dillon's GAA Club Camogie Team, at the presentation of medals to the U13, U14 and U18 camogi players in Brian Dillon's GAA Club. Picture: Jean Curra



Aoife Daly, Denise O'Flynn and Emma Burns at the event. Picture: Jean Curran



Amanda O'Regan, Lynda O'Connell, Emer Farrell and Ellen Clifford, from the Cork senior ladies camogie team at the night. Picture: Jean Curra

Cork through

O'Neill's three goals pave way for Cork win

By MARY NEWMAN

U16 camogie

Cork	**5-7**
Galway	**2-7**

A GOOD start for the Cork U16 team as they opened their campaign with a well-deserved victory over Galway in Ardrahane on Saturday in the robin series of the All-Ireland championship.

This was always going to be a tough first round game but Cork were determined to atone for their disastrous performance two week ago when Clare sent them crashing out of the provincial championship and certainly they can be proud of their performance.

From the throw-in Cork showed great belief in themselves with their first-time, no-nonsense hurling matching Galway step for step, as was shown from the start when Denise Luby fired over an equaliser with determination from the half way line in answer to Deirdre Ward's pointed free after 30 seconds.

Cork failed to be unnerved when Tara Rutledge scrambled the ball over the line in a goal mouth melee to give Galway the lead inside the opening quarter and points from Joanne Casey and Catriona Collins edging Cork closer.

With their mid-field pairing of Jennifer Lynch and Emma Kingston on top, the Cork inside line moved the ball quickly and in a flash they were four points ahead. Full forward Sinead O'Neill, introduced to the panel after the Clare game, hit Galway a double blow with two goals inside two minutes. Deirdre Ward responded with a pointed Galway free before Katriona Mackey and Finola Keely exchanged goals as Cork led 3-3 to 2-3 at the break.

Cork had a dream start to the second half when, inside a minute, Luby blasted to the net after a good pass from White and with Luby converting two further frees inside five minutes, Cork had suddenly opened up an eight-point lead.

With their defence superbly marshalled by Orlaith O'Mahony and Mary Ann Hawkes, Cork held the upper hand and it was 15 minutes before Ann Marie Starr fired over Galway's first score of the second half.

Catriona Collins replied three minutes later but from here on Galway took over as the pace of the game began to take its toll on several of the Cork players who, it must be said, had run themselves to a stand still.

They reeled off four points without reply as Ward showed her accuracy, converting three frees with Rutledge striking one to put Galway within five points. But Cork, with the finishing post in sight, were not going to be denied and Luby converted a free before O'Neill sealed the day with her third goal to ensure Cork got the best possible start to a campaign where they meet Limerick in the second round on May 5.

Cork selector, Ger Sheehan was pleased with his side's display.

"We knew we didn't do ourselves justice against Clare and the girls were determined to make up for it today, they knew if we gave Galway the start we gave Clare there would be no way back and from the throw in we were focused on the job in hand.

"It is a good start but we have a long way to go and we will get ready now for the challenge which Limerick will pose in two weeks' time."

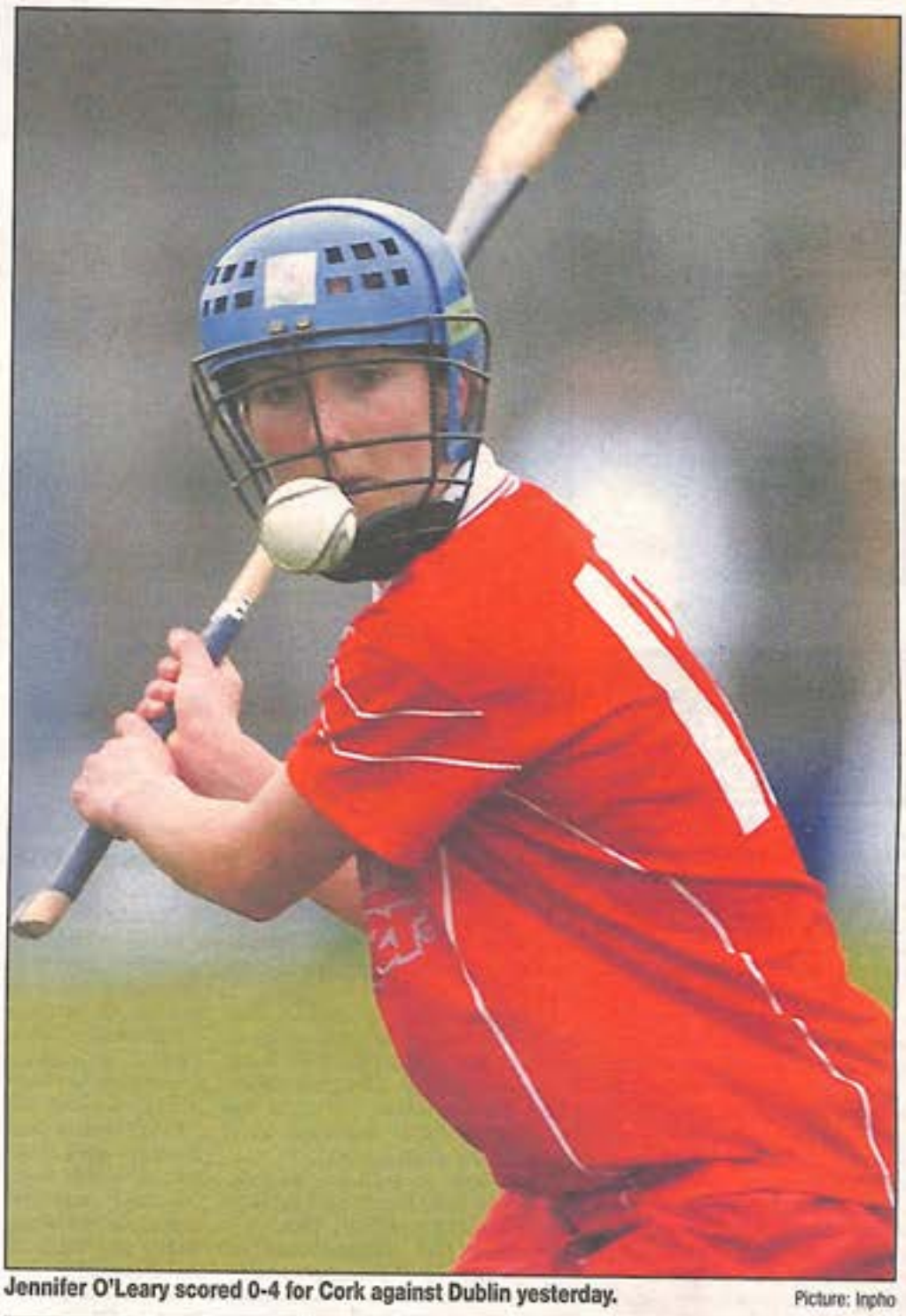
CORK: A Sheehan; C O'Brien, R Finn, M O'Donovan; O. O'Mahony, M A Hawkes, M Healy; E Kingston, J Lynch; J Casey (0-1) J White, C Collins (0-2: 0-1f); K Mackey (1-0), S O'Neill (3 -0) D Luby(1-4 :0-3 frees)

Subs: P Mackey for C O'Brien (hvt), A Coughlan for M O'Donovan (inj 35mins), D O'Callaghan for K Mackey (39mins), A O'Donovan for M Healy 56mins)

GALWAY: H. Campbell; M Duane, C McDonagh, K O'Dwyer; C Staunton, C Ryan, A Lynch; S Carey, S Lee; D Ward (0-6: 0-5 f) N Fox, A M Starr (0-1); F Keely (1-0), A Linnane, T Rutledge (1-1: 0-1 f);

Subs: A Keane for S Carey (40min), A Griffin for C Ryan (43mins) A Tully for T Rutledge (inj 45mins) T Connolly for A Linnane (50mins)

Referee: F Mc Namara (Clare)



Jennifer O'Leary scored 0-4 for Cork against Dublin yesterday. Picture: Inpho

After-match reaction

CORK manager John Cronin had mixed feelings after the game, **writes Linda Mellerick**.

While happy to be through to the play-off stages of the league and delighted with the 20 minutes of excellent camogie supplied by his charges during the second-half, he is worried at the inconsistency of his players.

"We had a very poor first-half. Dublin crowded us out; they got into a rhythm and broke ours.

"We then came out in the second-half and played magnificently for 20 minutes.

"We got some excellent points, from long range.

"Our forwards were playing and working well together.

"We were in control and then we dropped off again and let Dublin back in.

"We're giving Jekyll and Hyde performances."

Having said that, John is aware that every team is 'gunning' for Cork and that Dublin gave it all they had.

"Dublin have improved immensely in the past couple of years.

"They are very fit and committed and in their own back yard came out with all guns blazing."

Cork now face Tipperary, who defeated Kilkenny 2-17 to 1-6, in Tipperary next Saturday in the play-offs.

While happy to have another game, the gruelling schedule ahead of the players is a worry for their manager.

"We play Tipp again next Saturday. Should we win we play the league final the weekend after that and then the following week we're out against Wexford in the first round of the championship.

"It's a tough run and we just hope we don't pick up injuries along the way."

Dublin Manager David Kennedy was delighted with the way his players took the game to the All-Ireland champions.

"The girls were excellent. While respecting Cork, they showed no fear.

"Leading by a goal at half-time, Cork destroyed us for 20 minutes of the second-half, which was disappointing but we didn't lie down.

"We came back strongly and these games will stand hugely to our players.

"Cork are the aristocrats of camogie, we can only learn from them."

Rebels do without injured O'Connor



LINDA MELLERICK

Cork	**0-14**
Dublin	**1-8**

LINING out without Mary O'Connor, who picked up a calf injury last Saturday evening in Cork's National Football League semi-final encounter with Mayo, Cork are through to the play-offs of the National Senior Camogie Division 1A League campaign.

Cork needed an excellent second-half performance to secure them victory over Dublin at Naomh Mearnog's immaculate grounds yesterday afternoon.

A young, developing Dublin side were not overawed with facing the All-Ireland champions and started the game with belief and confidence.

Ten minutes in Ciara Durkan put the Dubs ahead with the first point of the game.

Cork replied with three from Jennifer O'Leary (2) and Breige Corkery to leave it 0-3 to 0-1 after 18 minutes of play.

Corkery was unlucky not to have goaled on 17th minutes after an excellent strike was magnificently saved by Eimear Butler in the Dublin goal.

Despite their advantage Cork were struggling.

In six's and seven's at times in defence and missing some opportunistic scores, they found it hard to break into their rhythm against a hungry Dublin side.

Edel Reid collected a well-timed pass from Sarah Ryan and hit over.

A minute later she got the game's only goal with a low, rasping, ground shot to the corner of the net, giving Aoife Murray no chance.

Aishling Jordan hit over and the home side were dominating. A Marie O'Neill pass found Una O'Donoghue and it had goal written all over it.

O'Donoghue was faultless in her effort, but somehow Butler got her hurley to it and hit it out for a '45.

O'Leary duly converted.

Reid's point finished the first half scoring, leaving it Dublin 1-4, Cork 0-4.

Cork, knowing they needed to change gears, emerged full of determination.

The following 20 minutes' performance won the game for them.

Although Dublin had the first chance to score it was Cork who took control.

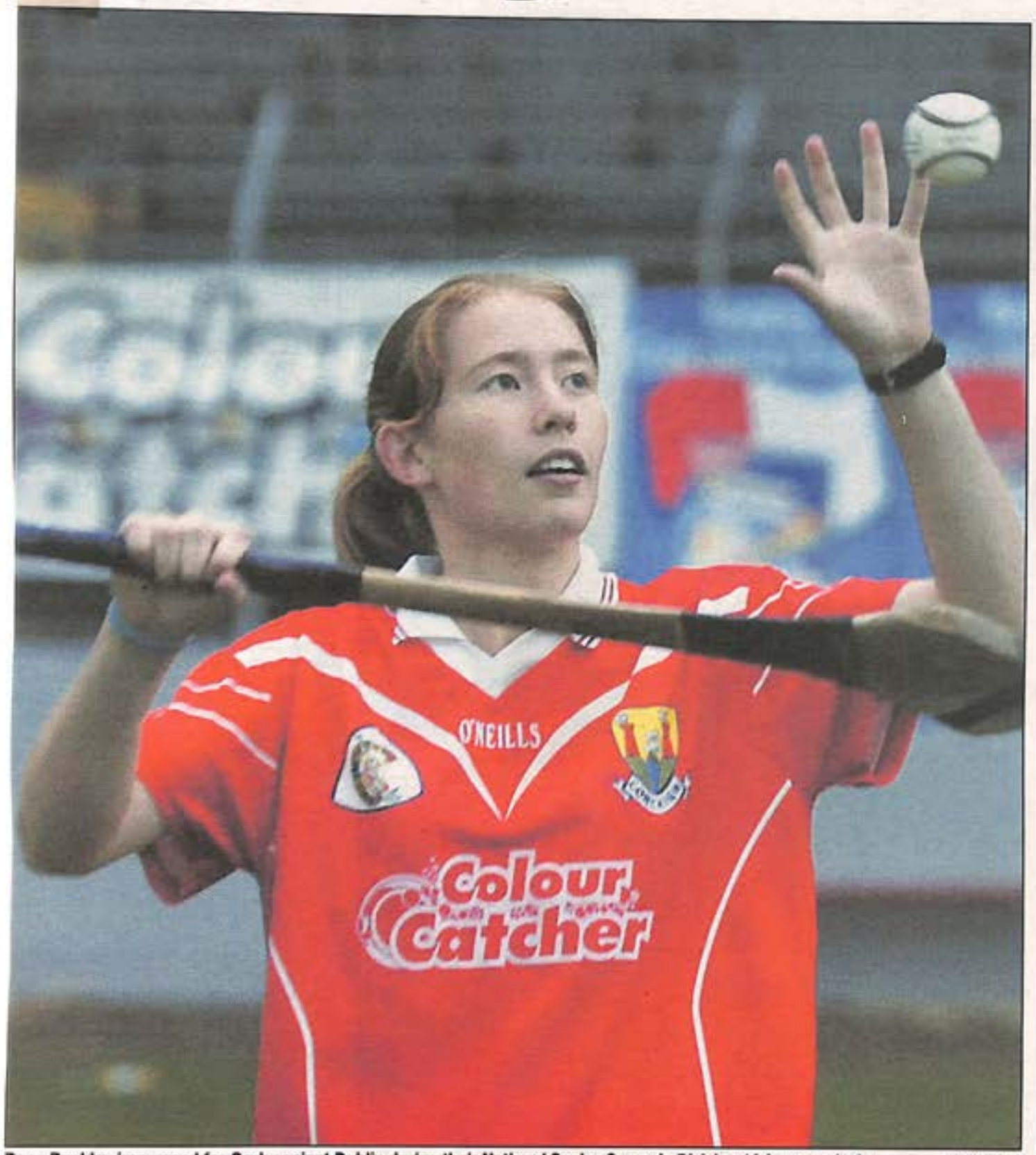
As befitting All-Ireland champions, they played some delightful camogie, full of team work and class.

Eight points within 12 minutes without reply tells its own story.

What was most impressive was the quality of the scores.

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to play-offs



Rena Buckley impressed for Cork against Dublin during their National Senior Camogie Division 1A League clash. Picture: INPHO

From great distance Anna Geary (3), Marie O'Neill, Elaine Burke, Breige Corkery and O'Leary (2) scored at ease to push Cork 0-12 to 1-4 ahead.

It looked as if Dublin were about to be demolished.

But to the credit of these young players they responded to the challenge, outscoring Cork 0-4 to 0-2 in the last 10 minutes.

Gemma O'Connor and Burke were the Cork scorers.

Cork deserved their three-point win, but Dublin's performance underlines the progress they are making since moving to the senior ranks.

Lack of experience prevented them from punishing Cork when they had their chance.

Despite playing below par for almost 40 minutes of the game, when Cork came to life, they were a class apart.

The quality of scores and the fact that six players got their name on the scoreboard were positives to take away.

Amanda O'Regan, back from injury, came on as a late substitute for Mary O'Connor and acquitted herself very well at centre back.

Rena Buckley, Sarah Hayes, Una O'Donoghue, Jennifer O'Leary, Anna Geary, Breige Corkery and Gemma O'Connor shone for Cork when the need arose.

Tipperary defeated Kilkenny by 2-17 to 1-6 to force a play-off with Cork next Saturday in Toomevara to decide who will meet Wexford in the final on May 6.

Scorers for Cork: J O'Leary 0-4 (0-1f, 0-1'45), E Burke 0-3, A Geary 0-3, M O'Neill 0-2, G O'Connor and B Corkery 0-1 each.

Dublin: E Reid 1-2, A Jordan 0-3 (f's), N Taylor 0-2, C Durkin 0-1.

CORK: A Murray; J O'Callaghan, C Foley, R Holland; R Buckley, A O'Regan, S Hayes; B Corkery, G O'Connor; O Cotter, A Geary, J O'Leary; E Burke, U O'Donoghue, M O'Neill.

Subs: A Walsh for O Cotter, E Farrell for U O'Donoghue.

DUBLIN: E Butler; J Murphy, E Brannigan, S Curran; L Twomey, K Power, L O'Hara; E Ryan, E O'Meara; E Ryan, E O'Meara, C Durkin; A Jordan, A Fanning, M O'Gorman; S Ryan, E Reid.

Subs: N Taylor for M O'Gorman, J Hoary for E Ryan.

Referee: U Kearney (Armagh).

CAMOGIE RESULTS

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U16 Championship: Dublin 7-2 Antrim 3-14.

Rebels in top form as they make final

By MARY NEWMAN

Division 1B

Cork	**4-6**
Dublin	**1-5**

VICTORY for the Division 1B side and a final place secured against Limerick thanks to a superb performance, which saw Cork limit Dublin to just two scores in the opening half.

To their credit a spirited Dublin never gave up and they came more into the game in the second-half. However by now Cork, thanks to their excellent first-half display, had done enough to secure their place in the final.

Cork set the foundations for victory in the opening 30 minutes and led at the interval, 3-4 to 0-2.

Goals from Tina Roche, Rachel Myers and Charlotte Kearney were the crucial scores as the Dublin defence struggled to contain the lively Cork attack.

All over the pitch Cork held the upper hand with Aisling Thompson (2), Sile Burns and Charlotte Kearney slotting over points.

With the tight marking Cork backs giving little away Dublin were 1-2 to no score in arrears before Emer Brogan and Clodagh Cooney were on target with points to open their account.

But for the remainder of the half they failed to gain any headway against a Cork defence that were very strong and committed.

Ann Marie Fleming, Noreen Mulcahy and Lucy Hawkes were all prominent for the Rebels.

Dublin did have two early goal chances but failed to capitalise and it was Cork who settled quicker.

Dublin rallied for the second-half and showing plenty of commitment began to come into the game.

Early points from Jolene Horey and Paula Malcomsome edged them closer to Cork.

Aisling Thompson pointed for Cork as they regained control.

Cork's Charlotte Kearney grabbing her second goal before Kirsten Farrell set up Siobhán Keogh for a Dublin goal.

Tina Roche and Aisling Thompson hit back with two Cork points and the Rebels were on their way to their first division 1 B league final long before Kirsten Farrell's final point for the Dubs.

Cork, with their programme now completed, finish up as joint leaders with Limerick, who complete their programme next weekend with a game against Kilkenny.

The result of this game of little consequence as Limerick and Cork are through to the final which takes place on May 6th.

Cork selector Sile Golden was delighted with her side's display and when the result of the Galway v Wexford game came through it meant that a possible three way play-off had been avoided.

"It's great that we are now through to the final without having a play-off.

"We played well today and got the right result. From the throw-in the girls were focused and knew what needed to be done.

"It's great to be in our first senior division 1B final and we are looking forward to it. "

CORK: G Harrington, AM Fleming, N Mulcahy, D Hayes, C Deasy, L Hawkes, R Curtin, L Dorgan, A Thompson (0-3), M Corkery, M Watson, R Myers (1-0), C Kearney, T Roche (1-1) S Burns (0-1).

Subs: M Jaego for R Myers, M Brown for A Thompson, D Twomey for M Corkery, S Cunningham for L Dorgan, E Power for L Hawkes.

DUBLIN: S Carthy, J Ward, S O' Toole, J Reynolds, R Hayden, S Young, Z Cole, T Egan, C Cooney, L Hyland, E Brogan, (0-1), P Malcolmson, K Farrell, J Horey, S Keogh (1-0).

Subs: C Gilligan for J Ward, A Cheney for L Hyland, A McIntyre for G Reynolds, A Cox for S Young.

Referee: M Conroy (Waterford).

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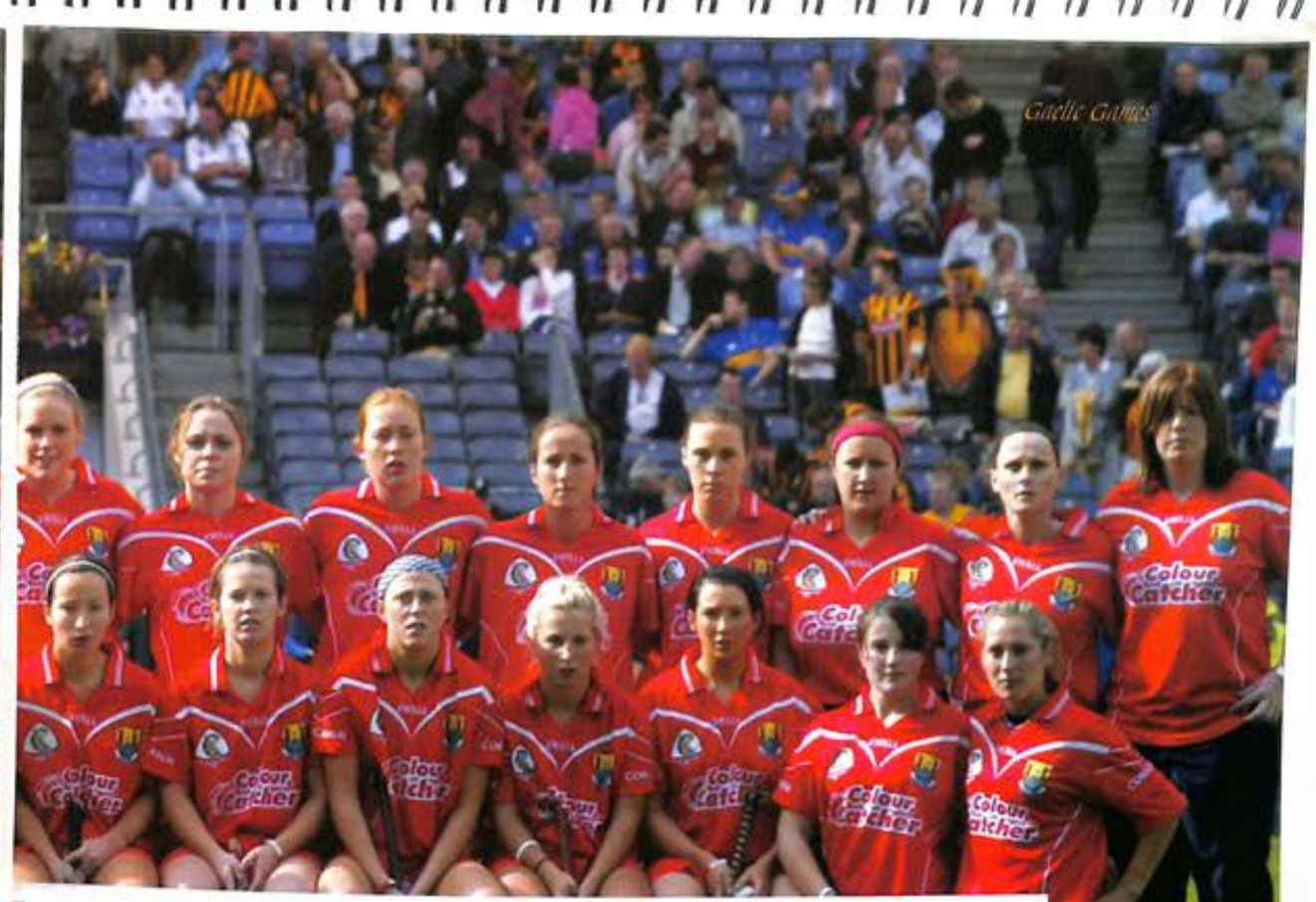
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ALL IRELAND TREBLE BECKONS

by P.J Ahern

The countdown to greatness and immortality has begun for the camogie players of Cork.

After spending the early part of the decade in the daunting shadow of their great Tipperary foes, the Premier County won five All-Ireland titles in six years, which included a hat-trick of titles.

The rebelletes finally broke a run of heartbreak to annex successive All-Ireland's in 2005 and 2006. In doing so, they retained the championship for the first time since 1998.

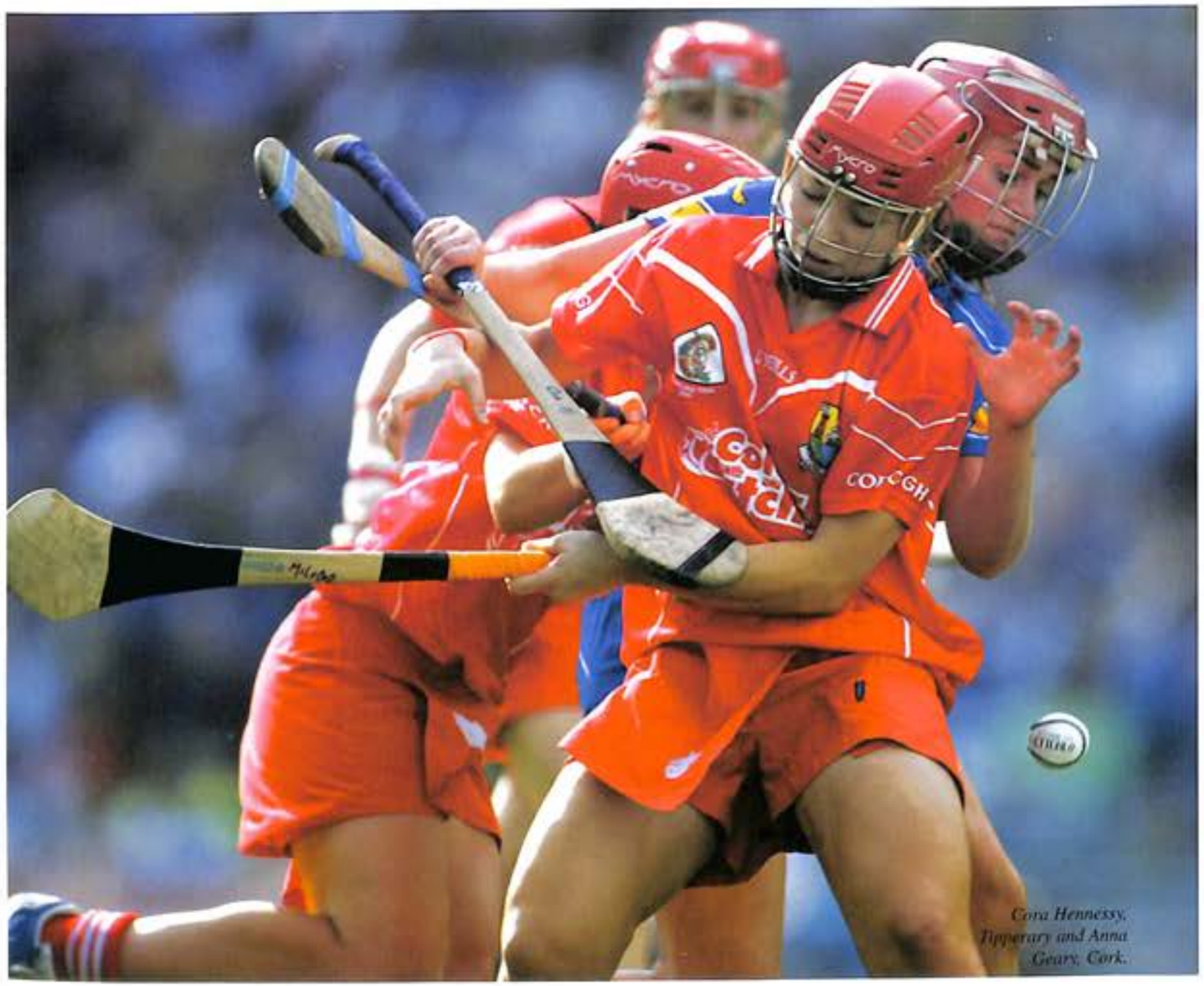
Now they stand on the threshold of a three-in-a-row and they would sit high on the pedestal next to their 1970s counterparts who went one better to win four-in-a-row (1970, 1971, 1972 and 1973).

The road is full of obstacles and distractions and their start to the campaign has been less than perfect as they have only taken one victory from their opening three league fixtures.

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A TITLE WIN IN A SPECIAL YEAR FOR CAMOGIE

By Terry McGrath



Cora Hennessy, Tipperary and Anna Geary, Cork.

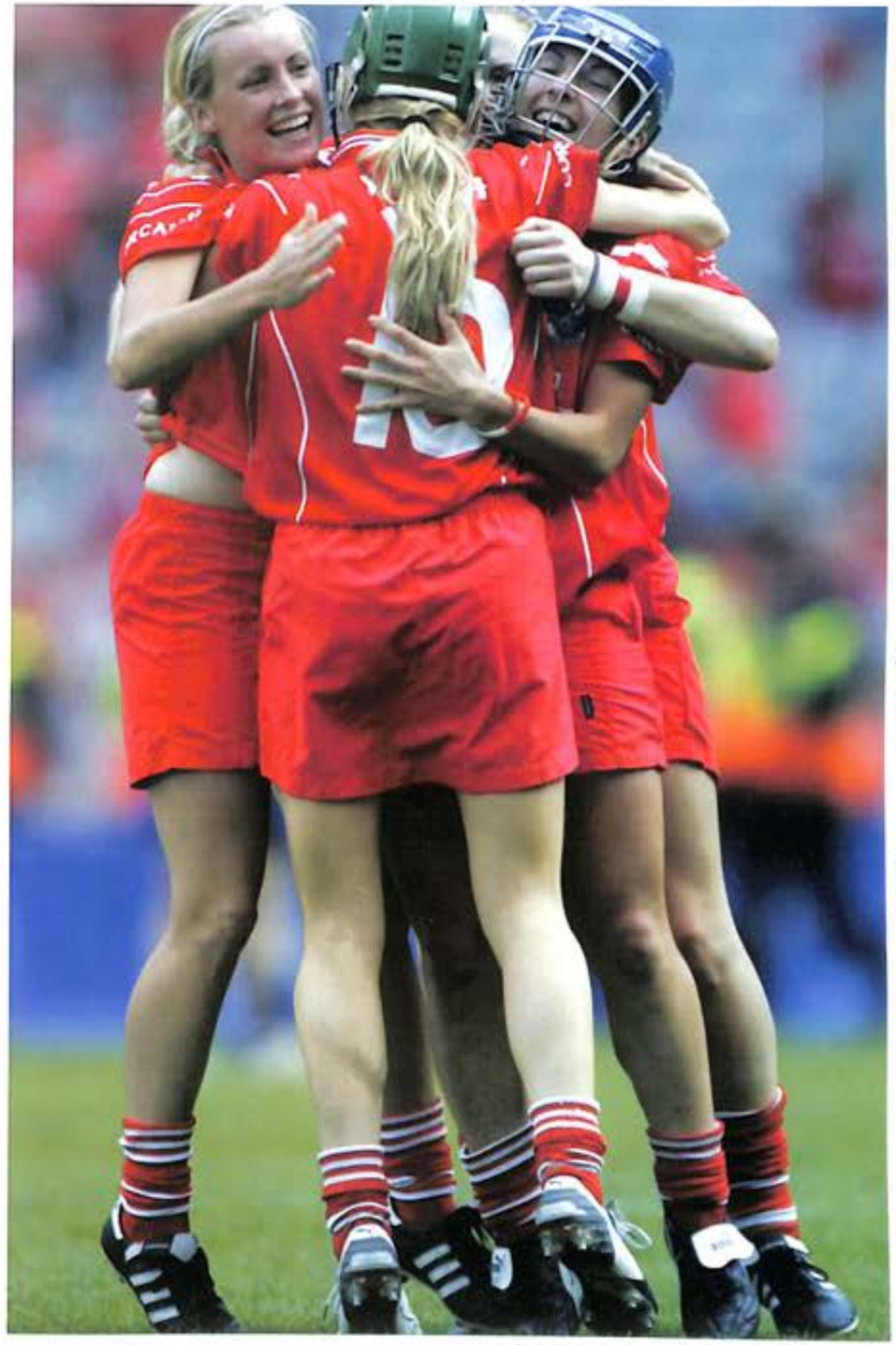
Cork's successful defence of the All-Ireland senior camogie title was just a little special. Special in view of the fact that their win marked the 75th year of the All-Ireland camogie championship.

They were beaten by Wexford on the opening day, they drew with Tipperary and finally broke their duck against Galway at the end of March.

They have been struggling to produce the form which saw them win the national league, Munster Championship and All-Ireland Championship in 2006.

Cork wing-back Anna Geary is unfazed by her team-mates, form and feels winning the league would be little more than a mere consolation if they were to relinquish their crown.

"This year has become all about the three-in-a-row. Its impossible not to dismiss it. Of course we're trying to win every match that we play but the management are using the league to experiment, such as blooding new players and try seasoned players in new positions". She continued, *"Its all about fine tuning for the championship. Its about maintaining the hunger and enthusiasm and letting players know that no one is guaranteed their place. If we won the league but lost the championship no one would be satisfied."*



Cork Players celebrate at the final whistle

PLAYER OF MATCH

Geary was awarded the player-of-the-match accolade in the last All-

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Ireland final and she also has two All-Stars sitting comfortably on the mantelpiece. She learned her art with the Milford club which is located on the border of Limerick. She is also a student in University of Limerick where she is in her second year studying Business Studies.

Despite being only 19-years-old, she has an impressive roll of achievements which includes ten All-Ireland Colleges, junior and senior, one minor All-Ireland and one provincial championship medal and now she's chasing her third All-Ireland senior medal.

Though 2007 is still in its infancy, it is set to be a massive year for the profile of the game of camogie as the championship has had a repetitive look to it as Cork and Tipp have contested the last five All-Ireland finals.

Generally these two sides produce great games of camogie, they are tight and packed full of action and tension and perhaps the neutrals are becoming fed up, predominantly as two of the previous three finals have failed to live up to expectation.

Last year's final in particular was a poor contest as Cork won with great style and painful ease. The sport is crying out for new blood to shatter the mould.

Tipperary's influence appears to be waning and their era of dominance may be set for a period in hibernation.

Geary, however, refuses to dismiss the challenge of any county and feels there will be plenty of surprises in the coming year before the destination of the O'Duffy Cup is finalised. *"You can't count out Tipperary as an old dog never dies. Wexford surprised us in the opening game of the league, they came out of the traps and hit us hard. They have the hurling done and they will be hoping they don't peak too soon. Kilkenny also will be a force to be reckoned with, they have won a number of underage titles in recent years including an U16 and U18 in the same year. Galway will also have their eye on the crown. It is a very open championship this year".*

HARD TO WIN.

Of course Geary isn't discounting Cork from the chasing pack and as All-Ireland champions, they will be as determined as ever to hold on to their crown. As European Boxing Champion, Bernard Dunne said, *"Its hard to win a title, its even harder to retain it".*

Anna Geary shares a similar opinion, *"It is the hunger that drives you on and it can be the winning and losing of a team. We will be chasing hard to win another All-Ireland title. At the end of the day that's what it is, just another All-Ireland final if we are fortunate to get there. If you look at it as a three-in-a-row bid then it would be easy to lose focus. We can just prepare earnestly and let history to look after itself".*

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While they have taken a few early knocks, it won't affect their confidence. They possess players like Anna Geary, Rena Buckley and Briege Corkery who are all still young but neither is afraid to put their bodies in front of a hurley in pursuit of glory. They and their team mates don,t even contemplate

defeat, they look to prevail.

They know how to win All-Irelands and with John Cronin, Fiona O'Driscoll and Lillian Zinkant at the helm this year there is no room allowed for arrogance.

CHASING TREBLE.

The history books will indeed be rewritten once again as seven of Cork's panel are chasing a treble treble as Mary O'Connor, Rena Buckley, Angela Walsh, Briege Corkery, Regina Curtain, Elaine O'Riordain and Catriona Foley have also won the All-Ireland ladies football title in 2005 and 2006 beating Galway and Armagh respectively.

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In doing so, they became the first players to win a camogie and ladies football double and they also equalled and bettered the achievement of Teddy McCarthy, who won both a hurling and football medal with Cork in 1990.

defence forces, she is well used to performing under pressure this year. Other experienced campaigners include goalkeeper Aoife Murray, Una O'Donoghue, Rachel Maloney and Emer Dillon are back to complete a historic achievement.


All Ireland Senior Camogie Final. Cork v Tipperary

Last December the magnificent seven were awarded medals by the Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr Michael Ahern to honour their achievements. They will be eager to add another brilliant double to their collection as Cork's ladies footballers begin their championship as red hot favourites to retain their crown as they have not been beaten in a competitive fixture in over two years.

Meanwhile, the old brigade are back for Cork as the captaincy is entrusted into the experienced hands Gemma O'Connor and as a member of the

Focus, desire and preparation are the key words for this set of players for the coming year.

With the two previous All-Ireland titles consigned to the past, Cork are firmly back at square one taking it one game at a time especially as they haven't won anything or qualified for any final yet.

Cork will be keen to get the basics right first and ensure qualification before they can allow their dreams filter into reality.

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Gemma O'Connor, Cork

WELL AHEAD OF THE REST IN THE ALL STARS

The camogie All Stars annual selection now ranks as one of the major highpoints of the annual season.

The awards give splendid recognition to the performances of players during the year and also provide an added dimension to the annual honours list.

The presentation banquet a few weeks before Christmas is now one of the social highlights of the year and provides a wonderful opportunity for players, officials and enthusiasts to get together in friendly company, discuss the events of the year and, more often than not, make new and valued friends

Invariably, each team creates plenty of discussion as to who should or should not be in the side.

Many contend that, as is the case in the All Stars hurling and football teams, too strong an emphasis is placed on performance in the All-Ireland final when selecting each team, and not enough on earlier matches.

There is some merit in this viewpoint. It often happens in all codes that some headline-making individual performances capture the attention of followers nation-wide early in the year and provide many exciting talking points.

HEADLINE-MAKERS

Yet, the headline-makers of May, June or early June, more often than not fail to find favour come the early winter and All Stars selection time.

Similarly, a case—and a good one too—has been made from time to time that the emphasis should always be on consistency throughout the entire season rather than on a few games in the concluding rounds on the Blue Riband championship.

In short, there is a case of selecting a team early in the year, and another midway through the season. That would certainly prove a useful barometer as far as keeping the issue of consistency sharply in focus.

The other side of the coin, of course, is that the two teams that contest the All-Ireland senior final in any code are the top sides of the season. After all, the O'Duffy Cup game in camogie is the highlight of the season—the match that all counties set out with high hopes to advance to—and then win.

In the circumstances, then, it is hardly surprising that such a strong emphasis on performances in the final when selectors get down to choosing any All Stars team.

And, moreover, that the winners of the All-Ireland title will command chief interest as the top side of that particular year in the sport.



Emer Dillon and Una O'Donoghue of Cork

SOLID FRAMEWORK

So, it is really hard to argue against looking to the All-Ireland champions in any year to provide a solid framework for the All Stars selection.

It could not have come as any real surprise, then, to any follower of camogie that Cork led the way in the latest All Stars selection with six award winners.

After all, the Rebel County retained the All-Ireland title in impressive manner.

Not only that many of their players provided some of the most exciting individual performances of the season.

Cork's defence put up a solid barrier in game after game during the season. Few, then, could quibble with the county providing three of the rearguard—Rena Buckley, Mary O'Connor, and Anna Geary. Gemma O'Connor also had strong credentials for her inclusion at midfield, and the same can be said for top-scoring Jennifer O'Connor and Breige Corkery.

Tipperary, runners-up for the All-Ireland final, had four representatives to again underline just how much weight the decider plays in shaping the team.

Whatever about that, there is little doubt that the All Stars selection enlivens the scene at a time of the year when there is not a great deal of action on the playing fields.

And, in the long-term that is really beneficial nation-wide for the great game of camogie.

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The Camogie Championship was launched in 1904, but the All-Ireland senior championship did not get under way until the early 'Thirties. The first final was for the 1932 title and was decided at the Galway Sportsfield on July 30, 1933. Dublin beat the home county by 3-2 to 0-2.

Cork had not long to wait for their first joy day. They qualified for the third final in 1934, and, captained by K. Delea, beat Louth by 4-3 to 1-4.

Last year's win over Tipperary brought their record to 22. They are now four titles behind the long-time leaders, Dublin, who won the last of their 26 crowns as far back as 1984.

Cork started last year's successful title defence with a 1-10 to 1-5 win over Wexford and then beat Galway by 0-10 to 0 1-7.

Next time out they lost to Tipperary by 3-8 to 1-10. That defeat, however, did not end their grip on the All-Ireland championship as the test was played on a round-robin basis.

Cork were one of the four teams who went forward from the group series to the semi-finals and they resumed winning form with a 1-7 to 0-6 a win over Galway.

In the All-Ireland final the Leesiders gave a high-powered display when seeing off Tipperary in impressive style by 0-12 to 0-4.

The score was 0-6 to 0-3 at the interval. It says much for the quality of the Cork play in the second half that they conceded just a single point.

TOP SCORER

Jennifer O'Leary, of Barryroe, was top scorer for both teams with four points, one from a free. She won her third All-Ireland senior medal.

O'Leary also won All-Ireland medals at minor and intermediate.

Aoife Murray (Cloughduv) was a very alert goalkeeper, while team captain Joanne O'Callaghan (Cloughduv) at right full back, and Rena Buckley (Inniscara) at right half back, and Emer Dillon (Ballygarvan) in attack were other bright aces in the Leeside pack.

Jennifer O'Leary finished the county's top scorer for the entire championship with an impressive 0-22.



Aoife Murray of Cork

Only two of the seventeen players who appeared in the final were without All-Ireland senior medals—full back Caitriona Foley (Rockban), and Oral Cotter (St. Catherine's), who went in as a substitute.

Each, however, had an All-Ireland minor medal starting the senior summit.

Centre half back Mary O'Connor (Killeagh) captured her fifth All-Ireland senior medal, to strengthen her position as the player with the largest number of senior souvenirs in the squad.

Cloughduv had the largest club representation the final squad at five.

The trophy awarded to the winners of the All-Ireland senior camogie championship is the O'Duffy Cup. The trophy was presented by Sean O'Duffy, who gave a lifetime in the promotion of the national women's game from 1906 until his death in 1981.

CORK'S ALL-IRELAND SENIOR ROLL OF HONOUR

22: 1934, 1935, 1936, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1970,1971, 1972,1973, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2005, 2006.

OTHER GRADES

The Cork success story in camogie is by no means confined to the senior grade. The county has won All-Ireland titles at junior, minor and intermediate, and also captured the inaugural All-Ireland senior "B" championship last year.



Inniscarra representatives on the Cork U14 team; Rosie O'Mahony, Claire Sheehan, Áine Ni Riain, Áine O'Connor, Emma Kingston, Joanne Casey and Laura McCarthy at the Inniscarra Camogie Club victory dinner in the Ramada Hotel.



Wexford lost out in rather controversial circumstances to neighbours Kilkenny in the quarter-finals of the Leinster junior camogie championship at O'Kennedy Park, New Ross on Saturday evening last. Back row (l-r): Avis Nolan, Ciara Storey, Siona Nolan, Sara Nolan, Mary Walsh, Sharon Kehoe, Gretta Heffernan, Stacey Redmond, Rose-Marie Breen, Lucy Cloney, Helena Jacob. Front row (l-r): Frances Doran, Shelly Kehoe, Ursula Jacob, Stacey Kehoe, Aisling Moran, Siobhan Cullen, Emma Moran, Niamh O'Connor (capt.). Pic: PJ Browne.

Cats in trouble after juniors overcome Slaneysiders

KILKENNY PROVED too good for Wexford in this Leinster junior camogie championship quarter-final at O'Kennedy Park, New Ross last Saturday evening.

But the Cats' victory could yet be overturned. Kilkenny used five players on the night who had lined-out against Dublin recently in the semi-final of the Leinster senior championship, namely Jackie Frisby, Lizzie Lyng, Niamh Butler, Katie Power and Michelle Quilty. However, it is understood that anyone who plays in senior competition is not eligible to play at the lower grade, and Wexford officials are seeking clarification from the Leinster Council on this matter, with the real possibility that Kilkenny could face severe punishment.

On the night itself, Kilkenny raced into a three point lead early on, as Katie Power, Emily Darmody and Lizzie Lyng all pointed within the first four minutes.

Wexford responded to this early bout of black-and-amber pressure with a well worked goal. Siona Nolan fed a good delivery into Mary Walsh, and she wasted little time in turning and rasping home a great goal.

KILKENNY	2-13
WEXFORD	1-9

by: NOEL HOLOHAN

Mary Walsh and Siona Nolan were again in the limelight for the next two Wexford scores, as both players raised white-flags. Kilkenny were level within five minutes though, as Catherine Hearty and Katie Power were on the mark. Full-forward Power looked very dangerous, and she soloed through the Wexford defence to blast home a fine goal for Kilkenny shortly afterwards.

The Wexford combination of Mary Walsh and Siona Nolan again responded with points. But Kilkenny found another goal before the interval. Katie Power won possession inside and turned to set up Catherine Doherty to blast home the visitors' second major of the evening and send them back in-front. Shelly Kehoe pegged back a point for Wexford in the closing minutes of the late though, to help cut Kilkenny's lead at half-time to 2-5 to 1-5.



Wexford's Shelly Kehoe is closely pursued by Roisin Fennelly of Kilkenny during last Saturday evening's Leinster junior camogie championship derby at New Ross. Pic: PJ Browne.



Wexford full-forward Mary Walsh wrong-foots Kilkenny's Grainne Brennan at New Ross during last Saturday's championship clash. Pic: PJ Browne.

Wexford fought hard on the resumption and landed early points through Gretta Heffernan and Shelly Kehoe.

Catherine Doherty and Wexford's Siona Nolan exchanged points to keep the gap between the sides to the minimum. Jackie Frisby extended it to two points once again, before substitute Ursula Jacob pointed on her return from injury to boost Wexford's challenge.

That was to be Wexford's last score of the game though, as Kilkenny grew ever more dominant and rattled off a number of points.

Katie Power hit two fine points, and Edel Maher did likewise, while Lorena Murphy and Jackie Frisby also added scores before the end, to ease Kilkenny to victory.

However, this game may yet have to be replayed, or Wexford even awarded the win, depending on the findings of Leinster Council's investigation.

Wexford played well at stages, but were guilty of some poor defending at times, as Kilkenny's forwards found space far too easily. On the plus-side, it was great to see Ursula Jacob back on the playing fields again for the second week on the bounce after her long lay-off through injury. Rose-Marie Breen was back in action too after recently celebrating her marriage.

Next Sunday the senior 'A' and 'B' squads travel to Ballinasloe to face Galway in the league. The 'A' side is already guaranteed a spot in the Senior Camogie League Division 1A final. The 'B' side, meanwhile, need to beat Galway and hope that other results fall in their favour if they are to reach the Division 1B decider.

Kilkenny - *Siobhan Murphy, Sarah Shore, Grainne Brennan, Keeva Fennelly, Niamh Butler, Therese Muldowney, Roisin Fennelly, Lizzie Lyng (0-1), Fiona Phelan, Catherine Doherty (1-3), Edel Maher (0-2), Lorena Murphy (0-1), Michelle Quilty, Katie Power (1-3), Emily Darmody (0-1).*

Subs: *Jackie Frisby (0-2) for Emily Darmody; Brid Aylward for Sarah Shore.*

Wexford - *Helena Jacob, Sara Nolan, Niamh O'Connor (capt.), Siobhan Cullen, Stacey Redmond, Sharon Kehoe, Frances Doran, Ciara Storey, Siona Nolan (0-3, 2 frees), Aisling Moran, Avis Nolan, Shelly Kehoe (0-2), Gretta Heffernan (0-1), Mary Walsh (1-2), Stacey Kehoe.*

Subs: *Ursula Jacob (0-1) for Sharon Kehoe; Rose Marie Breen for Aisling Moran*

Catherine O'Hara takes over in Ulster

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Ulster Council will have its first Antrim chairperson in 40 years with the election of Catherine O'Hara on Friday evening.

Catherine replaces long-serving Belle O'Loughlin who has had to resign for health reasons. The last chairperson from Antrim was Rosina McManus who went on to become Association President in the early seventies.

Tipp Defeat Kilkenny

Tipperary .....0.13 Kilkenny 1.8

Tipperary were rarely troubled in this Div 1B clash in Toomevara on Sunday last. Both sides are outside qualifying for the latter stages of the league; nevertheless this was a good test with championship four weeks away.

Kilkenny opened the scoring with a point from Catherine Doherty, Tipperary's reply was rapid with two pointed frees from Siobhan Ryan. Laura Kavanagh was on hand with Kilkenny's leveller.

Tipperary now stretched their lead with Julie McGrath (1) and Ciara Johnson (2) adding points leaving Tipp three points in front.Kilkenny's Emily Darmody and Tipps Siobhan Ryan (free) exchanged points with Ciara Johnson adding another point to her tally. Kilkenny fought their way back into the game with a goal from Edel Maher. But again it was Tipp who finisher the stronger with points from Siobhan Ryan (free) and Ciara Johnson to finish the scoring in the first half leaving Tipp 0.9 to Kilkenny 1.4.

In a low scoring second half Ciara Johnson was again on target with a point. Kilkennys Emily Darmody was on hand to point a free. A good passage of interplay between Siobhan Ryan and Alice Dean saw the latter score Tipps next point. Elaine Haughs dashing run through Kilkenny's defence notched up another point for Tipp leaving them four points to the good. Kilkenny narrowed the gap with well taken points from Emily Dermody and Catherine Doherty.

However Tipp asserted their control again with a point from Elaine Haugh. Kilkennys free taker Emily Dermody was again on target with a point which proved to be the last score of the day with Tipperary holding out for a two point win.

This panel now faces into preparation for the championship which begins on May 12th away to Galway.

Tipperary: S. Maher, P Ralph, N O Dwyer, C Kirwan, N O Connell, J Delaney, F Young, B Byrne, E Haugh (0.2), C Johnson (0.3), J McGrath (0.1), N Flanagan, S Ryan (0.6 F), A Dean (0.1), Denise Ryan, K Doheny, D Quigley, C Ryan, S O Donnell, M Kirwan, S O Doherty, J O Connor. Kilkenny (Scorers) Emily Doherty (0.4), Edel Maher (1.1), Catherine Doherty (0.2) Laura Kavanagh (0.1)

Div 1A National League:-

Tipperary Claim Playoff Place

Tipperary ..... 2.18 Kilkenny .. 1.6

Although the score line may not suggest it Tipperary found it difficult to shake of a dogged Kilkenny side in their National League encounter on Sunday last.

Kilkenny opened the better of the two teams with points from Imelda Kennedy and Deirdre Delaney. Claire Grogan was on target from a placed ball to open Tipps account and added another point minutes later after good passing between Noelle Kennedy and Eimear McDonnell. The same two players combined again to set up Jill Horan for a goal chance which she duly converted. Claire Grogan added another pointed free to which Kilkenny's reply was a goal somewhat against the run of play from Michelle Quilty.

Both sides' free takers exchanged points. Tipperary pressure resulted in Kilkenny conceding a penalty which PhillyFogarty stepped up to strike her shot was saved and cleared off the line.

Tipperary,s forwards now finisher the stronger in injury time with Joanne Ryan, Noelle Kennedy and Eimear McDonnell adding points leaving the halftime score Tipp 1.7 Kilkenny 1.3.

The second half saw the free takers for both sides again exchange points. The fifth minute saw Claire Grogan slot over another point and minutes later the same player brought a good save from the Kilkenny goalie, to which Eimear McDonnell reacted quickest slotting home

Tipps second goal. Jill Horan and Joanne Ryan followed with points in the tenth and twelfth minutes. Imelda Kennedy pointed a free for Kilkenny in reply which would prove to be their last score until the thirtieth minute. Jenny O Halloran was introduced for her sibling Trisha while Geraldine Kinnane replaced Eimear McDonnell.

Tipperary now asserted their scoring prowess with points from Noelle Kennedy, Joanne Ryan, Philly Fogarty, and Claire Grogan. Tipperary now introduced Paula Bulfin for Sinead Nealon, Siobhan McCarthy for Michelle Shortt and Deirdre McDonnell for Suzanne Kelly as Tipps forward continued to add on points from Jill Horan and Emily Hayden. Kilkennys late point came from substitute Edel Maher. Tipperary finished comfortable winners and this puts them in a playoff situation next weekend against Cork. This game will also double as the Munster Senior Final which will surely add extra spice to the encounter. The game will go ahead next Saturday at a Tipperary venue.

Team: P Ryan, S Kelly, M Luttrell, J Kirwan, M Shortt, U O Dwyer, S Nealon, T O Halloran, P Fogarty (0.1), J Ryan (0.3), E Hayden (0.1), C Grogan (0.7), J Horan (1.2), N Kennedy (0.3), E McDonnell (1.1).

Subs J O Halloran for T O Halloran, Geraldine Kinnane for Eimear McDonnell, P Bulfin for Sinead Nealon, Siobhan McCarthy for Michelle Shortt, Deirdre McDonnell for Suzanne Kelly.

Under 16A Championship:-

Tipperary ..... 2.6 Clare 4.3

A brace of goals from substitute Louise Woods saw Clare snatch victory well into injury time in the opening round of the All Ireland U16 championship in the Ragg on Sunday last.

The sides were level pegging at halftime on a score of Tipp 0.4 Clare 1.1 with Tipps points coming from Cait Devane, Aine Brislane (2) and Catriona Shortt. Clare edged into the lead throughout the second half.

To their credit Tipperary continued to battle gamely and the introduction of Aisling Butler saw her snatch 1.1. Tipperary led by a goal with four minutes remaining but Clare who were recently crowned Munster champions fought their way back up the field where Louise Woods was on hand to slot home a goal. Play now continued well into overtime and it was Clare who finished the game stronger with Louise Woods again coming up trumps for the visitors striking the winning goal.

Tipperary can consider themselves very unlucky not to at least have gotten a draw from the hour's camogie. They now prepare for the next round of the championship which sees them pitted against Galway on May 5th.

Team: E Mulqueen, C O Meara, S Dunne, N Kelly, L Green, A Murphy, L Power, A M Quigley, C Devane(0.1), C O Dwyer, C Kenny, E Spillane, S Kirwan, A Brislane(0.3), C Shortt (1.2), Subs A Butler (1.1) for S Kirwan.

Tipp Play Cork in Senior Munster Final

Next weekend will see the meeting of Tipperary and Cork in the National League Playoff, the winners will progress to meet Wexford in the League Final on May 6th. Also at stake will be the Munster Senior Camogie crown which provides a unique situation for both teams and will certainly add to the competitive edge of the game. Both teams met earlier in the league with Tipp snatching a last minute draw but with so much to play for in this game it is likely both sides will start at full strength and aiming for a win. The game takes place next Saturday evening at a Tipperary venue which will be confirmed during the week.

CAMOGIE

Cork Colleges JAF: St. Mary's, Charleville 7-7, Christ the King 2-12. JBF: Coachford College 5-6, Carrignabhlear 1-2. JCF: St. Mary's Mallow 8-7, Carrigtwohill 3-3.
Katie Crowley Cup: St. Peter's, Passage 4-5, St. Patrick's 2-6.
First Year League: Coachford 6-2 Carrigaline 2-0; Lismore 9-5 Carrigaline 9-5; Youghal 9-5 Carrigaline 6-0; Colaiste Colm 2-1, Coachford 2-2; Fermoy 7-9, Carrigaline 1-0.
Fixtures: U-16's 'A' Final Colaiste Daibhaid v Mount Mercy, at Blackrock, 2pm
Friday: First year blitz in Charleville at 11am

WINNING START FOR CORK UNDER 16'S

A GOOD start for the Cork under 16 team as they opened their campaign in the round robin series of the All Ireland camogie championship with a victory over Galway An early point from Denise Luby replied to Deirdre Wards pointed Galway free after just thirty seconds but Tara Rutledge gave the home side the lead when she grabbed a goal.

Joanne Casey and Catriona Collins pointing as Cork kept in touch as Deirdre Ward converting a Galway free. Sinead O'Neill struck for two goals inside two minutes Julia White and Denise Luby link up before Luby feed O'Neill to dispatch to the Galway net, the second a super effort from O'Neill as the Galway wondered what hit them.

Deirdre Ward pointed a Galway free before Katriona Mackey and Finola Keely exchanged goals as Cork led 3-3 to 2-3 at the break. Denise Luby blasted to the net inside seconds of the restart after good work from Julia White and with Luby converting two free Cork opened up an eight point lead.

With their defence on top Cork held the upper hand and it was fifteen minutes before Ann Marie Starr had Galway first score of the second half, Catriona Collins replied three minutes later but from here on Galway improved and four points without reply from Deirdre Ward (3) and Tara Rutledge (1) had Galway within five points. Cork rallied as the home side applied the pressure Denise Luby converted free before Sinead O'Neill with her third goal ensured a Cork victory as they look forward to round two and a meeting with Limerick on May 5.

DIVISION 1B SIDE MAKE IT TO FINAL

A SUPERB victory over Dublin ensured the division 1 B side of their place in the National League final.

Cork led at the interval 3-4 to 0-2 the goals from Tina Roche, Rachel Myers and Charlotte Kearney as the Dublin defence were kept under pressure Points from Aisling Thompson (2) Sile Burns and Charlotte Kearney helped extend the lead and Dublin were 1-2 to no score in arrears before Emer Brogan and Clodagh Cooney were on target with points but for the remainder of the half they failed to gain any headway against a Cork defence that were strong and committed. Dublin did have two early goal chances but failed to capitalise and it was Cork who settled quicker.

Dublin rallied for the second half and showing plenty of commitment began to come into the game early points from Jolene Horey and Paula Malcomsome edging them closer. Aisling Thompson pointed for Cork as they regained control and now upping the pace Charlotte Kearney had grabbing her second goal before Kirsten Farrell set up Siobhán Keogh for a Dublin goal. Tina Roche and Aisling Thompson hit back with two Cork points and the rebels were on their way to their first division 1B league final long before Kirsten Farrell's final point for the Dubs.

Cork with their programme now complete finish up as joint leaders with Limerick who complete their programme next weekend with a game against Kilkenny the result of this game of little consequence as Limerick and Cork are through to the final which takes place on May 6.

Senior team in play off

THE Division 1A team recorded a good win over Dublin in a hard fought contest where they recorded a 0-14 to 1-8 victory. Tipperary defeated Kilkenny and as a result both Cork and Tipperary finished up on level points and will play off on Saturday next for a place in the league final.

Cork have introduced new faces through this league campaign and they are looking ahead to their meeting with meet Wexford in the first round of the All Ireland round robin series on May 12th . With Wexford through to the league final which is to takes place a week previous on May 5th one wonders just how Saturday's game will turn out.

The counties have agreed to double up and play Saturday game for the Munster title also.

Camogiechat

With Mary Newman

Minors lose out

A GOAL from long range free six minutes from full time was the decisive score as Limerick advance to the Munster minor championship final a the expense of in a low scoring contest in Buttevant on Friday night.

It was twenty minutes into the game before we had the first score Naoimh Carroll pointing to edge Limerick ahead. Deirdre Twomey opened Corks account with a goal which helped them settle Sinead O'Callaghan pointing a free before Niamh Dilworth struck a long range effort over the bar as Cork led 1-2 to 0-1 at the break.

Aided by the brisk wind for the second half Limerick took the game to Cork and driven on by the superb Niamh Mulcahy and Fionnuala Dore they were level inside five minutes, two Niamh Mulcahy points and one apiece from half time substitute Katie Campbell and Siobhan Enright as they ran Cork ragged.

Battling to stay in contention with the stronger Limerick side Cork edged ahead with an Aisling Thompson point on the tenth minute but this was to be their last score as the Limerick defence closed them down time out of number. To their credit the Cork defence also had to absorb a lot of pressure as Limerick worked to again find an equaliser.

With six minutes remaining and Cork just about hanging on the game turned in Limerick's favour Niamh Mulcahy floating a long range free from almost the half way line over the Cork defences heads to the roof of the net, Naomi Carroll stretched the lead to three points as Limerick continued to press.

Now it was Cork who needed the equaliser but credit the Limerick defence who absorbed three minutes of severe pressure before referee Eamonn Browns whistle signalled full time.

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Kilkenny limp out of league

DIV 1A NATIONAL LEAGUE

Tipperary 2.18
Kilkenny 1.6



Tipperary's Noelle Kennedy staves off an attack from Kilkenny's Julieanne Woodcock

ALTHOUGH the score line may not suggest it Tipperary found it difficult to shake of a dogged Kilkenny side in their National League encounter on Sunday last.

Kilkenny opened the better of the two teams with points from Imelda Kennedy and Deirdre Delaney. Claire Grogan was on target from a placed ball to open Tipperary's account and added another point minutes later.

Jill Horan banged in a goal chance and Claire Grogan added another pointed free.

Kilkenny's reply was a goal somewhat against the run of play from Michelle Quilty.

Tipperary's forwards now finished the stronger in injury time with Joanne Ryan, Noelle Kennedy and Eimear McDonnell adding points leaving the halftime score Tipp 1.7 Kilkenny 1.3.

The second half saw the free takers for both sides again exchange points. Claire Grogan brought a good save from the Kilkenny goalie, to which Eimear McDonnell reacted quickest slotting home Tipperary's second goal to put them 2 – 8 to 1 – 4 ahead to kill off the game as a contest. Tipperary finished comfortable winners and this puts them in a league play - off next weekend against Cork, next Saturday at a Tipperary venue. **Scorers: Tipperary:** C.Grogan (0.7), J Horan (1.2), N Kennedy (0.3), E McDonnell (1.1). J Ryan (0.3), E Hayden (0.1) P.FOgarty 0 - 1 **Kilkenny:** I.Kennedy 1 – 4, 4f, D.Delaney 0 -1, E.Maher 0 – 1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE DIV 1B

Tipperary 0.13
Kilkenny 1.8

TIPPERARY were rarely troubled in this Div 1B clash in Toomevara on Sunday last.

Kilkenny opened the scoring with a point from Catherine Doherty, Tipperary's reply was rapid with two pointed frees from Siobhan Ryan.

Laura Kavanagh was on hand with Kilkenny's leveller. Tipperary now stretched their lead with Julie McGrath (1) and Ciara Johnson (2) adding points leaving Tipperary three points in front.

Kilkenny's Emily Darmody and Tipp's Siobhan Ryan (free) exchanged points with Ciara Johnson adding another point to her tally.

Kilkenny fought their way back into the game with a goal from Edel Maher

Kilkenny fought their way back into the game with a goal from Edel Maher. But again it was Tipperary who finished the stronger with points from Siobhan Ryan (free) and Ciara Johnson to finish the scoring in the first half leaving Tipp 0.9 to Kilkenny 1.4. In a low scoring second half Ciara Johnson was again on target with a point. Kilkenny,s Emily Darmody was on hand to point a free. A good passage of interplay between Siobhan Ryan and Alice Dean saw the latter score Tipps next point.

Elaine Haugh's dashing run through Kilkenny's defence notched up another point for Tipp leaving them four points to the good.

Kilkenny plugged away and narrowed the gap with well taken points from Emily Dermody and Catherine Doherty. However, Tipp asserted their control again with a point from Elaine Haugh.

Kilkenny's free taker Emily Dermody was again on target with a point which proved to be the last score of the day with Tipperary holding out for a two point win.

Tipperary: E Haugh (0.2), C Johnson (0.3), J McGrath (0.1), S Ryan (0.6 F), A Dean (0.1). **Kilkenny:** Emily Doherty (0.4), Edel Maher (1.1), Catherine Doherty (0.2) Laura Kavanagh (0.1)

Wonder goal sends Cork crashing out

Limerick 1-6
Cork 1-3

A GOAL from a long range free six minutes from full time booked a final place for Limerick in the Munster minor championship as they defeated Cork in a low scoring contest in Buttevant on Friday night.

Shooting 12 for the hour, Cork were left to rue their erratic shooting.

It was 20 minutes into the game before we had the first score and this is a tribute to two magnificent defences who held the upper hand for the hour at either end of the field.

Naoimh Carroll pointing to edge Limerick ahead but Cork finally got on the score board from the puckout as Deirdre Twomey slotted home a goal after good work from substitute Sinead O'Callaghan. The goal gave the Cork girls a much needed boost and, settling into their stride, they came at the Limerick defence with O Callaghan pointing a free before Niamh Dilworth struck a long range effort over the bar as Cork led 1-2 to 0-1 at the break.

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Julia White and Aileen O' Donovan at the Seadnun victory celebrations held in Glen Rovers complex.

Battling to stay in contention with the stronger Limerick side, Cork edged ahead with an Aisling Thompson point in the 10th minute, but this was to be their last score as the Limerick defence closed them down time out of number.

To their credit, the Cork defence also had to absorb a lot of pressure as Limerick worked to again find an equaliser.

With six minutes remaining and Cork just about hanging on, the game turned in Limerick's favour. Niamh Mulcahy floated a long range free from almost the half way line over the Cork defence to the roof of the net.

Naomi Carroll stretched the lead to three points as Limerick continued to press. Now it was Cork who needed the equaliser but credit the Limerick defence who absorbed three minutes of severe pressure before referee Eamonn Browns signalled full time.

Cork: D Leahy, S Gleeson, A Moynihan, M Foley, L Weste, M Walsh, C Motherway, A Thompson (0-1)B Twomey, S Whelton, D Cronin, C O Neill, K O Brien, N Dilworth(0-1), D Twomey(1-0) ©

Subs S O Callaghan (0-2: 0-1 free) for K O Brien (19mins) R De Faoite for S Whelton (36mins) E Haley for D Cronin (48mins)

Referee: E Browne Tipperary



Lucy Bradfield, captain U14s, Megan Kelly, captain U18s, Claire O'Mahony, trainer U16 and U18 teams and Deirdre Ring, captain U16s, at the presentation.

Picture: Jean Curran

National League preview

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Down team to Waterford in Sundays National League Division 2 Final

WATERFORD will be hoping to create unique hurling and camogie history next Sunday as the county camogie team play in their first ever Division 2 League final against Down in O'Moore Park, Portlaoise while their hurlers will be also be hoping to take the National League title.

Last season the Decies won their first ever Division 3 League title and one year later they are back again in contention, this time a Division higher and if Lady Luck smiles on them who knows they may just have the power to beat the Mourne mountain ladies. The Decies received a timely boost recently when they beat Cork in the Munster Intermediate Championship for the first time ever, something that delighted Manager Paul Lyng greatly.

Ever since the Decies won the U16 B All-Ireland in 2003, they have gone from strength to strength and with players the calibre of Áine Lyng, daughter of Manager Paul, together with Pauline Cunningham, Karen Kelly, Roisin Heylin and Emma Hannon they will certainly test Down who last won a League title in 1998. Down are an experienced side and include the following players who were there in 1998, goalkeeper Theresa Mc Govern, and forward Máirin Mc Aleenan, the only Down player ever to win an All-Star award in 2004 as well as Pauline Greene, Jennifer Mc Hugh (nee Braniff) as well as four other players who were on the bench that day.

This is expected to be a game that may well go down to the wire, but it just may be a step too high for the Decies this year, but following their timely win over Cork who knows Waterford may just be on the receiving end of another trophy, but if they do they will have earned it the hard way as Down have some very talented players such as Fionnuala Carr, daughter of former dual player Ross Carr.

Also going ahead in O'Moore Park on Sunday is the Division 3 Final between two first timers, Westmeath and their neighbours Meath. For Meath this is almost a rags to riches fairy tale as this time last year they were struggling, but then things improved when Westmeath born John Davis took over as the Royals Manager. Ever since then the Royalettes have been winning games. The former Westmeath hurler set out a tall order for the Meath ladies earlier this year with three goals in mind;- one was to win the first round of the Leinster championship, something the county had not achieved in years and which they did just recently when they defeated Kildare. The second goal was to win the League final and the third to reach to the Nancy Murray championship final. So far the Royals have achieved one of their their three goals and are now just sixty minutes away from achieving their second goal.

Their task on Sunday will not be a light one as Westmeath who won the Máire Ni Chinnéide Cup last season for very weak counties will be anxious to build on that victory, and have a star player in Mary Henry who was selected on the Irish Shinty team last year. Meath have a strong spine down the midldle, with Mags Stephens in defence, Katie Connolly at centre field and Jane Dolan in the forwards who incidently is one of four players who were on the first Meath team in 2004 to win a Leinster U16 title and these are some of the players who may make history on Sunday if they repeat some of the fine League performances they have already put in this year.

Meanwhile the big guns will also be in action on Saturday when Tipperary and Cork must meet in a Division 1 League play off to determine who will meet Wexford in the League Final on May 6th. These two sides have met so often over the past few years in both League and championship that there is only a puck of a ball between them. However, Cork will need to upp their performance on Saturday if they are to overcome their arch rivals as last Sunday the Rebels were very much under pressure in the opening half from a very spirited Dubolin side.

As these two sides were also due to play in the Munster championship Final the same day, this game will now double up as one, so it is a case of winner takes all!

Cork will be hoping to be able to call on the talented centre half back Mary O'Connor who had to sit the game out on Sunday following an injury with the county's footballers the previous day. On the other side, Tipperary have a seemingly strong squad to call on including the five times All-Ireland winner Noelle Kennedy who made a welcome come back after almost two years of retirement and knocked over 0-3 in her first game last Sunday. Tipperary may have a slightly more hunger this time and so they may just nick it to set up a repeat of the 2004 league

Cork and Tipp battle for Munster supremacy

By LINDA MELLERICK

Camogie latest

TOMORROW
National Senior League play-off and Munster title
Cork v Tipperary
Toomevara, Tipperary, 6.30pm

CORK and Tipperary do battle in the National Senior League division 1A decider to determine who meets Wexford in the final a week later — and who is Munster champion.

Such is the dominance of these two counties in Munster, the counties have agreed that next Saturday's fixture will decide both the Munster final and league play-off.

It is a wise decision in an already packed league and championship schedule for both sides, especially as little or no importance placed on provincial titles, in Munster anyway.

It almost always comes down to these two. Wexford wait the victors on May 6, a side who deservedly are in the final.

A controversial final minute saw Tipperary steal a share of the spoils when they played Cork met on March 11. If we were to forecast a winner on Saturday based on that game then Cork should win it hands down.

Despite sharing the points, Cork were far superior in general play all over the pitch.

The appalling weather conditions slowed the play with hurley's flying out of players' hands and players finding it hard to keep their feet.

Cork owned the ball for 29 minutes of the second half. Had it been a dry day they would have run Tipp ragged. It was obvious that every ball Tipperary won was being fed into Emer McDonnell at corner forward.

McDonnell is having a great season and looks sharper than she has in a while. She scored 1-3 out of 1-8 on the day, all from play.

Leaving that game aside, however, and taking into consideration league results since, Tipperary seem to be flying.

Last weekend they defeated Kilkenny by a scoreline of 2-17 to 1-6.

Cork played Kilkenny three weeks ago and ran out winners by 3-10 to 1-15. They lead by 10 points at half time but fell apart in the second.

Every league match is approached differently with much experimentation going on throughout the country. Sometimes too much can be read into various results — but you can't ignore a scoreline of 2-17.

It's a good score on any given day. So is 3-10.

While the Cork team has not yet been announced, it has been confirmed that Mary O'Connor has recovered from the knock she received a week ago and is available.

Denise Twomey will need more time and the selector's main concern at this stage would be that she is fit and ready for championship on May 12.

The team won't have too many changes from the side which lined out a week ago, which was: Aoife Murray, Joanne O'Callaghan, Rosarie Holland, Catriona Foley, Rena Buckley, Amanda O'Regan, Sarah Hayes, Breige Corkery, Gemma O'Connor, Orla Cotter, Anna Geary, Jennifer O'Leary, Elaine Burke, Una O'Donoghue and Marie O'Neill.

Amanda O'Regan must surely reclaim a starting slot, even with O'Connor's return, having fully recovered from injury and acquitting herself very well against Dublin.

Where the selectors choose to play her may be a deciding factor. She could line out at left half back or in the corner with one or two positional switches to accommodate her.

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Seán Óg Ó hAilpín, Sarah O'Donovan, Dan O'Shea, regional manager NEWB, Joanne O'Callaghan and Donal O'Connor, educational welfare officer for Cork, at the launch in Páirc Uí Chaoimh of the National Education Welfare Board's equipment sponsorship of Cumann na mBunscol in Munster.
Picture: Richard Mills.

A whole new

Clean sweep for Coachford aces

Coachford	5-6
Carrignavar	1-2



Captain Michelle Healy with vice captain Niamh O'Carroll display their cups with team sponsor Mary Cronin from Gala.

COACHFORD College completed a clean sweep of junior camogie with this win over Carrignavar in the Cork Colleges Pat Burke Junior B final at Coachford yesterday.

The home side, who annexed the All-Ireland in March, opened the scoring through Joanne Casey after five minutes when she finished Aine O'Connor's pass to the net.

Marie Gleeson added a point with Carrignavar responding with a point from Sinead Dilworth.

Denise Luby, Marie Forde and Colleen Foley impressed for the Imokilly school but were unable to find a way past Coachford full-back Catherine O'Brien.

Jessica Farmer won her share of possession at midfield and with Siobhan McCarthy and Louise Stack defending admirably, it was inevitable that Coachford would add to their tally.

Ciara O'Keeffe, Michelle Healy and Ciara O'Connor were all involved in a build up which released the elusive Casey who

By MARTIN O'CALLAGHAN
Junior colleges' camogie

dispatched her shot beyond Katie Grace in the Carrig goal.

She added a point for good measure but Carrignavar replied immediately when Foley fired a ball over keeper Niamh O'Carroll to leave four points between the teams at half-time.

Coachford selector Geraldine McCarthy made a few positional changes which had an immediate impact. Laura Burke scored a point and then added a goal from a 21m free which effectively diffused the Carrignavar challenge.

Further points from O'Connor, Burke and Casey, who finished the day with 3-2, went unanswered until the final minutes with Forde scoring a good point for Carrignavar.

Aine O'Connor got her name on the scoresheet with a ferocious shot at the end of a great solo run.

Best for Coachford were O'Brien, Jessica Farmer, Aine O'Connor and Burke whilst Claire Walshe, Luby and Forde tried hardest for Carrignavar.

In the Junior A final, St. Mary's, Charleville, were good value for their 7-7 to 2-12 victory over Christ the King.

Rebecca Finn, Orla O'Mahony, and Sharon Curtin assisted the outstanding Cliona Galvin for the Avondhu team while Julia White, Pamela Mackey and Maeve O'Donovan also excelled.

St. Peter's, Passage, defeated St. Patrick's in an exciting Katie Crowley U16½ final, making up for their loss last year after extra-time.

Tia McMahon and Lisa O' Sullivan impressed for Passage in their 4-5 to 2-6 victory at the Tank Field.

St. Mary's, Mallow, accounted for St. Aloysius, Carrigtwohill, by 8-7 to 3-3 in the Junior C final with Katie Buckley, Laura Tanner and Jane Fitzpatrick starring.

UPCOMING FIXTURES

Cork Colleges First Year B semi-finals: Loreto, Fermoy v Mallow or Colaiste Choilm; Kinsale v Lismore or Youghal.

Cork Colleges First Year C semi-finals: St. Patrick's v St. Angela's, Carrigtwohill v St. Aloysius, Cork

Munster Colleges First Year Blitz: Friday at Charleville, 11am



JOHN HORGAN

A NEW initiative aimed at promoting the importance of sport in school life was launched at Páirc Uí Chaoimh yesterday afternoon.

The National Educational Welfare Board are behind the new scheme, with Seandún secretary Donal O'Connor spearheading the drive in supporting the work of Cumann na mBunscol.

The NEWB handed over two and a half thousand sliothars to schools across the city and county and they will be distributed by the committee of Sciath na Scol and will be used in the hugely popular Sciath competitions later in the year.

The sliothars, made by Mycro in Ballincollig, will carry a logo on them titled, 'Every School Day Counts' and there was widespread praise for the initiative at the launch which was attended by a host of household GAA names in Cork.

Star Cork hurlers Ronan Curran, one of the main figures involved in the Mycro organisation alongside MD Victor Morgan, and Sean Óg Ó hAilpin were present, as was former Cork hurling boss John Allen.

The world of camogie was represented by Joanne O'Callaghan and Sarah O'Donovan, while the Cork County Board

McCarthy wishes camogie team well

by Brendan Larkin

WATERFORD manager Justin McCarthy took time out from coaching the senior hurlers ahead of Sunday's NHL final against Kilkenny to give a few words of advice to the county's camogie team who play Down in the Division 2 All-Ireland final in Portlaoise on Sunday.

McCarthy said: "It's a unique occasion in that this is the first time Waterford and Kilkenny will meet in the National League final and the camogie team are appearing in their All-Ireland final for the first time also.

"Stephen Molumphy has a girlfriend involved with the camogie team and Shane Prendergast's sister also plays with them.

"I brought a few of the more senior players in with me and we gave them a few words of encouragement and (said) what it would mean to win an All-Ireland title," he added.



Waterford hurling team manager Justin McCarthy has words of encouragement for the Waterford senior camogie team yesterday during a joint training at Walsh Park. The hurlers meet Kilkenny in Sunday's NHL final, while the camogie team plays Down in the Division Two All-Ireland final. Picture:

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INNISCARRA HONOUR THEIR UNDERAGE CAMOGIE PLAYERS AT AWARDS NIGHT



Emma Dineen, presenting the Hannah Kelly Memorial Cup to Gwen Sheehan, club person of the year, 2006. Margaret Noelle O'Sullivan also presented Gwen with a bouquet of flowers.

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Buttevant National School were runners-up in the Plate section of the fifth class conference grade at the Sciath na Scol indoor camogie finals, played at Na Piarsaigh Hurling Complex. Picture: Mike English



Joy Leo who captained the St Columba's, Douglas fifth class camogie team to victory at the Sciath na Scol indoor finals.



Carrignavar National School, fifth class, runners up in the Plate final. Picture: Mike English



Gael Scoil Gort Alainn, Mayfield, runners-up in the fourth class championship final.



Cloghroe National School fifth class, winners of the Plate final. Picture: Mike English



Kilcredan National School fourth class, winners of the Plate competition.



Ballinspittle National School girls, winners of the camogie Plate section of the conference grade for fifth class pupils. Picture: Mike English



St Patrick's National School, Whitechurch, runners-up in the fifth class premier camogie indoor finals. Included are Michael Walsh and Gerry Walsh, Sciath na Scol committee.

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Ballinora National School captain, Caoimhe O'Keeffe, accepts the fifth class championship trophy from Liam Weir.
Picture: Mike English



Liam Weir, Sciath na Scol, presents the fifth class conference grade trophy to Maeve Murphy, captain of the Dungourney team.
Picture: Mike English



Michael Walsh, Sciath na Scol, presents the fifth class Premier Trophy to St Columba's, Douglas captain Joy Leo.
Picture: Mike English



The Baltydaniel fifth class camogie team, runners-up in the Plate competition.



Ballinora girls celebrate their fifth class championship win as Liam Weir, Sciath na Scol, presents the Cup to team captain Caoimhe O'Keeffe.
Picture: Mike English

UCC honours Shields and Foley

SPORTS STARS: Inter-county GAA stars Michael Shields (Gaelic Football) and Catriona Foley (Camogie) were among the college sports stars honoured last night at the 24th Annual UCC Sports Awards.

11 individual students and one team were honoured for their achievements in the last 12 months.

Two new sports were recognised for the first time as Trish Doyle for Badminton and Diarmuid MacSuibhne for TWD/Kickboxing were honoured.

In addition, a special achievement award known as the "Kieran Dowd Perpetual Award" was presented to Ron Thompson, coach of the UCC Badminton Club.

UCC sports stars: Orla Drumm (Athletics); Trish Doyle (Badminton); Marie Breen (Basketball); Catriona Foley (Camogie); Michael Shields (Football); Gillian O' Leary (Golf); Maria Daly (Handball); Shane O'Neill (Hurling); Aine Connery (Ladies Hockey); UCC Mens Novice Crew Rowing — Shane MacEoin, Eoghan Quain, Ciaran Duffy, Maurice Keller, Billy Ryan, Chris Horgan, Stephen Martin, James Donovan, Thomas Mulqueen); Billy Holland (Rugby); Diarmuid MacSuibhne (TWD/Kick-Boxing).



The Waterford camogie team, with the Division 2 league trophy after their victory over Down at O'Moore Park, Portlaoise yesterday.

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Karen is key to a Mallow double

By MARY NEWMAN

U16C league

Mallow	**3-3**
Brian Dillon's	**2-4**

THE last round-up of 2006 competitions took place last weekend, with Mallow adding the U16C league title to their championship crown won earlier in the season.

Both teams served up a cracking display, with Mallow shading it at the finish with two points to spare. Brian Dillon's settled into the game and were boosted with a goal from Susan-Kate Brosnan but Mallow led at the break 2-1 to 1-0.

From the start of the second-half Brian Dillon upped the pace considerably and giving it their all applied severe pressure on the Mallow defence.

Katie Healy had a Mallow point to keep their noses ahead and despite severe pressure from Brian Dillon's, they held their advantage to the final whistle. Mallow's Karen O'Halloran was named as player of the match following a superb display.

MALLOW: L Hayes, D Crowley, K O' Halloran, P O' Halloran, Catriona O'Sullivan, S Daly, S Coakley, E. Forde, R O'Leary, K Buckley, S Fitzgerald, L. Fitzgerald, M Curtin, J Fitzpatrick, E Riordan, L Tanner.

Subs: Katie Healy for J Fitzpatrick , B O Sullivan for E Forde.

BRIAN DILLON'S: S Rodgers, G Brennan, A Russell S Cotter, D Ring, L Bradfield , S Mc Carthy A Dorgan C Dooley J Dooley, S K. Brosnan D O' Flynn, J Kenny, N Gleeson, C Murray.

Subs: O Ni Shuilleabhain for C Murray, E Burns for J Kenny.

By MARY NEWMAN

County championship draws

COUNTY champions St Finbarr's hosted the draws for the 2007 championship recently and already there is plenty to look forward to in the months ahead.

Dates for the games will be announced shortly. In the senior county championship two club teams were drawn from the nine participating clubs to play a preliminary round the winners going to round two while the losers went to round one.

In round one all the divisions play off, while the seven remaining clubs plus losing club from round one play each other.

Round two has the losing clubs from round one plus winning club from preliminary round plus winning divisions from round one. The quarter-finals will be drawn after round two where the winning clubs from round one plus winning clubs or divisions from round two will go into the hat.

In the senior B championship and junior A there are two groups each playing off in the round-robin series with two teams from each coming out to contest the semi finals. In Junior B it's a straight knock-out.

SENIOR CO. CHAMPIONSHIP
PRELIMINARY ROUND

Two clubs to be drawn from the nine participating clubs. Winner goes to round two and loser to round one.

(A) Aghabullogue v Ballygarvan

ROUND 1

Six divisions to play each other Seven remaining clubs plus Round one's losing club to play each other

(B) Avondhu v Imokilly
(C) Carrigdhoun v Carbery
(D) Muskerry v Seandun
(E) Cloughduv v St Catherines
(F) Inniscarra v Barryroe
(G) Milford v Courcey Rovers
(H) Losers Preliminary Round v St. Finbarrs

ROUND 2

Losing clubs from round one and winning club from preliminary round plus winning divisions from round one.

(I) Losers E v Losers G
(J) Winners D v Winners C
(K) Losers H v Losers F
(L) Winners A v Winners B

SENIOR B CHAMPIONSHIP

Played on round-robin basis 10 teams two group of five, top two in each qualify for semi-finals

GROUP 1

Valley rovers
Carrigaline
Éire OG
Kilbrittan /Timoleague
Ballinhassig

GROUP 2

Rockbán
Glen Rovers
Bishopstown
Newcestown
Douglas

JUNIOR A CHAMPIONSHIP

Played on round robin basis nine teams one group of five, one group of four, top two in each qualify for semi-finals

GROUP 1

Newtownshandrum
Ballincollig
Tracton
Clonakilty
Killeagh

GROUP 2

Fr O'Neills
Sarsfields
Blackrock
Watergrasshill

JUNIOR B CHAMPIONSHIP

Played on a knock out basis eleven teams

THREE PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

(A) Brian Dillon's v Youghal
(B) Siliabh Rua v Mallow
(C) Bride Rovers v Bandon

Quarter-finals

(D) Delaney's v Winners A
(E) Na Piarsaigh v Enniskeane
(F) Winners B v Buttevant
(G) Kildorrey v Winners C

Semi-finals

F v D
G V E



Paul O'Connell presents gear bags to Cork U16 captain Catherine O'Brien and selector Tracy Sheehan for their forthcoming championship campaign

Interesting fixtures in senior draw

Camogie

BALLINHASSIG

Games continued in the U12 A League where our girls played against Courcey Rovers Unfortunately on the night we lost out by two points on 2-1 to 1-2 score line.

Scorers: C. Mahon 1-0 C. McCarthy 0-2.

Our U14s travelled to Milford last Sunday where they challenged the home side to the best of their ability but Milford proved to be the more skilful team.

Result: Milford 8-10. Ballinhassig 1-0

Typically Milford showed their hospitality by providing refreshments for both players and supporters. Thank you and it was greatly appreciated.

BISHOPSTOWN

Underage is now in full swing on Saturday mornings 10.30am to 12noon.

Well done to our U12 D team, who beat Passage 3 goals to no score, well done to all the girls. Our next games U12 are on Thursday at 6.30pm vs St Finbarr's in Bishopstown and Sunday against Douglas at 4pm in Douglas.

The U16D team had a good win over Barryroe. Well done girls. The next game will be against Glen Rovers. Our U18C team drew against Bride Rovers in a high scoring game in Rathcormac Bride Rovers 4-6 Bishopstown 5-3.

The U14s play Valley Rovers on Sunday.

Congratulations to Deirdre Coughlan on her wedding last Saturday from Bishopstown camogie club.

BRIAN DILLON'S

U14 C League: Brian Dillon's vs. Watergrasshill:

Rebecca O' Mahony played very well at full-forward, while Caoimhe Rodgers gave a very skilful display. The partnership of Michelle Ring & Donna Carroll at midfield worked to Dillon's advantage as the two were very strong there. Wing & corner forwards Kayleigh Luby & Ruth Brosnan excelled in their positions. Half-backs Shauna Ring & Sarah Attridge gave a powerful display. Great team-play was visible. Well done girls.

U18 C League: Brian Dillon's vs. Watergrasshill:

On Monday night last great team-play was very visible as we recorded a victory over Watergrasshill. Our girls gave a great performance against a strong Watergrasshill side. Amanda Dorgan, Emma Lane, Lucy Bradfield, Sarah Cotter & Clair Dooley were outstanding. Great scores were got from the forward line, well done to all.

U12 B League: Brian Dillon's vs. Ballincollig.

Well done to all our girls who gave a great performance against a strong Ballincollig side. Outstanding performances for Brian Dillon's were Shauna Ring and Donna Dineen while Ballincollig had good performances from Ciara O'Riordan and Jessica Hannigan.

Our team was Shauna Ring, Kira O'Sullivan, and Chloe O'Mahony, Deirdre Keane, Ruth Brosnan, Niamh Cotter, Chloe Lynch, Emma Sharpe, Chelsea Dennehy, Caoimhe Rodgers, Donna Dineen, Niamh O'Leary, Sadhbh Shannon, Shauna Walsh, Stephanie O'Sullivan, Nicole Malone, and Jessica Albeloga. Subs: Alison Smith, Fiona Kelly, Rachel Carroll, Leanne Donovan, Ciara Downey, Kira O'Sullivan, Emma Sharpe

Under 16C league final: Brian Dillon v Mallow

Mallow dominated the first-half of the U16 C league final for 2006 on Sunday last and were ahead by two goals and a point at half-time. A great comeback in the second-half as the girls gave it their all, with two points between the teams at full-time. Well done to all players who did an excellent job. Saoirse Rodgers did an excellent job in goal. There was a superb backline and great marking from Grace Brennan, Aisling Russell, Deirdre Ring (capt.), Lucy Bradfield and Siún Mc Carthy. Amanda Dorgan played brilliantly and is a great player for the future. A huge thank you to all the supporters

Training times: U8-U12 11am-12noon
U14-U18 12noon-1pm
Junior training: Weds: 7pm-8pm & Sunday morning: 11am-12noon

DOUGLAS

Our U16D team played their long awaited league final of 2006 on Sunday last v Sarsfields. This team was made up of some very young players of 15 and 16 this team was entered into this grade for extra games.

They met some stiff opposition in the league to met Sars in final, the game was a tough game but Douglas was on top for most of the game.

With scores from Lizzie Olden 1-1, Tracy McCarthy 0-1, Clara Kavanagh 0-2, Lauren Jackson 0-1 Douglas ran out winners 1-5 to 0-1. Clara Kavanagh Captain proudly received the new Cup as this is the first time a league final was played for at this grade. Well done to all the team and mentors: Ger Sheehan, Pat Peat, Carrie Horgan, and Tina Sheehan.

U16A League: This team got off to a good start for their league with wins over Glen Rovers, Milford, Ballygarvan and play Inniscarra at 12noon today in Inniscarra. This team also went to Donegal on weekend of April 13/14 to take part in Pan Celtic All Ireland Tournament while the team would have been disappointed with the amount of camogie games to play, only two teams for the B section and three in the A section and games only being 15 minutes aside one would say it was a long journey to make for such little camogie but the craic for the weekend enjoyed by team, mentors & supporters was fantastic.

Well done to all, with a special mention to Breda Heffernan, who organised all the arrangements for the trip and also for her excellent care of the team for the weekend aided by Katherine Jordan. Mention must be made to the team, who fundraised to cover all the expenses for the travelling team. Well done to all.

MALLOW

Well done to our U6 team who recorded a victory over Brian Dillon's in the U16 C league final for 2006 played last Sunday out team was: Lenora Hayes, Deirdre Crowley, Karen O' Halloran, Paula O'Halloran, Catriona O'Sullivan, Sarah Daly, Sinead Coakley, Emma Forde, Rachel O'Leary, Katie Buckley, Shona Fitzgerald, Leonie Fitzgerald, Marie Curtin, Louise Curtis, Jane Fitzpatrick, Emer Riordan, Shona Linehan, Aisling Glynn, Brid O'Sullivan, Aisling Neenan, Mary Kate Glynn, Mary Ellen Fitzpatrick, Laura Tanner, Katie Healy, Aoife O'Connor.

Scorers: Laura Tanner 2-0 Katie Buckley 1-1 Jane Fitzpatrick 0-1 Katie Healy 0-1

Douglas on top as they win final

By MARY NEWMAN

U16 D league

Douglas	1-5
Sarsfields	0-2

A YOUNG Douglas side had to be at their best before shaking off the challenge of a strong Sarsfields side in the final of the 2006 U16 D League.

Douglas were on top from the throw in Lizzie Olden grabbing an early goal to set the foundations for victory 12 minutes into the game.

Áine Barry had a point for Sarsfields but Douglas, with Tracy McCarthy and Clara Kavanagh on target, held their lead.

The Douglas forwards found the going tough against the strong Sarsfields defence where captain and full back Mairead O'Farrell was ably assisted by Maeve Kelleher and Nicole Hickey. With Goalkeeper Sarah Cummins making crucial saves, Sars were well in the game at the break despite trailing 1-3 to 0-1.

Through the second half Sars worked hard to contain the Douglas attack but up front their forwards found it hard to breach the strong Douglas defence.

Lauren Jackson and Clare Kavanagh continued to impress as Douglas extended their lead. Áine Barry had a point for Sars but it was not enough as Douglas held out for a victory in this inaugural U16 D league final.

Douglas captain Clara Kavanagh was presented with the trophy in this the first year of the competition.

DOUGLAS: A O'Donovan; S Bevan, E O'Sullivan, L McCarthy; R Casey, C Lynch, S Duggan; T McCarthy, L Nason; R Baxter, N Leo, L Jackson; E Olden, C Kavanagh, D Cotter.

Subs: C Shine for D Cotter, S Kearney for E Olden, C Murphy for S Bevan, H Bradley for S Kearney, C O'Driscoll for R Baxter.

SARSFIELDS: S Cummins; M Costello, M O' Farrell (c), M Kelleher; A Barry, E Meaney, N Hickey; A Whooley, A Barry; E O'Connell, A Flannery, N O'Callaghan; T O Mahony, K Comerford, S O' Keeffe. **Subs:** A O'Callaghan for L Barry and O Quinn for M Costello.



Jane Dooley, Claire Dooley, Susan-Kate Brosnan enjoying the Brian Dillon's camogie night held recently.



Ruth Brosnan and Alison Smyth hold the O'Duffy Cup on its recent visit to the Brian Dillon's camogie medal presentation.

Hunt begins for Cork's Féile representatives

THE hunt is on to find Cork's representatives for Féile na nGael 2007 which takes place this year in Kilkenny on the weekend of June 15-17.

Fourteen teams have thrown their hats into the ring in bid to represent Cork and they were divided into four sections.

The games will be played on the weekend of May 11-13 on a round robin basis with teams emerging from each group to contest the quarter and semi-finals which will be held the following week.

It was also decided to hold a Cork B Féile for weaker clubs but the winner of this will not be going to Kilkenny as this is purely a Cork competition.

CORK FÉILE NA NGAEL 2007

Section 1 Ballincollig, Eire Og, glen Rovers, Ballinhassig,

Section 2 Douglas, Rockban Inniscarra, Mallow

Section 3 Killeagh Milford, Carrigaline

Section 4 St Finbarr's Valley Rovers, Courcey Rovers.

B FÉILE

There were five entries for the B Feile and it was decided to play this on round robin basis with all five in one section Castleyons Brian Dillon's, Clonakilty Bishoptown, Kilbrittan/Timoleague.

Club notes

PASSAGE

Our U12 teams played Douglas in their second league game recently, another super performance against a strong Douglas side that were held scoreless until just before half-time break. Linda Gleeson excelled in goal. Sophie Collins and Shauna Williams played well. Shannon Twomey was superb alongside Ria and Ellen O'Mahony and Danielle Mehigan tried hard to score for Passage. It won't be long before the team secures victory.

Team: L. Gleeson, E. McAvenny, E. Keogh, K. McAvenny, L. Gleeson, G. Quirke, E. Harrington, E. O' Mahony, R.O' Mahony, E. O' Connor, S. Twomey, S. Cahill, D. Mehigan, R. Dunlea, A. Gleeson, M. Dunlea S. Williams.

U14: Our U14 girls played a strong Na Piarsaigh side on Saturday last and battled hard our defence were outstanding especially Katie O'Neill, Nikki Twomey, & Megan Farr. Melissa Dineen worked hard in the forward line and was unlucky not to register some scores as Na Piarsaigh ran out winners on a 1-1 score line

Team: S. Twomey, R. O'Connor, Nikki Twomey, K. O'Neill, M. Farr, N. Cahill, A. Corkery, N. Murphy, T. Mc Mahon, L. Corcoran, R. Farr, A. Healy, S. Cashman, L. Hickey, M. Dineen.

Subs: C. Mc Mahon, S. McCarthy, K. Murphy, S. Collins & N. Smith.

U16B League: We overcame a strong Cloughduv challenge in the U16 B league, Karen Twomey's move to full forward caused problems for Cloughduv and soon we registered our second point.

Laura McCarthy's hard work at corner forward was rewarded when she struck a goal to put some distance between the sides. Amy Costello followed with a fine point to seal victory for Passage.

Scorers: L. McCarthy 1-0, N. O'Sullivan 0-1, K. Twomey 0-1, A. Costello 0-1.

Team: E. Lydon, E. Hyde, G. Cooney, C. O'Brien, E. Twomey, S. O' Reilly, S. Jordan, L. McCarthy, K. Twomey, A. Costello, G. Foley, N. O'Sullivan, M. Doyle McCarthy, E. McMahon

Subs: T. McMahon, N. Cahill N. Murphy, N. Twomey

ST CATHERINE'S

Senior Championship: The draw for this year's competition was made this week and our first round opponents will be 2005 County champions Cloughduv

U16C League: Our U6 team travelled to Blarney on Thurs night last to fulfil this fixture and after a tough battle the game ended in a draw.

This was a tough game all through with the Blarney girls being physically much stronger but our girls worked hard throughout in all positions.

Rachel O'Callaghan pointed in the thirteenth minute of the first half with Finola Neville a further 0-2 to Blarney's 0-1 leaving the half time score at 0-3 to 0-1 in our favour.

It was a close game all through the second half but we still led 2-5 to 0-4 with seven minutes to go when Blarney finished strongly to level the game by the full time whistle.

Our next outing is against Watergrasshill next Tuesday.

Team: S. Barry, F. Feeney, C. Clancy, A. Aherne, J. Mangan, F. Cotter, N. O 'Donoghue, S. Gallagher, A.O' Keeffe, K. Murphy, F. Neville, A. Burke, A. Doyle, C. Aherne, R.O' Callaghan.

Scorers: F. Neville 0-5, K .Murphy 1-0, R.O' Callaghan 1-0.

U14B League: Our U14 team played two league games this week travelling to Mallow on Monday where they were well beaten by a much stronger Mallow side that ran out easy winners.

On Saturday last we were host to Aghabullogue in Ballynoe and this time we were the stronger team and finished well ahead.

Panel: M. Kirby, E. Murphy, C.Keniry, C. Mc Auliffe, L. Aherne, F. Cotter, J. Mangan, R.O' Callaghan, S. Barry, M. Mulcahy, F. Neville, A. Hurley, E. Neville, A. Doyle, G. Walsh, A.O' Brien, E.O 'Brien, M. Galvin, L. Bumster, K. Mellerick.

U12 League: St Catherine's v Killeagh

On Friday night last our U12 team met Killeagh in Ballynoe and were beaten by a much stronger Killeagh side.

Team: R. Spillane, E. Murphy, C. Mc Auliffe, L. Aherne, E. Spillane, M. Galvin, L. Hartnett, R.O' Callaghan, M. Mulcahy, G. Walsh, E.O' Brien, K. Mulcahy, A. Mulcahy, K. England, A.O' Brien.

Subs: N. Coughlan for K. England, M. Walsh for M. Galvin, K. Norman for L. Aherne, A. Hegarty for K. Mulcahy

All Ireland Colleges Football Final: Well done to Loreto College on getting to the All Ireland Final of this competition.

Unfortunately they were beaten by St. Leo's of Carlow on Weds last. Well done to our own club members Aisling Hartnett, Denise Leahy, Orla Cotter, Finola Neville and Fiona Cotter who all played their part.

ST VINCENT'S

Last week our U12 team played against Ballincollig great play was shown from both sides with Amy Waters, Laura Coffey, Melissa's Roddis and Lindsey Sugrue all playing very well for the saints, excellent tam work as well as skill was shown throughout the match.

Tomorrow Sunday our junior team meet Erin's Own, it will be played in Erin's Own ground commencing at 11.30am.

Support will be greatly appreciated.

Training times

Monday: Age 8 to 9 5pm to 6 pm Under12's 6pm to 7pm

Tuesday: Age 5/6/7 5pm to 6pm

Wednesday: U10 and 11 5pm to 6pm Under14 6pm to 7pm under 16 and Junior 7pm to 8pm

Sunday: U16 and Junior at 12noon

Compiled by MARY NEWMAN

Waterford crystal....

(2007-04-29)



"This has been one of the finest Finals in year's" were the words that Uachtarán Liz Howard used to describe the magnificant Division 2 League final in O'Moore Pk. Portlaoise on Sunday between the winners Waterford who overcame Down 1-18 to 2-13.

The result of this game was in doubt until the very last minute,the teams having being level nine times in the course of the game. However, it was the Mourne side girls who got off to the better start with a Karen Gribben goal after just three minutes following a perfect pass from half forward Orla Maginn. The Déise girls who won the Division 3 Final last year for the first time responded immediately with a point from Karen Kelly followed rapidly by a second from Pauline Cunningham.

From there in the supporters of both sides knew they were in a for a thrilling game from both sides. Twice in the opening half Waterford missed goal opportunities, but by half time they had made up for that when the 2006 All-Star nominee Áine Lyng found her corner forward Trish Jackman on sight who handpassed the sliotar to the back of the net to leave it,Down 2-7 to Waterford's 1-9 at the break, the second Down goal having come midway from the first and only Down All- Star, Máirin Mc Aleenan who struck a sweet ball from underneath the stand.

Waterford were in no hurry out from the dressing room at half time, but it appears that harsh words were spoken as they trodded out to the pitch in a very determined manner and were first on the score-board with an Áine Lyng forty five. Máirin Mc Aleenan responded rapidly with a free and after that we were treated to one of the best ever second half games with both sides exchanging scores on a fast basis.

The winning of this game for Waterford may have come with seven minutes remaining when the stylish Áine Lyng, daughter of Manager Paul sent over 0-3 in the space of two minutes (one from a free). They added a further three points before the Down star Máirin Mc Aleenan sent over the final score of the day but with that went referee Damian Noble's whistle and so for the first time in history the Division 2 League title was on it's way to the banks of the Suir.

For one Waterford family there was great joy as Lisa Prendergast,a member of the Waterford panel celebrated with her brothers Seamus and Declan in what was a wonderful day for the small ball in the county Waterford.

All eyes will now be on Waterford who meet Offaly in the opening round of the New Irleland championship on May 13th while Sunday's defeated finalists meet Clare also on the same date. It promises to a great junior championship for 2007.

Teams:
Waterford: F Ni Chadhla;A Kelly, S O'Grady(cpt), N Ryan; J Simpson, A Raher, J O'Grady; G Kenneally, C Raher; Á Lyng, P Cunningham,Á Breathnach; K Kelly, N Morrissey, T Jackman.

Subs:V Gaffney for A Kelly, 32mins,E Hannon for Á Breathnach 38mins,T Morrissey for N Morrissey 57mins,M Murphy for T Jackman 63mins.

Scorers: T`Jackman 1-0,Á Lyng 0- 12 (0-4,0- 4'45), K Kelly0-3,P Cunningham, N Morrissey, T Morrissey 0-1 each.

Down: T Mc Gowan; (cpt),C Mc Crickard, M Maginn,P Green; K Mc Mullan, F Carr, D Kelland; J Hugh, C Mc Govern; R Mc Cann, K Gribben, O Maginn; L Mc Crickard, C Mc Gourty, M Mc Aleenan.
Subs: K Tinnelly for R Mc Cann 50mins, S L Carr for O Maginn, 59mins.

Scorers: M Mc Aleenan 1-5 (0-3f),K Gribben 1-2, C Mc Gourty, J Mc Hugh 0-2 each,F Carr 0-1f, C Mc Crickard 0-1.

Referee: D Noble, Dublin.

Coachford celebrate camogie success

COACHFORD College camogie players were in jubilant form on Friday evening last when teachers, parents and students gathered for a dinner to mark the school's victory in the All Ireland Junior B Championship.

The school senior panel were also successful and received their County Senior B medals. Team captain Siobhán Gleeson, a Cork Minor and Munster Colleges Inter provincial star, expressing her gratitude to Team coach Jessica Heaphy.

The junior squad received their Cork, Munster and All Ireland medals from Cork captain Joanne O'Callaghan. Each player received a specially embroidered school jersey — a tradition for members of a winning All Ireland panel.

Captain Michelle Healy addressed the gathering and thanked team sponsors Gala and selectors Rita O'Brien, and Geraldine and Tim McCarthy.

The Coachford girls beat Fermoy, Carrigaline, Thurles and Mountbellew en route to the decider but their most difficult opponents, according to top scorer Joanne Casey, were St Dominic's in the final. Indeed, they were five points behind after 12 minutes in Nowlan Park but managed to recover and, with the Coachford mentors making some shrewd adjustments at half-time, ran out victors on a scoreline 3-5 to 2-5.

The Muskerry school have been competitive in colleges camogie in recent times, annexing the 2006 Katie Crowley cup, the 2006 Cork and Munster first year A double, the 2005 Munster Junior A plate along with the successful 2007 junior and senior campaign wins.

The junior panel includes Cork U16 captain Catherine O'Brien, Emma Kingston, Michelle Healy and Joanne Casey, with Jessica Farmer and Aine O'Connor on the current Cork U16 B panel.

Other girls representing the county on the Cork Colleges U14 development squads are Laura McCarthy, Rosie O'Mahony, Ciara O'Keeffe, Ciara O'Connor, Susan Buckley, Emily O'Donovan, Laura Burke, Erinn O'Connell, Aoife Hennessy and Aoife Barry Murphy.

Sharon O' Shaughnessy, coach to the first-year team, said there are six camogie teams in the school, thus affording every player the opportunity to play at an appropriate skill level, a philosophy which has certainly proved successful for the school.

Cork and Tipperary must meet again

(2007-04-28)

Munster Senior Camogie Championship Final/National League Playoff
Cork 1-15
Tipperary 1-15
By Cóilín Duffy

A late Briege Corkery point for Cork ensured that a replay must take place midweek to decide who faces Wexford in the National League final following last night's Munster Senior Camogie Championship Final/National League Playoff at Toomevara.

Cork made a blistering start to this game and held a 1-4 to 0-0 lead after the opening quarter, with Una O'Donoghue finding the net after just a minute and a half before points followed from Jennifer O'Leary (3) and O'Donoghue.

Tipperary captain Claire Grogan opened Tipperary's account with a pointed free in the 16th minute but the Rebels remained strong with points from Anna Geary (2) and Elaine Burke to ensure an eight point lead ten minutes before half-time.

The homeside then had their strongest period with a Jill Horan goal and a second Claire Grogan point ensuring a 1-7 to 1-2 half-time scoreline.

Tipperary were simply a better side in the second half and good scores from Claire Grogan, Joanne Ryan and Noelle Kennedy helped force extra-time.

Both sides were excellent in extra-time with Tipperary taking a two point cushion before Orla Cotter and Briege Corkery points forced extra-time.

SCORERS:
CORK: J O'Leary 0-7 (4f); U O'Donoghue 1-1; A Geary 0-3; B Corkery, O Cotter, E Burke 0-1 each.
TIPPERARY: C Grogan 0-8 (6f, 1 65); J Ryan 0-3; J Horan 1-0; E McDonnell, N Kennedy C Hennessy 0-1 each.



Bronagh Furlong on the attack against Cork during Wexford's 2-4 to 0-9 opening round

victory for Westmeath

(2007-04-30)

Westmeath, who captured the Sadhbh Ni Bhric Cup last year have gone a step higher this year by taking the Division 3 league title for the very first time following their 3-7 to 2-8 victory over near neighbours Meath also in Portlaoise.

Both sides were competing at this level for the very first time and they showed early signs of nerves with a very low scoring first half which saw the Royals go in at the break ahead 1-3 to Westmeath's 1-1.

Christine O'Brien opened the scoring for the Royals with a point after a minute but the winners responded fast with a point from Joanne Walsh. Meath then got to grips with the game more than Westmeath and were a goal up after seventeen minutes thanks to Dearbhla O'Carroll. Nine minutes later the sides were level following a fine goal from Denise Mc Grath, daughter of intercounty referee Rita Mc Grath.

The second half became a great contest with the sides level with seven minutes remaining, Westmeath 2-4, Meath 1-7, the second Westmeath goal having come midway from Joanne Walsh.

Both sides kept the very best wine until the end as with ordinary time up, Meath were ahead 2-8 to Westmeath's 2-6. It appeared that the Royals were about to take the title for the very first time. However, Pamela Greville had other ideas when she struck a free to the back of the Meath net one minute into time time added on. Dinah Loughlin, that very talented player knocked over the final point of the day and with that went referee's Frank Mc Donald's whistle. Meath, Manager, John Davis, a native Westmeath man was gutted after the game, but in true sportsmanship he and his Meath players stayed on the field for the presentation.

All eyes will be on both Meath and Westmeath on June 24th when Westmeath take on Cavan while Meath take on Tyrone in the Neans Ui Mhuiri Cup for the championship.

Scorers:
Westmeath:D Mc Grath, J Walsh 1-1 each, P Greville 1-0, D Loughlin 0-3(0-1f),S Horan, N Barry 0-1 each.
Meath: J Dolan 1-3, D O'Carroll 1-0, A Donnelly 0-2 (0-1f), C O'Brien, E Lynch, J Dolan 0-1 each.

APRIL 2007

O'Driscoll braced for fierce battle as Cork face Premier clash

by Therese O'Callaghan

FIONA O'DRISCOLL probably best sums up Cork/Tipperary camogie clashes: "Any time you play Tipp it's a big game."

O'Driscoll was speaking ahead of this evening's National League semi-final, which also doubles as the Munster Championship senior final in Toomevara (6.30pm). Cork's form to date has been a bit Jekyll and Hyde, mainly because they aren't settled, but injuries have also taken their toll.

However, Mary O'Connor who missed Sunday's win over Dublin is back to full fitness, as is Amanda O'Regan. Definitely absent are the ex-am-tied Emer Dillon and new prodigy Denise Twomey, with a quad injury. Consequently, O'Driscoll and her backroom team have delayed naming their side until nearer throw-in.

"Still, whatever 15 go out they will have to be ready to perform," she insists. "We have looked at a lot of players over the league, and they will be fighting for starting positions come championship. There will be a real bite to this game to see who is up to the mark."



Fiona O'Driscoll: expects real bite in clash with Tipp.

Wexford are safely through to the league final, and Tipperary corner back Suzanne Kelly believes there is a massive incentive for the Premier to join them in the decider in a fortnight. "We need to stamp our authority on this tie, particularly as we are playing at home. There is the added distinction of it being the Munster final, so we will have to go out with all guns blazing.

"Training is different, and we have a few new names in the squad," she adds. "Jovita Delaney has called it a day, so Rosanne Kennealy from Drom & Inch is our new keeper. On the flip side, Noelle Kennedy came out of retirement and is back at full forward."

The Blue and Gold also have a new full back in Mairead Luttrell — an Ashbourne medallist with UCD — while Ashbourne Shield winner Michelle Shortt lines out at wing back. This releases the experienced Una O'Dwyer to marshall the half-back line. Midfield will be ruled by Philly Fogarty and Trish O'Halloran, while Kennedy will be well supported in attack by Claire Grogan, Jill Horan and Eimear McDonnell.

Elsewhere tomorrow, at O'Moore Park in Portlaoise, Waterford — Division Three winners last year — meet Down in the Division Two final. This will be followed by Meath and Westmeath in the Division Three final.



LINDA MELLERICK

Cork	1-15
Tipperary	1-15

(AET)

TIPPERARY: R Kenneally; S Kelly, M Luttrell, J Kirwan; M Shortt, U O'Dwyer, S Nealon; T O'Halloran, P Fogarty; C Grogan, E Hayden, J Ryan; J Horan, N Kennedy, E McDonnell.

NO ONE travelling to Tipperary last Saturday could have predicted the enthralling game they were about to witness.

These two sides, Cork and Tipperary, the dominant force in Camogie for the past eight years, have served up many a classic in their time. None compared with this.

Level at full time, level after extra time, the sides meet again this Wednesday evening, at a Cork venue, yet to be decided, to determine who contests this year's National League Final and who are crowned Munster Champions.

After 20 minutes you would have been forgiven for heading out the gates early. Cork led 1-6 to 0-1 and were unlucky not to be a further two goals ahead.

Una O'Donoghue tapped in an opportunistic goal a minute in and it gave the visitors the perfect start. Cork were eager. Rena Buckley, Catriona Foley and Joanne O'Callaghan (who had a great 90 minutes on Tipp danger woman Eimear McDonnell) were in strong, determined form and from their clearances Cork tapped over the scores almost at will.

Three from Jennifer O'Leary (2 frees) and an O'Donoghue point gave Cork a 1-4 to 0-0 advantage after 14 minutes.

Clare Grogan hit over a free with 16 minutes gone to register Tipp's first score but it seemed nothing more than a token gesture as Cork totally dominated.

Lack of clinical finishing caught Cork on one or two occasions which saw a couple of goals go astray.

It didn't seem anything worth worrying about at the time, such was their control. Roseanne Kenneally, the Tipp goalkeeper, while clearing her lines well, erred numerous times, hitting the ball poorly to a waiting Cork Jersey. Cork pushed further ahead with some excellent points from Anna Geary (2) and Elaine Burke.

Just as in the previous meeting, Cork fell asleep in the dying minutes of the half. A defensive error allowed Jill Horan billow the back of the net and Clare Grogan pointing a free, raised the home sides gander on the stroke of half time.

They now only trailed by five.

By the ninth minute of the second half Tipp had the gap down to two with points from Grogan, Horan and Noelle Kennedy. A great point from Geary stretched it to three again.

The play swung from end to end. It was hurling out of the top drawer with some top quality points taken on both sides. Gemma O'Connor did Trojan work.

Joanne Ryan hit two beauties from 60 yards, O'Leary hit a free. Grogan pointed on 15, O'Leary pointed on 16. 1-10 to 1-8 with 15 minutes of normal time remaining.

Both sides made a number of substitutions with Tipperary's having the greatest effect. Cora Hennessy was a thorn in Cork's side with her strong, bursting play.

Both sides had opportunities but under immense pressure shot wide.

With two minutes remaining substitute Geraldine Kinnane narrowed the gap to one.

The home crowd roared their side on and Grogan duly delivered, drawing level for the first time on the stroke of full time.

Extra time, on a hot day, on a hard but excellent ground was always going to be tough for the players. Tipp hounded Cork and looking the fresher side, Grogan (2), Hennessy and Eimear McDonnell had four points on the board after 11 minutes to Cork's one — a Jennifer O'Leary free. The signs looked ominous for the visitors with only the second half of extra time left (10 mins) to pull the three point deficit back.

But Cork aren't National League and All Champions for nothing.

It was a nail biting finish and in it they hit over three to draw level. Tipp then pushed ahead by one but the tension was mounting before Breige Corkery tore through to score the all-important equaliser with two minutes remaining.

While both sides fought for the winner, time ran out.

It was a deserved draw. After such an epic encounter, neither team deserved to lose.



THE replay of the Cork v Tipperary Senior Camogie National league play-off will take place on Wednesday evening in Ballinlough at 6.30pm. Extra time will be played in the event of another draw.

Cork's Breige Corkery gets away from Tipp's Trisha O'Halloran during their National League play-off game at Toomevara on Saturday. Picture: Press 22

Corkery ensures Cork get a replay

Scorers for Cork: J O'Leary 0-7(0-4f's), U O'Donoghue 1-1, A Geary 0-3, E Burke 0-2, G O'Connor, B Corkery 0-1 each.

Tipperary: C Grogan 0-8(0-7f's), J Horan 1-1, J Ryan 0-2, N Kennedy, G Kinnane, C Hennessy, E McDonnell 0-1 each.

CORK: A Murray; J O'Callaghan, C Foley, A O'Regan; R Buckley, M O'Connor, S Hayes; B Corkery, G O'Connor; O Cotter, A Geary, J O'Leary; E Burke, U O'Donoghue, E Watson. **Subs:** S O'Donovan for E Burke(39min), R Holland for C Foley(inj, 49min), R Moloney for E Watson(52min), A Walsh for S O'Donovan(60min), J Duffy for S Hayes(70mins)

TIPPERARY: R Kenneally; S Kelly, M Luttrell, J Kirwan; M Shortt, U O'Dwyer, S Nealon; T O'Halloran, P Fogarty; J Ryan, E Hayden, C Grogan; E McDonnell, N Kennedy, J Horan. **Subs:** P Bulfin and C Hennessy for M Shortt and T O'Halloran(38min),G Kinnane for N Kennedy(40min), M Morrissey for E Hayden(47min), L Woods and M Morrissey for E Hayden and S Nealon(70mins).

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Division 1A League playoff: Cork 1-15 Tipperary 1-15. **Division 2 League final:** Waterford 1-18 Down 2-13. **Division 3 League final:** Westmeath 3-7 Meath 2-8.

Old rivals set for another camogie cracker

CORK/TIPPERARY: Cork and Tipperary will meet at Ballinlough, Cork tomorrow evening (6.30)to replay their Munster senior camogie championship final/National League semi-final. After extra-time, the game ended in a draw in Toomevara on Saturday.

The winners will play Wexford in the league final on Sunday at in Nowlan Park.

— **Therese O'Callaghan**

Rebels and Tipp must meet again after Toome thriller

Tipperary 1-15
Cork 1-15 (AET)

by Therese O'Callaghan

BEING mindful of the fact we have seen a lot of these two teams over the last number of years, few will complain having to watch them again when they replay for a spot in the National League final (v Wexford on Sunday) and the Munster championship title at a Cork venue on Wednesday.

Have produced some of the best camogie players in the country, Cork and Tipperary turned in a pulsating hour and 20 minutes of tough, honest endeavour at Toomevara on Saturday. No favours asked and none given. Cliché aside, a draw was a fair result. You could tell Tony Delaney and John Cronin were well chuffed with the performances.

New names have brought their own charisma. With it, has come a renewed enthusiasm. Fresh faces in the Tipp lineout — goalkeeper Roseanne Kenneally and full back Mairead Luttrell hurled magnificently. Orla Cotter is one for the Rebels — the student is well able to mix it with her more seasoned companions.

Cork looked like they were going to run away with this fixture. Backed by the wind, they settled into a 1-7 to 0-1 lead on 25 minutes. Una O'Donoghue tipped home the goal in the second minute, and the prominent Jennifer O'Leary and Anna Geary were the point takers. Rena Buckley and Joanne O'Callaghan headed up a stubborn defence, while powerhouses Gemma O'Connor and Briege Corkery were turning over a lot of ball at midfield.

But, in dramatic fashion, this game transformed moments before the break after Eimear McDonnell bustled her way through, and her pass to Jill Horan was first timed to the net. Suddenly, Tipp, watched by President Liz Howard, turned over only trailing by five.

Now, it was time to see if they could take up the mantle. Suzanne Kelly and Julie Kirwan were starring in the full-back line. Una O'Dwyer will always remain the fulcrum at centre back. However, it was a sad day for the Cashel girl as her grandfather Edward O'Dwyer passed away that morning — a minute's silence was observed before the game for Una and her father Martin who is a selector but was not at the game.



Cork's Anna Geary of Cork gets in her shot, despite pressure from Tipp's Una O'Dwyer. Picture: Don Moloney/Press 22

Michelle Shortt was untypically off form but this was later explained; after being substituted she felt unwell and was removed to hospital. Philly Fogarty was solid at midfield, and in attack Joanne Ryan, Claire Grogan (frees) and McDonnell worked hard for their scores. Cora Hennessey and Paula Bulfin were noticeable too on their introduction.

Six points to Cork's three had the Premier girls within two in the last quarter. As they held the Rebels scoreless, they spectacularly levelled with Ryan and a Grogan 45 to force the extra time.

While Tipp did all the running in the first period, the visitors hit back with O'Leary, Cotter and a long punt from Corkery to end a super evening's entertainment.

Scorers for Tipperary: C Grogan 0-8 (0-6 frees, 0-1 45m), J Horan 1-1, J Ryan 0-2, N Kennedy, C Hennessey and E McDonnell 0-1 each.

Cork: J O'Leary 0-7 (0-4 frees), U O'Donoghue 1-1, A Geary 0-3, E Burke, G O'Connor (free), O Cotter and B Corkery 0-1 each.

TIPPERARY: R Kenneally; S Kelly, M Luttrell, J Kirwan; M Shortt, U O'Dwyer, S Nealon; T O'Halloran, P Fogarty; J Ryan, E Hayden, C Grogan (Capt); E McDonnell, N Kennedy, J Horan.

Subs: C Hennessey for T O'Halloran, P Bulfin for M Shortt (both 38 mins), G Kinnane for N Kennedy (41), M Morrissey for E Hayden (46), L Woods for S Nealon (55).

CORK: A Murray; J O'Callaghan, C Foley, A O'Regan; R Buckley, M O'Connor, S Hayes; B Corkery, G O'Connor (Capt); O Cotter, A Geary, J O'Leary; E Burke, U O'Donoghue, E Watson.

Subs: S Donovan for E Burke (39), R Holland for C Foley (50), R Moloney for E Watson (51), A Walsh for S Donovan (60).

Referee: F McNamara (Clare).

Replay to equal original decider

By LINDA MELLERICK

National League final

REPLAYS rarely match drawn games for excitement.

This one could. Cork and Tipperary meet this evening in Ballinlough at 6.30pm to determine the Munster champions for 2007 and a place in the National League final on Sunday in Nowlan Park, Kilkenny.

Finishing 1-15 each after extra-time last Saturday in Toomevara, the replay should go in Cork's favour. Cork were in control for the first 20 minutes and led by eight points. They should have led by 12. Tipp weren't really threatening at all. In the previous side's meeting in March the same pattern emerged; Cork were on top.

They failed to capitalise and a relaxed attitude in the dying minutes forced a draw leading to the play-off situation. In hurling nine points can be wiped out in minutes.

Tipp had it down to five with 1-1 within a minute just before the break. With wind advantage the mountain didn't seem insurmountable and that gave the home side huge confidence heading into the second half.

The areas of concern for Cork ahead of this evening's game are their failure to put teams away; the relaxed attitude that sets in once a lead is established and their full forward line. It's just not happening inside. Out the field, Cork are exceptionally strong in defence. Aoife Murray is practically faultless in every game.

One of the main differences between the teams last Saturday was the goal keepers. Every dropping ball that fell short Murray was under them; strong, confident and fearless. Her counterpart was jittery. While coping admirably on her line, her clearances were rushed and nervous.

Roseanne Kennealy has yet to be really tested by Cork. Joanne O'Callaghan regularly marks one of the top forwards in the Country-Emer McDonnell.

The secret to holding this lethal player is to prevent her gathering the ball into her hand and turning you. O'Callaghan had one of her best performances in a red jersey last Saturday. She can match McDonnell. Catriona Foley gets better and better with each outing and Amanda O'Regan, although just back from injury, will not be found wanting.

Rena Buckley is toughness personified. Captain Gemma O'Connor played her best game of the season and needs to build on this. Up front Anna Geary has added huge strength. Jennifer O'Leary consistently adds value and Orla Cotter, while having a quiet outing, will come good.

We are having problems inside. The return of Denise Twomey should help in that regard but she is expected to be out for a number of weeks yet.Cork need to get things right in these areas.

Maybe the Blue and Yellow aren't finished yet. Despite the retirement of three or four of their big names over the last year or so, Tipperary are still threatening.

Their second draw with Cork in six weeks will do their confidence the world of good. Cork need to plant seeds of doubt in their minds.

There's only one way to do that.

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Wexford cruise out West

WEXFORD	6-8
GALWAY	1-5

by: NOEL HOLOHAN

WEXFORD COMPLETED the group stages of this year's National Senior Camogie League Division 1A campaign with a comprehensive 18-point mauling of a hapless Galway in Ballinasloe on Sunday afternoon.

Wexford, who were already guaranteed a spot in the league final, won this game at their ease, although, to be honest, it was probably not their best performance of the season as they seemed to be off the pace, with their knack of getting goals ensuring they returned home with the spoils.

Wexford had five goals inside the opening-half, and Michelle Hearne, who claimed a hat-trick in the first 30 minutes raised the first green-flag in the eighth minute, when she hand-passed to the net after good work by Bridget Curran and Katrina Parrock.

Aoife Lynskey responded with a point for Galway, but Michelle Hearne, who had played football for the Wexford intermediate side the previous day, bagged her second personal goal in the 12th-minute, when she grabbed a delivery from an Aine Codd free and sent a drop-shot to the net.

Wexford scored almost at will during the opening-half, and Una Leacy and Kate Kelly pointed to continue their dominance, before Cathy Bowes hit Galway's second point from a '45-yard free.

Louise Codd was next on the Wexford scoresheet with a point before the Duffry Rovers ace blasted home the third Wexford goal, as Michelle Hearne won possession and her hand-pass found Codd who was racing in at speed to score.



Ursula Jacob, pictured in action against Kilkenny, was back in the senior 'A' colours for Wexford when making an appearance as a substitute in the closing group win over Galway in the National League .

Michelle Hearne rounded off a superb 27-minute hat-trick when she again used the hand-pass technique to goal.

Kate Kelly, another star from the football win over Sligo on Saturday, hit the fifth goal of the half, when her 65-yard free went all the way to the Galway net. Bridget Curran added a point before the interval, to help leave the Model County an incredible 5-4 to 0-2 in-front at the interval.

Galway displayed some brief resistance on the resumption, as Cathy Bowes and Deirdre Burke each pointed, and Brenda Hanney was left in far too much space to dispatch a goal. This seemed to be the beginning of a Galway comeback.

Those thoughts didn't last long though, as Kate Kelly saw her miss-hit free fly straight to the top-corner of the Galway net ten minutes into the second-half.

Another possible Galway lifeline in the shape of a Brenda Hanney penalty went a begging, as her effort cannoned off the butt of the Wexford post.

Ursula Jacob made a welcome return from injury for the Wexford senior 'A' side, and landed a point soon after her introduction, while fellow substitute Brona Furlong did likewise before going off injured late in the game, after twisting her ankle.

Ann-Marie Hayes added another point on a sad day for Galway camogie, as Wexford just saw out the game, with Ursula Jacob and Bridget Curran finding two more points to complete a good day at the office for the Slaneysiders.

Wexford are now fully focused on the Division 1A final, which is fixed for Sunday week, and after going through the group unbeaten, they are more than capable of claiming national honours.

Wexford - *Mags D'Arcy, Deirdre Codd, Catherine O'Loughlin, Claire O'Connor, Noeleen Lambert , Mary Leacy, Aine Codd, Kate Kelly (2-1 frees), Caroline Murphy, Louise Codd (1-1), Una Leacy (0-1), Michelle O'Leary, Bridget Curran (0-2), Michelle Hearne (3-0), Katrina Parrock.*

Subs: *Ursula Jacob (0-2) for Katrina Parrock; Lenny Holohan for Una Leacy; Brona Furlong (0-1) for Caroline Murphy; Avis Nolan for Catherine .O'Loughlin; Stacey Redmond for Kate Kelly.*

Galway - *Susan Keane, Lizzy Flynn, Elaine Burke, Therese Manton, Julie Breen, Sinead Callahan, Niamh Kilkenny, Ann-Marie Hayes (0-1), Cathy Bowes (0-2 frees), Deirdre Burke (0-1), Brenda Hanney (1-0), Aoife Lynskey (0-1), Molly Dunne, Sandra Tannian, Emma Kilkenny.*

Sub: *Michelle Glynn for Molly Dunne*

Referee - *John Pender (Kilkenny).*



Lenny Holohan, pictured against Kilkenny, was amongst the goal-scorers against Galway on Sunday.

'Seconds' are looking good

WEXFORD	3-9
GALWAY	0-9

WEXFORD'S 'second-string' camogie side finished off their National League Division 1B run in impressive fashion when scoring a three-goal victory over Galway in Ballinasloe last Sunday, ***writes Noel Holohan.***

Although the win was not enough for Wexford to secure a place in the Division 1B final, they can look forward to the championship with genuine hopes of claiming silverware, as they have already produced an number of impressive performances this year. Additionally, with both the senior 'A' and 'B' panels training together there is always the chance that members of the 'second-string' will be promoted to the 'first-string' if they are showing the required form.

Meanwhile, in similar fashion to the 'A' game last Sunday, Wexford's full-forward got the scoring underway in the 'B' clash with a well taken goal, as Mary Walsh raised a green-flag following good build-up play by Lenny Holohan. Wexford moved six points in-front inside the opening ten minutes as points were added by Gretta Heffernan, Stacey Redmond and Aisling Moran (1-3 to no-score).

Galway got on the scoreboard in the 13th-minute, when Elaine O'Sullivan and Gemma Kelly found time to point for the Tribeswomen.

Wexford were dominant though and they continued to exert the most pressure, adding two more points, as Siona Nolan landed a free and Lenny Holohan scored a good point from play after good approach work by Sharon Kehoe on the wing.

Gemma Kelly added a third point for Galway from a free. But that proved to be the home-side's last score of the half, while Wexford finished strongly. Stacey Redmond hit two points and Siona Nolan found the net with a speculative shot that was horribly misjudged by the Galway 'keeper, Caitriona Nee. In truth, it was the score that effectively finished this game as a contest, with Wexford going in at half-time leading by 2-7 to 0-3.

Galway upped things in the second-half though and out-scored Wexford by 0-5 to 0-1 in the opening 15 minutes. Michelle Glynn and Molly Dunne both pointed well before Siona Nolan hit back with a pointed '45 for Wexford. But Glynn and Gemma Kelly continued the Galway comeback, and when Colette Gill fired over another minor there were just two goals between the sides (2-8 to 0-8).

However, substitute Ciara O'Connor stopped the rot with a point for Wexford after being set up by Shelly Kehoe, before Aoife Lynskey pointed to once again leave just six points between the sides.

But with time running out Galway were unable to get the goals they needed, and it was Wexford who finished the stronger, as Lenny Holohan hammered home a goal just at the end of the game after catching and turning well in the centre.

Last year the senior 'B' side were not competitive at all. But this season they have shown real promise, and they have every chance of putting a decent championship run together

Wexford - *Helena Jacob, Niamh O'Connor, Colleen Atkinson, Karen Atkinson, Bernie Holohan, Avis Nolan, Frances Doran, Stacey Redmond (0-3), Siona Nolan (1-2 frees), Lenny Holohan (1-1), Aisling Moran (0-1), Sharon Kehoe, Gretta Heffernan (0-1), Mary Walsh (1-0), Shelly Kehoe.*

Subs: *Ciara O'Connor (0-1) for Aisling Moran; Aoife O'Connor for Niamh O'Connor; Sara Nolan for Stacey Redmond.*

Galway - *Caitriona Nee, Aisling Hobbins, Lizzy Flynn, Claire Conroy, Phyllis Hayes, Miriam Reynolds, Claire Kelly, Paula Kenny, Paula Carrick, Michelle Glynn (0-2), Gemma Kelly (0-3), Elaine O'Sullivan (0-1), Molly Dunne (0-1), Lisa Smyth, Marese Flanagan.*

Subs: *Sandra Tannian for Lisa Smyth; Colette Gill (0-1) for Paula Kenny; Aoife Lynskey (0-1) for Paula Carrick .*

Referee - *Rita McGrath.*

Tipp's tremendous spirit revived in thriller

National League Play-Off/Munster Final

Tipperary 1-15 Cork 1-15 after extra time

By Gerry Slevin at Toomevara
Photographs by Bridget Delaney

There's a song from a musical called 'It's not how you start, but how you finish' and it was a number that found valid expression in Toomevara on Saturday evening in the context of Tipperary's camogie performance against Cork in their dual performance clash – National League play-off and Munster final. Having conceded a goal in the second minute and then seen their opponents move into a nine point lead, it looked all over for the home side, until a magnificent second half rally saw parity reached at the final whistle. Then, in extra time it was Cork who were forced into hanging in and it was they who sent over the final leveller that ordained a further meeting before the team to meet Wexford in next Sunday's final is known.

What a splendid advertisement for camogie this thriller was. It is probably true to say that after a somewhat indifferent league to date, the 2007 season really exploded into action in sunny Toomevara on Saturday evening and it took the game's keenest rivals to make it happen. Even when Cork were running away with the first half, their prowess could not but be admired. Tipp were trying, trying hard, to recover from the shock of that early goal which came after a Jennifer O'Leary free was finished to the net by Una O'Donoghue. But their wind-aided rivals were showing no mercy, continuing to call the shots as a succession of points passed over Rosie Kenneally's crossbar.

Indeed, the keeper saved a possible second goal brilliantly towards the end of the first quarter when she deflected Una O'Donoghue's pile driver over the bar. A pointed free from Claire Grogan in the 18th minute was Tipp's opening score, following a foul on Eimear McDonnell and with two minutes of the half remaining, Cork were comfortably ahead 1-7 to 0-1. The first spark of hope for Tipp then emerged when Eimear McDonnell set up Jill Horan for a Tipp goal and with Claire Grogan adding a point from a free, the arrears were manageably eaten into at 1-7 to 1-2 when the half time whistle sounded.

Five minutes into the second half it was 1-7 to 1-4, Claire Grogan (free) and Jill Horan bringing Tipp back. There was now far more vigour and determination in Tipp's play and with the defence battening down the corner for Tipp. Suzanne Kelly and Mairead Luttrell too were very prominent in repelling Cork raids while farther on Philly Fogarty, Cora Hennessy and Claire Grogan were plying as though their lives depended on the outcome. A measure of the ever-growing Tipp confidence reared itself with three minutes remaining, when at 1-10 to 1-8 it seemed that Cork might hold out. A Rosie Kenneally clearance began a move that was taken up by Julie Kirwan up along the wing at the stand side to Claire Grogan to Joanne Ryan and over the bar. Then, another Tipp attack forced a 45 which Claire Grogan pointed. Level! It was nail-biting stuff. Tipp continued to attack and might have snatched victory but Jill Horan was narrowly wide as was Claire Grogan from a very difficult free. It ended at 1-10 apiece and extra time beckoned.

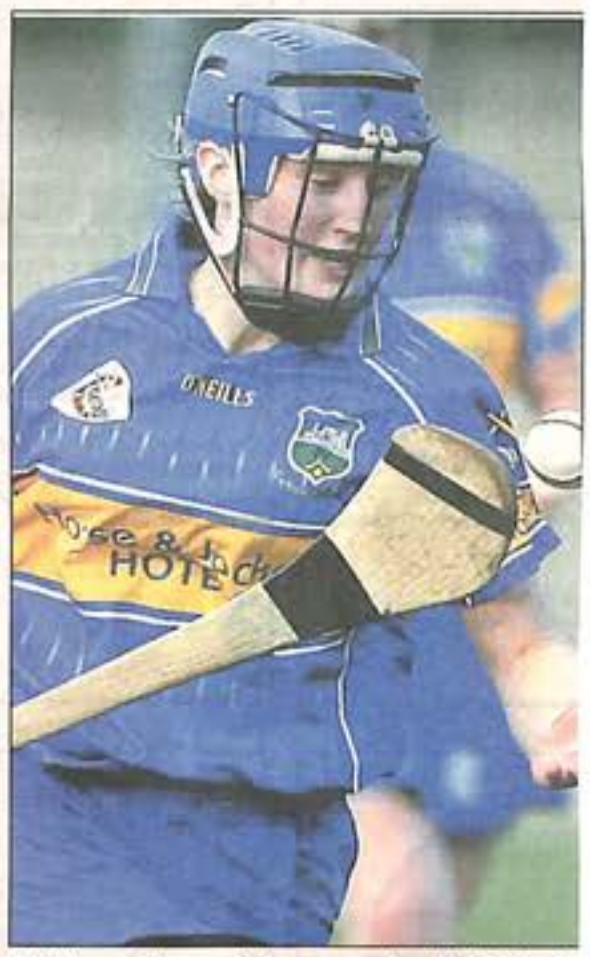
When Claire Grogan pointed a Tipp free a minute into extra time, it was Tipp's first time to be in front. Cora Hennessy accepted the puck out and promptly sent it back over the bar. Jennifer O'Leary (free) and Eimear McDonnell exchanged points before a Claire Grogan point from a free sent Tipp into the second period, three points to the good 1-14 to 1-11. The breeze had dropped considerably by now but whatever was there would aid Cork for the remainder of this pulsating encounter. A point from a Gemma O'Connor free and another from Jennifer O'Leary brought Cork back into the game with a bang. There were many tired limbs on the rock-hard pitch but the spirit in both teams was such as to demand nothing but total effort as the game wound down. Claire Grogan restored Tipp's confidence with a point but Orla Cotter left only a point in it again and it was a Breige Corkery point with time just up that saw these magnificent teams inseparably locked together when Fintan McNamara sounded the long whistle.

Both teams will point to instances that might have turned the match in their respective favours but, in truth, there can hardly be any arguing with the result. Certainly, no one can argue with the quality of the fare provided and the pity is, from a Tipp perspective, that more people didn't feel it worth their while to go and see such a spirited contest. It had everything and while the league might well



DEADLOCKED - Cora Hennessy and Joanne Ryan together with two Cork players eye the ball in the thrilling Munster Final combined with League Playoff.





Julie Kirwan (Tipperary) who was a rock solid defender for Tipperary camogie team against arch rivals Cork at Toomevara on Saturday evening last.

Philly Fogarty parts with the ball to a better placed player against Cork at St Michael's Park Toomevara.

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Threats: Their last championship campaign finished just over two months ago in a most disappointing fashion as possible. Whether they can rediscover the hunger for the game will be the key to whether they can retain the first of three titles won last year.

Opportunities: Bar Tommy Dunne, all of last years panel remain as they attempt for a 32nd North and 21st County title.

Weaknesses: They don't have too many weaknesses judging by last years form. They do have a tendency to start slowly in games and have to put in storming finishes to dig themselves out of tight situations

Opportunities: They were mediocre to say the least last year and exited both championships with a whimper against both Kildangan and Loughmore. It can only get better this year, provided they get over Nenagh Eire Og

Threats: If they don't get up to speed quickly, they could be candidates for relegation, especially if they do not rectify the problems in the forward line.

O'Connor leads impressive Cork to replay win over Tipp

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Cork	**2-15**
Tipperary	**2-10**

by Therese O' Callaghan

IT HAS been a hectic few days for the camogie players of Tipperary and Cork, but last evening the saga came to a close at Ballinlough.

The home side booked their place in the National League final on Sunday against Wexford at Nowlan Park, with victory in this replayed final. St Finbarr's Gemma O'Connor lifted her first piece of silverware — the Munster senior championship trophy — as the Rebels' captain.

In a game that offered only glimpses of the dramatic drawn encounter five days ago, Cork were that bit hungrier on this occasion.

There were some enforced changes; Tipp had lost Michelle Shortt and Philly Fogarty (although she came on late) to injury while Noelle Kennedy didn't start. Cork were missing Catriona Foley (ankle), Anna Geary and Elaine Burke. Yet, it was the Reds who seemed to be the more settled side. Impressive midfielder and captain O'Connor impacted right through — as well as firing three marvellous points she both carried and delivered quality ball into her forward line.

Indeed, it was this area where the home side possessed a far more positive attitude. They carved out some eye-catching scores, in particular Jennifer O'Leary, Sile Burns and Angela Walsh who notched some fine individual points.

Marie O'Neill took her goal extremely well on 22 minutes for an interval lead of 1-6 to 0-5. And Mary O'Connor, once again, was bolstering a solid back six where Aoife Murray was very dependable in goal.

The teams traded points until O'Leary managed a deft flick on a lengthy strike from O'Connor and increased the margin 2-9 to 0-9. At this stage it looked like Tipp might crumble. They can take heart from the fact that they didn't shy away from the challenge.

Eimear McDonnell benefited from a switch from the corner to full forward — she secured 1-1. Her goal in the closing five minutes was more of what McDonnell is renowned for; a terrific catch before turning and blasting to the net.

A Claire Grogan free made its way through a mass of hurleys to wind up in the net too near the death and all of a sudden the margin was down to three.

But, time ran out on Tipp and fittingly it was O'Leary and O'Connor points that sealed the deal for Cork. Be assured though, we will see a lot more of these two teams over the summer.



Cork's Orla Cotter races away from Tipperary's Julie Kirwan during the Munster Senior Camogie Championship Final at Ballinlough.
Picture: Bryan Keane

Scorers for Cork: J O'Leary 1-5 (0-3 frees, 0-1 45m), M O'Neill 1-0, G O'Connor and A Walsh 0-3 each, S Burns 0-2, O Cotter and U O'Donoghue 0-1 each.
Tipperary: C Grogan 1-7 (1-5 frees, 0-2 45m), E McDonnell 1-1, T O'Halloran and L Young 0-1 each.
CORK: A Murray; J O'Callaghan, R Holland, A O'Regan; R Buckley, M O'Connor, S Hayes; B Corkery, G O'Connor (Capt); O Cotter, A Walsh, J O'Leary; S Burns, U O'Donoghue, N O'Neill.
TIPPERARY: R Kenneally; S Kelly, M Luttrell, J Kirwan; P Bulfin, U O'Dwyer, S Nealon; T O'Halloran, J Ryan; C Hennessey, E Hayden, C Grogan (Capt); J Horan, G Kinnane, E McDonnell.
Subs: J O'Halloran for C Hennessey (38 mins inj), L Young for E Hayden (46), L Woods for U O'Dwyer (52), N Kennedy for J Horan (57), P Fogarty for T O'Halloran (58).
Referee: F McNamara (Clare).

Replay set for Cork

Tipp and Cork renew their camogie rivalry on (this) Wednesday evening at the city division grounds in Cork (6.30pm) *writes Gerry Slevin*.

With the league final – against Wexford – scheduled for next Sunday and the All-Ireland championship beginning the following week-end, the necessity of a mid-week replay reared itself after referee Fintan McNamara had brought proceedings to an inconclusive ending in Toomevara on Saturday evening.

Following the final whistle, National Camogie President Liz Howard made telephone contact with the Association's Ardstiurthoir, Sile de Bhalis to inform her of the result and to seek information on replay arrangements. She was told the final must stand for next Sunday and when Wednesday was agreed upon by the two counties for the replay, Cork opted to have the City Division's grounds as the venue.

Saturday's clash was the second of the season, so far, between these keenest of rivals. In the round robin section of the League Tipp were probably lucky to come away from Cork with a share of the spoils and as Cork made the journey to Toomevara on Saturday evening for the Munster final/National League play-off, it is Tipp's turn to travel back on Wednesday.

Expressing more relief than satisfaction that Tipp had lived to fight another day, team manager Tony Delaney on Monday regretted that his charges had not come through on Saturday, if only because of the acute problems which a mid-week match of such importance presents.

He told *The Guardian* that apart from all that was involved in endeavouring to get players off from third-level commitments etc, there were injuries that would make life very difficult in the replay. Michelle Shortt took a heavy knock, ironically when colliding with Una O'Dwyer. Philly Fogarty is limping heavily with a dead leg and Mairead Luttrell has knee and neck injuries. He added that he had also learned that another panelist, Deirdre Dunne from Gortnahoe, a great prospect and one who would surely be coming into the reckoning for a place in the attack, had sustained a cruciate ligament injury.

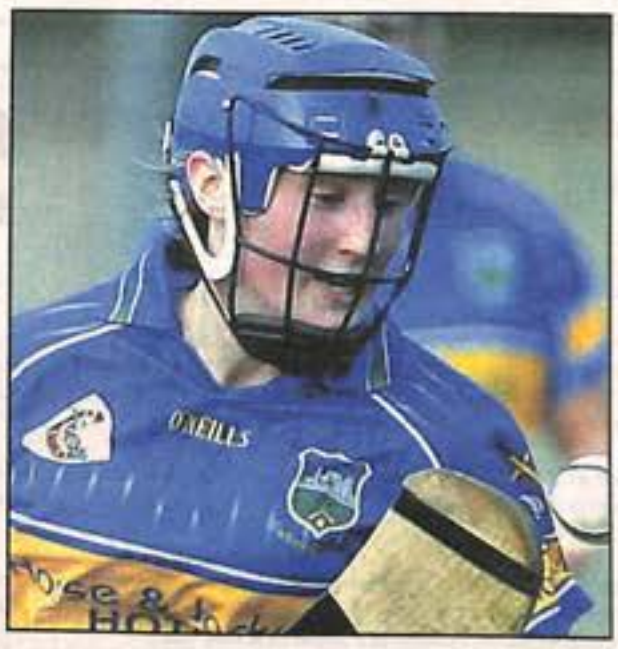
Four panellists, Mairead Luttrell., Julie Kirwan, Jenny O'Halloran and Sabrina Larkin, have to make the journey from Dublin to Cork which, in turn, will necessitate, that they stay in Cork on Wednesday night and return by train to Dublin next morning.

"At the same time I think we learned a good deal on Saturday night. Some of our players have a bit of work to do to get to full fitness but I know that will come in time," he said.

Even though Cork are entitled to have home venue, Tony feels that a better arrangement might have been to have the game precede the Munster minor hurling championship game between Tipp and Clare, which has a 6.30pm throw-in in Limerick's Gaelic Grounds. The Limerick game, he feels, will badly lessen Tipp's camogie support but that said, he is very happy with the overall manner in which the players have approached training and the attitude they have shown so far.

"It's a long season ahead. The championship is coming up very soon after the league and I am confident we will be there or thereabouts when it's all over. It's a pity, though we didn't win on Saturday. It would have given us a full week to get ready for Wexford. Now we have to go out mid-week against Cork again and if we come through, which I hope we will, get ready for a league final next Sunday. There's a lot of pressure there but it won't be for the want of trying if the season isn't successful' he said.

Nenagh Guardian Player of the Week



Julie Kirwan (Tipperary) who was a rock solid defender for Tipperary camogie team against arch rivals Cork at Toomevara on Saturday evening last. Photograph: Bridget Delaney



LINDA MELLERICK

Cork	2-15
Tipperary	2-10

Walsh is top class in victory



Cork's Amanda O'Regan gets the ball away from Tipperary's Emily Hayden during their National League play-off replay clash at Ballinlough last night. Picture: Eddie O'Hare

CORK are Munster Champions.

They are also through to the National League final on Sunday next after their five point victory over Tipperary in Ballinlough last evening.

The game never quite lived up to the drawn encounter but that was almost to be expected with the players having to line-out just four days after an intense 90 minutes last Saturday.

Still Cork will be happy with their display particularly the performances of Angela Walsh and the recently called-up Sile Burns.

Tipperary never looked like winning the game despite scoring 2-1 inside six minutes entering the final minutes of the game.

Una O'Donoghue, once again, opened the scoring for Cork with a well-taken point. Sile Burns hit two to Clare Grogan's one for Tipp with 10 minutes gone.

In a low scoring first half, on a tight pitch, the game became very stop/start as players fought to gain a bit of space. Frees were plentiful ensuring the game lacked a good run of play so evident on Saturday.

Aoife Murray made a tremendous double save six minutes in and once again was extremely solid under the dropping ball.

Cork never managed to build up the lead they enjoyed in the previous outing but they maintained their focus because of it.

Grogan and O'Leary swapped frees to leave two between the sides before Marie O'Neill popped up with a Cork goal 22 minutes in. An Angela Walsh run saw her deliver inside to O'Neill who had the goal at her mercy and she struck to the far corner.

Trish O'Halloran hit over, Grogan hit two '45's and Walsh again was in the thick of the action with two points just before the break to leave the half time score standing at 1-6 to 0-5.

The wind grew stronger and Cork faced it for the second period. On the tight pitch, both teams exerted huge pressure when not in possession.

It was noteworthy that Tipp scored only one point from play in the opening half and this trend looked set to continue when by the 13th minute of the second they had hit a further two '45's and one free.

Orla Cotter and Jennifer O'Leary (2) struck over to maintain Cork's four point advantage after 14 minutes. Louise Young brought it back down to three before O'Leary effectively ended Tipp's challenge with Cork's second goal with seven minutes of normal time remaining.

Gemma O'Connor, who came thundering into the game, dropped a long high ball in over the heads of the entire defence and it was the cross running O'Leary who flicked high into the net as the ball bounced. A converted free from the same player left eight between the sides with five minutes left on the clock.

Five minutes of added time however allowed for far more action. Emer McDonnell, who once again was well marshalled by Joanne O'Callaghan, managed to grab 1-1 (the goal well taken). It was down to four. Credit Cork's composure as Walsh and O'Connor responded with points. Grogan hit another free for Tipp but it was the home side that once again finished strongest with O'Leary and O'Connor sealing a deserved Cork victory.

Cork now play Wexford in Nowlan Park on Sunday as they bid to retain their National League title.

Coach Fiona O'Driscoll was high in praise for her charges as they awaited the presentation.

"I was delighted with our performance. The pitch was tight which didn't allow for a lot of open play, but I was particularly pleased with our composure and the way certain players stood up.

"When Tipp scored we replied almost immediately.

"Seven of our players scored from play tonight, all six forwards and Gemma O'Connor.

"We've worked hard to get to the final, now we're there, we want to win it."

Scorers for Cork: J O'Leary 1-5 (0-3f, 0-1'45), A Walsh 0-3, G O'Connor 0-3, M O'Neill 1-0, S Burns 0-2, U O'Donoghue and O Cotter 0-1 each.

Tipperary: C Grogan 1-7 (1-3f, 0-4 '45), E McDonnell 1-1, L Young and T O'Halloran 0-1 each.

CORK: A Murray; J O'Callaghan, R Holland; R Buckley, M O'Connor, S Hayes; B Corkery, G O'Connor; O Cotter, A Walsh, J O'Leary; S Burns, U O'Donoghue, M O'Neill.

TIPPERARY: R Kenneally; S Kelly, M Luttrell, J Kirwan; P Bulfin, U O'Dwyer, S Nealon; T O'Halloran, J Ryan; C Hennessey, E Hayden, C Grogan; E McDonnell, G Kinnane, J Horan.

Subs: J O'Halloran for C Hennessey (inj 36min), L Young for E Hayden (48min), P Fogarty for T O'Halloran (55min), N Kennedy for J Horan (57min).

Referee: Fintan McNamara (Clare).



Rebels set to see off Limerick

By MARY NEWMAN

All-Ireland U16 championship

CORK U16s opened their campaign in the round-robin series of the All-Ireland camogie championship with a fine victory against a strong Galway side two weeks ago.

Limerick provide round two opposition in Ballinlough on Saturday (1pm) as the Cork girls bid to get the weekend off to a good start for Cork camogie followers.

It's Limerick first game in the series and they will be determined to stamp their mark on proceeding and get their own campaign off to a good start.

At under age level form is hard to gauge, especially until counties play their first championship game.

However Limerick had to give way to a strong Clare side in the opening round of the provincial championship, with Clare going on to defeat Cork in the final.

Limerick camogie is enjoying plenty of good times at present. Their U18 side defeated Cork in the semi-final of the provincial championship recently, while their senior side contest the Division 1B final against Cork on Sunday.

On Saturday their panel will include colleges players Rosemary Rea, Kerri Brosnan, Annette McAuliffe, Naomi Carroll and Judith Mulcahy, all experienced campaigners.

Cork were on top of their game from the throw-in against Galway. Up front they introduced Sinead O' Neill to their starting 15 at full forward and she grabbed three goals.

Again the work rate of the players around her was excellent. Denise Luby, Joanne Casey, Catriona Collins and Emma Kingston all linking up well to ensure a plentiful supply of ball to the Cork inside line.

On Saturday Cork will be without Joanne Casey, who is attending a wedding. However with plenty of talent on the bench there will be no shortage of replacements.

The Cork backroom team will be mindful of the wake-up call Limerick issued to the U18 side and they-will not allow their charges to be under any illusions as to the importance of Saturday's game.

If they go out with the same determination as they did against Galway another two points should be secured.

CORK (panel): Ashleen Sheehan (Ballincollig), Catherine O'Brien (Inniscarra), Mary Ann Hawkes (Valley Rovers), Michelle Healy (Aghabullogue), Emma Kingston (Inniscarra), Rebecca Finn (Milford), Pamela Mackey (Douglas), Orlaith O'Mahony (Milford), Jennifer Lynch (Tracton), Joanne Casey (Inniscarra), Julia White (Douglas), Catriona Collins (Ballinhassig), Aileen O'Donovan (Douglas), Niamh O'Keeffe (Erins Own), Katrina Mackey (Douglas), Sinead O'Neill (Clonakilty), Denise Luby (Glen Rovers), Mary Ellen O'Donovan (Ballygarvan), Emer Healy (Buttevant), Karen O'Connell (Glen Rovers), Brea O'Callaghan (Ballincollig), Aoife McCarthy (Eire Óg), Darina O'Callaghan (Buttevant), Alison Coughlan (Ballincollig), Moira O'Donovan (Douglas), Mariah Reidy (Newtownshandrum), Sarah Harrington (Fr O'Neill's), Claire Keohane (Killeagh).

MAY 2007

Cork can weather the storm

By LINDA MELLERICK

Cork preview

SUNDAY, National League Division 1A final, Cork v Wexford, Nowlan Park, 3pm

SO AFTER a week of immense excitement its Cork and Wexford in the National League final tomorrow.

It's also Cork and Wexford again just seven days later in the first round of this year's Division 1A All-Ireland Championship.

It's disappointing that the sides meet in two such important games in such a short space of time.

Were there little or nothing between the sides, the championship game would possibly favour the defeated National League finalists.

Depending on the winning margin, complacency could set in for the winners and a determined, vengeful attitude would almost certainly become the mindset of the losers.

Wexford have defeated Cork already this year by a single point, 2-4 to 0-9, the day before the Cork team flew to Lanzarote for a well-deserved break.

And Wexford have improved considerably over the past number of months, no disputing that fact.

Former intercounty player Stella Sinnott has done a great job.

They are the only side to collect full points during the league and that consistency cannot be ignored.

The success of their All-Ireland winning Féile teams and College Colaiste Bride's All-Ireland success seem to be paying off at senior level.

But is it a case of 'A lot done; more to do'?

This will be the side's sixth meeting with Cork in three years.

Since the introduction of the round-robin system every team will play each other in both league and championship year in, and year out.

Statistically, Cork dominant.

Four wins out of five to date. At times they have run riot against their opponents, at others, barely scraped through.

But it seems that when Cork are mentally up to it, there is no contest.

Since 2004 Wexford have made progress. Back-to-back Leinster titles that year also saw them reach the League final and then lose to Tipp in the All-Ireland semi-final by a point.

Much was expected in 2005. Cork defeated them in the League semi-final with a score of 1-11 to 2-6.

A short few weeks later, come championship time, the Rebel county upped the tempo and a magnificent second-half display saw them once again defeat Wexford by 2-16 to 2-7.

In 2006 the Leinster side still couldn't get one over on their southern opponents.

Again Cork took the points in the league with a 10 point victory and despite hitting 17 wides in the championship, won by five.

Finally, in 2007 Wexford achieved their victory and you couldn't deny them their evident joy.

Cork have had a tough run up to the National League final. Their replay last Wednesday evening, after a 90- minute battle four days before leaves them with only four days again to recuperate.

Injuries are a worry too.

Denise Twomey is still a bit away from full recovery and time will tell whether Cork will chance Catriona Foley tomorrow or decide to give her ankle another week and hold her for championship. Speaking with Cork coach, Fiona O'Driscoll last Wednesday evening, while giving the League Final their utmost respect, they will not risk players a week ahead of championship.

The injuries will be nursed with care.

On the plus side Cork have options. They always had them in defence.

Cork will head into tomorrow's final confident. And they will weather the storm.

HISTORY could be in the making on Sunday next in Nowlan Park when Wexford take on Cork in the National League Division 1 Final. Twenty nine years ago (1978) Margaret Leacy (nee O'Leary) captained Wexford to their one and only League title and on Sunday next her daughter Mary will bid to bring home the League title for the second time ever. Never before have a Mother and daughter captained a National League winning team. Mary will also have her sister Úna playing on the side too.

However, the Wexford Manager the former three times All-Ireland club championship winner Stellah Sinnott is adamant that they are taking a low profile approach to Sunday " yes it is a final and in someways things are different, but our preparation for Sunday's game has been the same as for all the games so far this year, we will travel by car as we have done to many games". Since Stellah's appointment this season the Model county has turned in some model displays although the former Buffers Alley player was very quick to point out they only beat both Cork and Tipperary by a point which indicates what a game may well be in store on Sunday.

Over the recent years Tipperary have been Wexford's bogey team in both League and championship and so when they finally beat the Premier county after years of trying it was a major psychological victory for Wexford. As well as having to wait until Wednesday night to find out who their finalists would be, the Wexford backroom team will have another anxious evening on Saturday as five of the girls will take part in the Ladies Gaelic Football League Final in Thurles against Dublin.

The five dual players include captain Mary Leacy,Kate Kelly, Michelle Hearne, Brigid Curran, and Caroline Murphy and no doubt they will be hoping to make it a double victory weekend. None of these players were even born when Wexford won their League title,while Avis Nolan has the distinction of being Wexford's oldest player at thirty!
Also, in action on Sunday will be Áine Codd whose Mother Kit Codd was also on that winning team of 1978!

The fact that Cork will have had to play two tough games in the run up to Sunday's final including extra time on Saturday last may tell on them on Sunday, while it can also be argued that the extra matches will give them extra match practise, only time will tell.

While the Wexford backroom team have one or two dilemmas to overcome one piece of good news from the camp is the fact they can call on a full panel, totally free of injuries, which includes the availability of Bronagh Furlong who was injured in the recent League game against Galway.

Cork and Wexford last met in a League final back in 1992 which Cork won, 2-17 to 0-11.

Cork will be hoping to not only topple Wexford but they will also be hoping for their senior 'B' side to make it a double as they take on Limerick in the Division 1 B League final. Former Limerick hurler Ciarán Carey has taken Limerick camogie to a new hight since taking over this year and a win on Sunday would serve as a huge boost to the county and going on League form to date they could well deny Cork a Division 1 B title.

Also this weekend,the second ever Division Four League Blitz for the weaker counties will go ahead in Donegal between, the home side, Mayo, Louth and Monaghan the holders. On top of that nine U16 championship games will go ahead on Saturday so another hectic camogie weekend!



Wexford's Una Lacey and Cork's Gemma O'Connor will come face to face again tomorrow in the National League final in Nowlan Park.

May 2007

Great expectations as Wexford and Limerick aim to end title famine



Therese O'Callaghan

NOT since Munster beat the mighty All Blacks in 1978 have Wexford won a national senior camogie title. This year, though, they have been turning on the style, defeating Cork and Tipperary in an unbeaten spring campaign.

Consequently they have arrived at the national league final tomorrow against Cork in Nowlan Park. Recent developments suggest victory is well within their compass.



Jim Kilty: fitness guru.

A player of note from the 1990's, Stella Sinnott, has taken over as manager, and a further boost came in the form of fitness guru Jim Kilty. Sinnott, a nurse in Waterford, is surrounded by success this week, further hammering home the massive difference winning can make to any county.

"We would be hoping to do the same as the Waterford hurlers," she said. "But, we don't want to be going ahead of ourselves, it is one step at a time. The players are not used to this stage. Beating Cork and Tipperary were huge for us. We had not beaten Tipp since 1991, so that meant a lot."

The Slaneysiders will be hoping to build on their marvellous season and Sinnott says great credit must also go to her backroom set up.

"I was a selector last year, and when I took the position of manager I wanted the right team behind me. We approached Jim Kilty who trains 400 metre hurdler and triple jumper Bronagh Furlong (panellist tomorrow) and he was delighted to get involved with us. Obviously with his commitment to Mayo (footballers) he can't be with us for all sessions, we have him about twice a month.

Undoubtedly, there is plenty of expectation, particularly because of Kilty's association. However, the renowned coach is quick to reverse the praise onto the girls themselves.

"They are hungry for success and I found them very willing to work with. One thing for sure is they will give it everything," he said.

While Kilty is hugely involved with lady athletes, this is his first time being connected with a camogie team. Although, he did oversee one training session when Ann Downey was manager of Kilkenny a few years ago.

Meanwhile, All-Star hurler Ciarán Carey, who was appointed Limerick camogie manager earlier this year, knows exactly what his team are going through. Being without a major title for quite some time has a lot of parallels to the 16-year span he spent with the Shannonsiders. Together they hope to put those disappointments behind them when they face Cork in the Division 1B decider tomorrow.

"It is a nice achievement to be in the final," admitted the Patrickswell man.

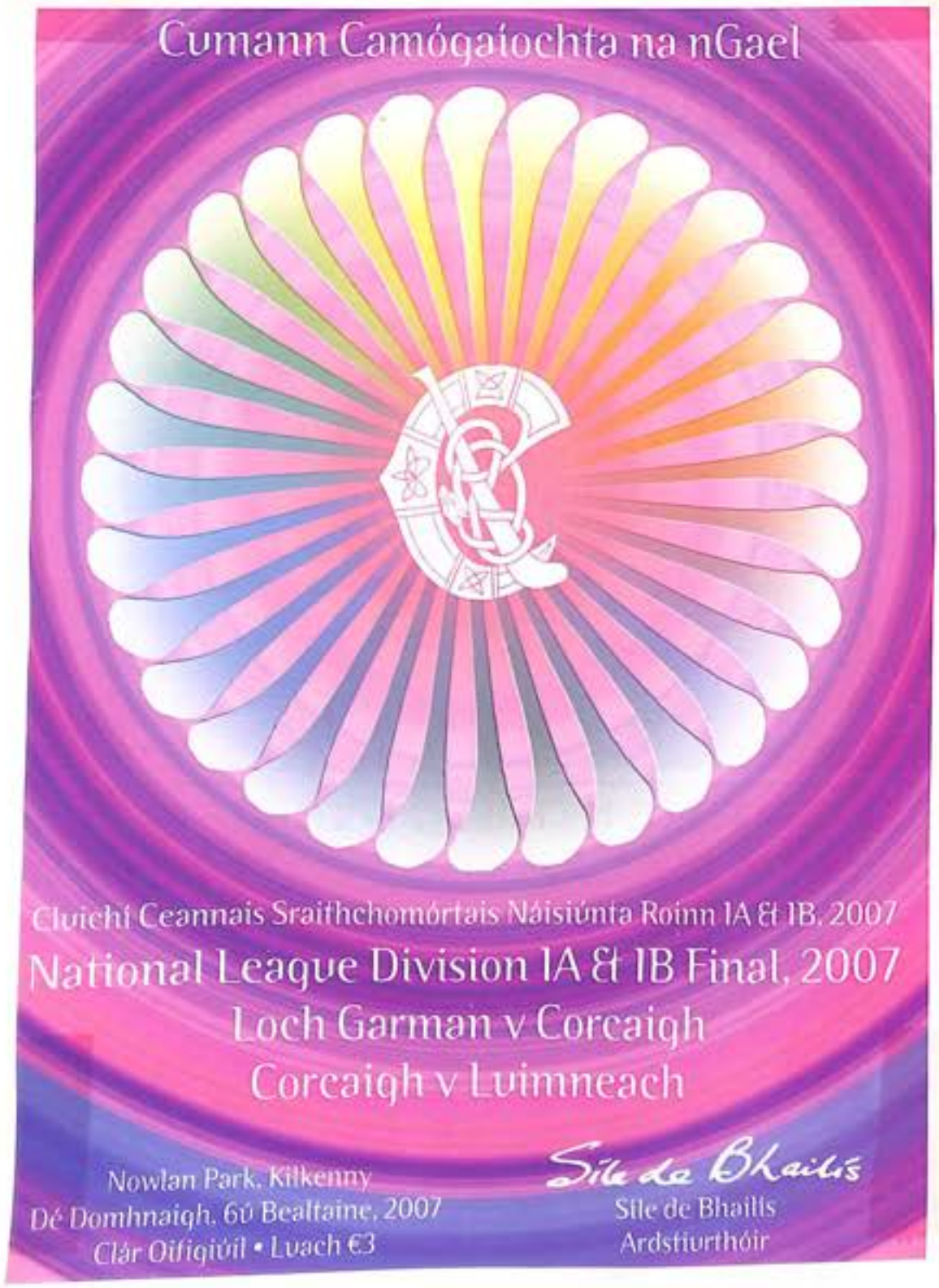
"The camogie team are starved — a bit like our senior hurlers. I knew nothing about these girls. I was approached but had no second thoughts. I am confident in my own ability and it is easy to spot talent. I hadn't heard too much about camogie in Limerick so I knew there was only one way to go.

"I have been educated a lot since I came on board, and I realise beating Cork in an earlier bout has no significance whatsoever. We pipped them by a point then but we won't be going on that," he commented.

In spite of possibly being denied three of his first choice players to injury — Meadhbh Nash (definitely out), Eileen O'Brien and Aoife Sheehan — Carey still hopes they can muster the win.

"In fairness getting to the final has created a fierce high in Limerick. We are all thrilled because nothing much has been won since 1994. The girls have great heart. Take for one, Vera Sheehan, who has toiled with this team for years and has little to show for her efforts. It would be great for her, and for all the people who have stuck with it down through the years."

CORK (1A): A Murray; J O'Callaghan, C Foley, A O'Regan; R Buckley, M O'Connor, S Hayes; B Corkery, G O'Connor (cpt), O Cotter, A Geary, J O'Leary; A Walsh, U O'Donoghue, S Burns.
Subs: E Clifford, R Holland, J Duffy, R Moloney, E Watson, E O'Farrell, S O'Donovan, M O'Neill, E Burke, E O'Sullivan.
CORK (1B): G Harrington; AM Fleming,N Mulcahy, D Hayes; E O'Sullivan, L O'Connell, L Hawkes; R Curtin, L Dorgan; A Thompson, M Corkery, M Watson; C Kearney, T Roche, R Myers.
Subs: E White, M Jaego, M Browne, Deirdre Twomey, C Deasy, Denise Twomey, H O'Regan, S Cunningham, E Power, V O'Keeffe, E O'Sullivan.



Cork girls aim for a good start

By MARY NEWMAN

National League final

SUNDAY, Senior Division 1B, National League final, Cork v Limerick, Nowlan Park

AN all-Munster Senior Division 1B National League final is the attractive curtain raiser in Nowlan Park on Sunday as both counties bid for their first title in this grade of camogie.

Cork will be hoping to make it the first leg of a historic double with the senior division 1A side meeting Wexford in the second game of the afternoon.

In just its second year in existence, the competition has proved a huge success no more so than for Limerick, who having struggled at the higher level sought re-grading this year.

Cork, with impressive victories over Wexford, Tipperary, Kilkenny, Galway and Dublin lost just one game in their group series, to Limerick.

That day, in appalling weather, the Shannonsiders held on for a narrow one-point victory in awful conditions.

Cork know the task which lies ahead and they will have to be at their best to defeat this Limerick side.

Former Allstar hurler Ciaran Carey has helped turn around the fortunes of camogie in Limerick.

They recorded a 4-12 to 0-2 victory over Dublin in their opening game of the series before going on to record victories over Kilkenny, Tipperary, Wexford and Cork.

Surprisingly they lost out to Galway, but this was to be their only stumble.

They are a very solid outfit from full-back Michelle Casey to forwards, Vera Sheehan and Eileen O'Brien.

They have shown a new confidence and commitment throughout 2007.

Fourteen-year-old star Naomi Carroll hasn't looked out of place when introduced in their games to date.

She has been in the thick of the action all year.

Vera Sheehan, Sinéad McAuliffe and Eileen O'Brien have soldiered long and hard for cause and, while camogie in the county has had it share of bad times, the decision to re-grade to this level has given it a much needed boost.

Ciaran Carey expressed satisfaction at this side's progress to the final and if his enthusiasm is anything to go by they will not be short of determination.

Cork will have other ideas as they strive to annex their first division 1B crown.

Aidan Crowley, in his first season with the division 1B side, guided the county to their first All-Ireland title in the grade in 2006.

With the division 1A team also in the final the division 1B panel is suffering. Sile Burns and Jenny Duffy having lined-out with the second string through the league campaign will not be available due to commitments with the division 1A team. Charlotte Kearney who impressed with CIT during the Ashbourne series, last season's U16 player Aisling Thompson, Linda Dorgan, Marie Corkery, Lucy Hawkes and Eimear O' Sullivan have turned in solid displays in all games to date.

The big test awaits them on Sunday against such impressive performers as Eileen O' Brien, Marie Keating, Vera Sheehan and Sinead McAuliffe.

The Cork girls will be full of determination. If they can maintain the level of the performances they have given to date the first leg of the double is well within their grasp.

CORK PANEL: Gillian Harrington (Valley Rovers), Ann Marie Fleming (Barryroe), Noreen Mulcahy (St Catherine's), Deirdre Hayes (Milford), Eimear O' Sullivan (Ballinhassig), Lynda O' Connell (St Finbarr's), Lucy Hawkes (Valley Rovers), Regina Curtin (Milford), Linda Dorgan (Grenagh), Aisling Thompson (Milford), Marie Corkery (Cloughduv), Marie Watson (Milford), Charlotte Kearney (Na Piarsaigh), Tina Roche (Aghbullogue), Rachel Myers (St Finbarr's), Hazel O' Regan (Clonakilty), Shona Cunningham (Youghal), Esther Power (St Catherine's), Val O' Keeffe (Kilbrittan / Timoleague), Eimear White (Barryroe), Marion Jaego (Tracton), Michelle Browne (Mallow), Deirdre Twomey (St Catherine's), Clodagh Deasy (Tracton), Denise Twomey (St Catherine's), Emer O' Sullivan (Kilbrittan / Timoleague).

An Corcaigh

Dearg agus Bán



(1) **Aoife Murray**
A. Ni Mhuiri
Cloughduv

(2) **Joanne O'Callaghan**
S. Ni Cheallachàin
Cloughduv

(3) **Catriona Foley**
C. Ni Fhoghlú
Rockban

(4) **Amanda O'Regan**
A. Ni Riagáin
Douglas

(5) **Rena Buckley**
R. Ni Bhuachalla
Inniscarra

(6) **Mary O'Connor**
M. Ni Chonchúir
Killeagh

(7) **Sara Hayes**
S. Ni Aodha
Courcey Rovers

(8) **Briege Corkery**
B. Ni Chorcra
Cloughduv

(9) **Gemma O'Connor** *(Captain)*
G. Ni Chonchúir
St. Finbarrs

(10) **Orla Cotter**
O. Nic Oitir
St. Catherine's

(11) **Anna Geary**
Á. Ni Ghadhra
Milford

(12) **Jennifer O'Leary**
S. Ni Laoire
Barryroe

(13) **Angela Walsh**
A. Bhreatnach
Killeagh

(14) **Una O'Donoghue**
Ú Ni Dhonnchú
Cloughduv

(15) **Síle Burns**
S. Ni Bhroin
Rockban

(16) **Ellen Clifford**
E. Ni Chlúmháin
St. Finbarrs

(17) **Roisín Holland**
R. Ni Aoláin
Barryroe

(18) **Jenny Duffy**
S. Ni Dhuffaigh
St. Finbarrs

(19) **Rachel Moloney**
R. Ni Mhaoilmhichil
Courcey Rovers

(20) **Emer Watson**
E. Nic Ghiolla Mhichil
Milford

(21) **Emer O'Farrell**
E. Ni Fhearail
Sarsfields

(22) **Sara O'Donovan**
S. Ni Dhonnabháin
Ballygarvan

(23) **Marie O'Neill**
M. Ni Neill
Watergrasshill

(24) **Elaine Burke**
E. de Búrca
Valley Rovers

(25) **Eimear O'Sullivan**
E. Ni Shúilleabháin
Ballinhassig

Manager: John Cronin Coach: Fiona O'Driscoll
Selectors: Lillian Zincant, Mary Moran

Loch Garman

Corcra agus Órga



(1) **Mags D'Arcy**
M. Ni Dhorchai
St. Martin's

(2) **Deirdre Codd**
D. Nic Óda
Duffry Rovers

(3) **Catherine O'Loughlin**
C. Ni Lochlainn
Monageer-Boolavogue

(4) **Claire O'Connor**
C. Ni Chonchubhair
Rathnure

(5) **Noeleen Lambert**
N. Laimbeart
St. Martin's

(6) **Mary Leacy** *(Captain)*
M. Ni Laitheasa
Oulart-the-Ballagh

(7) **Áine Codd**
A. Nic Óda
St. Martin's

(8) **Kate Kelly**
C. Ni Cheallaigh
St. Ibar's

(9) **Caroline Murphy**
C. Ni Mhurchú
Ferns St. Aidan's

(10) **Louise Codd**
L. Nic Óda
Duffry Rovers

(11) **Una Leacy**
U. Ni Laitheasa
Oulart-the-Ballagh

(12) **Michelle O'Leary**
M. Ni Laoire
Rathnure

(13) **Katrina Parrock**
C. Parrock
St. Martin's

(14) **Michelle Hearne**
M. Ni Eathirn
St. Ibar's

(15) **Bridget Curran**
B. Ni Chorráin
St. Ibar's

(16) **Helena Jacob**
L. Iócáb
Oulart-the-Ballagh

(17) **Avis Nolan**
A. Ni Núallain
Monageer-Boolavogue

(18) **Bernie Holohan**
B. Ni Uallacháin
Rathnure

(19) **Lenny Holohan**
L. Ni Uallacháin
Rathnure

(20) **Rose-Marie Breen**
R. M. Ni Bhroin
Monageer-Boolavogue

(21) **Ursula Jacob**
U. Iócáb
Oulart-the-Ballagh

(22) **Mary Walsh**
M. Bhreatnach
Mary Walsh

(23) **Stacey Redmond**
S. Nic Réamoinn
Oulart-the-Ballagh

(24) **Bróna Furlong**
B. Furlong
Duffry Rovers

(25) **Aoife O'Connor**
A. Ni Chonchubhair
Rathnure

Manager: Stellah Sinnott. Trainers: Eddie Flynn, Jim Kilty.
Selectors: Alan Aherne *(Assistant Manager)*, Noel Ryan.

MAY 2007

CORK AND LIMERICK MEET IN DIVISION 1 B FINAL

CORK and Limerick come head to head in the senior division 1B national league final on Sunday in Nolan Park.

Its Cork's first year contesting the division 1 B final and having lost out to Limerick already in the league series they will be hoping to turn the tables and take their first title. It been an interesting campaign, Limerick lost just one game to Galway while Cork lost out just once to Limerick.

Re graded this year from Division 1 A Limerick have regrouped under the guidance of former All Star hurler Ciarán Carey, they recorded a 4-12 to 0-2 victory over Dublin in the opening round of the league and from there went from strength to strength. Cork have made steady progress in their campaign losing out to just Limerick in tough game in appalling weather conditions on St Patrick's weekend.

The make up of the Cork panel will very much depend on the availability of players if the Senior Division 1A team make it to the final players such as Eimear O'Sullivan and Regina Curtin and may not be available to the second team and they would prove a huge loss against a strong Limerick side who will look to Eileen O'Brien, Vera Sheehan and Sinead McAuliffe to take the counties first senior division 1B title.

Under 16 team continue campaign

HAVING recorded a good victory over Galway in their opening game of the round robin series of the Under 16 All Ireland championship Cork's young guns take on Limerick in round two on Saturday in Ballinlough at 1pm.

It's Limericks first game in the series but no doubt they will be boosted by the victory recorded by their minor (under 18) squad two weeks ago when they defeated Cork in the provincial semi final.

Cork had to battle hard to defeat Galway, three goals by full forward Sinead O'Brien helping secure victory while Emma Kingston, Mary Ann Hawkes Rebecca Finn and Denise Luby all impressed. Limerick will look to Marie McGrath, Rachel Carmody Rose Marie Rea and Sarah Carey to help secure their first points in the series.

CORK V TIPPERARY

A LATE Briege Corkery point on Saturday last ensured that Cork and Tipperary were replaying their senior division 1A semi final last evening in Ballinlough to find a winner to meet Wexford's in next Sundays League final.

Cork led 1-4 to 0-0 inside the opening quarter and Una O'Donoghue goal inside two minute settled Cork. Points quickly followed from Jennifer O'Leary (3) and Una O' Donoghue as cork set a blistering pace, Claire Grogan opened Tipperary's account with a pointed free in the sixteenth minute but cork maintained their lead with points from

Anna Geary (2) and Elaine Burke to open up an eight points lead. Tipperary Jill Horan's had a goal and a point from Claire Grogan before the break saw Cork lead 1-7 to 1-2 at the half time whistle.

Tipperary improved through the second half and with Claire Grogan, Joanne Ryan and Noelle Kennedy to the fore they took the game to extra-time.

Both sides showed tremendous determination in extra-time Tipperary had taking a two point cushion before points from Orla Cotter and Briege Corkery forced the sides to return last night for another tilt at the provincial title and a chance to secure a place in the league final.

Camogiechat

With Mary Newman



Glen Rovers camogie players Denise Luby and Karen O'Connell both members of the Cork under 16 panel at the Glen Rovers victory celebrations recently

County Board meeting

BECAUSE of the Bank holiday on Monday next club delegates are reminded that next weeks meeting of the county board will take place on Tuesday night

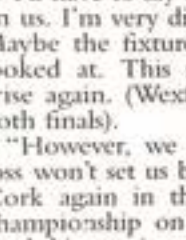
CAMOGIE

National Camogie League Finals Division 1A: Cork 3-8 Wexford 2-10 **Division 1B:** Limerick 1-14 Cork 0-5 **U16 All-Ireland Camogie Championship** Antrim 7-17 Wexford 0-2, Derry 5-3 Armagh 2-3, Cork 2-11 Limerick 0-7, Kilkenny 5-16 Dublin 4-5, Galway 3-11 Tipperary 1-8. **Leinster Junior Championship semi-final:** Meath 2-8 Offaly 1-8.

O'Leary hits clincher for Cork

Cork 3-8

Wexford 2-10



Therese O'Callaghan

Nowlan Park

to the rescue for Cork

THIS Division 1A camogie league final was a terrific match that could not be decided until two minutes into injury time, when Jennifer O'Leary pointed from a free.

Prior to that the titleholders had surged ahead by six points with goals from O'Leary, Una O'Donoghue and Sile Burns but in a hectic closing period (we had five goals in 11 minutes) the game went right down to the wire.

Wexford made a massive comeback with a brace of goals from Michelle Hearne. Up to that they were splendidly served by Mary Leacy, Aine Codd, Kate Kelly and Caroline Murphy. But whether it was Saturday's football league final against Dublin (they had five dual players) taking its toll, Wexford ran out of steam. The disappointment was written all over manager Stellah Sinnott's face.

"We came so close. We created chances but didn't take them with the wind. We tired. We are physically fit, so I'd have to say the football impacted on us. I'm very disappointed over that. Maybe the fixtures calendar could be looked at. This situation should not arise again. (Wexford ended up losing both finals).

"However, we must make sure this loss won't set us back. We are meeting Cork again in the All-Ireland senior championship on Saturday. It will be hard this evening to pick up the pieces, but we will have to take it on the chin. Cork are All-Ireland champions, they know how to win. The experience told."

Cork manager John Cronin looked a little worse for wear after surviving this tight finish. They were pushed by Tipperary twice in the last week; and now the Slaneysiders; he was just glad to be leaving with the silverware.

"It is important to keep winning. We only managed to hold out in the end. Wexford are a very good team and they proved it. They never gave up even when we looked likely winners."

Leeside captain Gemma O'Connor was equally relieved and ecstatic. "We are going to get nothing easy this year," she said. "This was a real tough game. Wexford are very fit and physical and made us fight for the win. But it is a fabulous victory. I'd have to pay tribute to the girls. We were down 0-8 to 0-3 at half-time but still managed to pull it off."

This was one of the best contested finals for quite some time, and Wexford almost created an upset. They started strongly with excellent midfielders Kelly and Murphy inspirational. Una Leacy was a danger up front but for all their possession the purple and gold couldn't beat Aoife Murray in the Cork goal, who was well protected by her strong defence.

However, though the Wexford potential was still there in the third quarter, Cork came good and were boosted by a fabulous goal from O'Leary to put them on level terms. Four minutes later O'Donoghue blasted their second, and when Burns drilled the third they led 3-6 to 0-9.

Roared on by big support, the Wexford response was brilliant, but a needless foul on O'Leary, converted by the same player, proved to be the winner.

Scorers for Cork: J O'Leary 1-4 (0-3 frees), U O'Donoghue 1-1, S Burns 1-0, G O'Connor 0-2, A Geary 0-1.

Scorers for Wexford: M Hearne 2-0, K Kelly 0-5 (0-3 frees, 0-1 45m), U Leacy and C Murphy 0-2 each, A Codd 0-1 (free).

CORK: A Murray; A O'Regan, R Holland, J O'Callaghan; R Buckley, M O'Connor, S Hayes; B Corkery, G O'Connor (Capt); O Cotter, A Geary, J O'Leary; A Walsh, U O'Donoghue, S Burns.

Subs: E Clifford for A Murray (30 mins blood sub), A Murray for E Clifford (35), J Duffy for B Corkery (51 blood sub), B Corkery for J Duffy (55).

WEXFORD: M D'Arcy; D Codd, C O'Loughlin, C O'Connor; N Lambert, M Leacy (Capt), A Codd; K Kelly, C Murphy; L Codd, U Leacy, M O'Leary; B Furlong, M Hearne, B Curran.

Subs: K Parrock for L Codd (40), U Jacob for B Curran (47), R M Breen for C Murphy (53), A Nolan for D Codd (56).

Referee: J Pender (Kildare).



Cork centre-forward Anna Geary is dispossessed by Wexford full-back Catherine O'Loughlin in the National League Division 1A final at Nowlan Park.

Picture: Denis Minihane

Limerick end long wait with emphatic win over Cork

Limerick 1-14

Cork 0-5

Therese O'Callaghan, Nowlan Park

IT might only be the league. Try telling that to Limerick. The Division 1B title rests down Shannonside this morning. And with all respect to Cork this was the result camogie and Limerick needed.

Years of misfortune were wiped away yesterday in Nowlan Park. Many of these Limerick players had soldiered for a long time without a hint of success — they ended that wait in emphatic fashion.

To be fair, the green and white must be winning at this level if they are to compete at the top tier. They play Division 1A next season. This was Cork's second string, but as manager Ciarán Carey pointed out a few minutes after winning, the Rebels are strong at every level.

That's why this victory will do wonders for Limerick.

"Just have a look at them there," he said, referring to his champions as they [illegible] in the middle of the field. "They absolutely deserve every minute of this. Limerick camogie is going in the right direction. We are looking for a sponsor at the moment — we have one or two interested bodies, maybe after today it might be a bit easier."

After playing with the wind in the opening half, they led 0-8 to 0-1. Many wondered would it be enough?

Admitted Carey: "At half time I told them it was all about pride, passion and heart. And they responded magnificently. They didn't let Cork into it at all for the first 15 minutes and then there was no way they were going to let this game behind them."

No, Limerick were never going to die. Captain Aoife Sheehan and Eileen Brien passed late fitness tests and the former was an inspiration at centre back. Seventeen-year-old Niamh Mulcahy came in for the injured Meadhbh Nash and what a performance she turned in. Rose Collins too was powerful at full back and Grace McNamara let little pass her on the wing.

But, the greatest smile of all came from the other Sheehan, Vera, and who could begrudge the stalwart her greatest hour at senior inter-county level. "It is a long time coming," she mused, as she proudly watched younger sister Aoife lift the trophy — their first major accolade since 1994.

Her partner in the middle of the park, Deirdre Fitzpatrick was immense too. Marie Keating got the crucial goal seven minutes inside the resumption after collecting a long delivery by Vera Sheehan. Alongside her, Sinead McAuliffe and Mairead Kelly (very industrious when moved to half forward for second half) turned on the style too.

Cork, while being disappointed, will be first to admit they were second best. They came late with points from sub Denise Twomey, Rachel Myers and Eimear O'Sullivan. But, it was not nearly enough to deny Limerick their long-awaited day of glory.

Scorers for Limerick: M Keating 1-3, E O'Brien 0-5 (0-2 frees, 0-1 45m), A Sheehan (free), S McAuliffe, N Mulcahy, O Curtin, M Kelly and D Fitzpatrick 0-1 each.

Scorers for Cork: D Twomey 0-2, A Thompson (free), R Myers and E O'Sullivan 0-1 each.

LIMERICK: S Moynihan; A McNamara, R Collins, J Garvey; G McNamara, A Sheehan (Capt), M Doody; V Sheehan, D Fitzpatrick; E O'Brien, O Curtin, N Mulcahy; M Keating, M Kelly, S McAuliffe.

CORK: G Harrington; A M Fleming, N Mulcahy, D Hayes; E O'Sullivan, L O'Connell (Capt), L Hawkes; R Curtin, L Dorgan; A Thompson, M Corkery, M Watson; C Kearney, T Roche, R Myers.

Subs: M Browne for L Dorgan, M Jagoe for D Hayes (both h/t), D Twomey for A Thompson (47 mins).

Referee: C Quigley (Kildare).



Limerick players celebrate with captain Aoife Sheehan after defeating Cork to take the National Camogie League Division 1B final at Nowlan Park.

Picture: Denis Minihane

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Cork players and captain Gemma O'Connor celebrate after defeating Wexford to win the National Camogie League Division 1A Final at Nowlan Park.
Picture: Denis Minihane.

O'Leary sparkles as Cork are champions

Cork	3-8
Wexford	2-10

CORK ARE National Senior Div1A League Champions after a thrilling game in Nowlan Park, Kilkenny yesterday afternoon.

In slippery conditions it was Wexford who settled first. Six minutes in, Aoife Murray was called upon for her first piece of the action when she saved from Una Leacy.

The Wexford defence were magnificent, particularly Catherine O'Loughlin, Mary Leacy and Claire O'Connor.

Kate Kelly, Caroline Murphy and Una Leacy had three points on the board for Wexford with 14 minutes gone. Jennifer O'Leary hit Cork's opening score from a free three minutes later.

Kelly hit a free on 19 minutes to put three between the sides. Wexford were creating the most chances but their finishing wasn't great. Hitting short or weakly at goal was never going to pass the more than competent Murray.

Gemma O'Connor was covering huge ground for Cork. A penalty in the 21st minute for Cork could have seen them draw level.

Sile Burns, who had a fine game, caught a great cross ball. Bearing down on goal under pressure her effort was blocked and should have been cleared by Wexford goalkeeper Mags D'arcy. Instead Cork won a penalty.

Amanda O'Regan stepped up. She didn't quite connect and Wexford cleared only to the waiting O'Connor who pointed to narrow the gap to two.

Kelly pointed another free, Jennifer O'Leary pointed for Cork.

For the next nine minutes it was all Wexford.

What they said

CORK SELECTOR Mary Moran was bursting with pride after watching her side come from behind to win such a classic encounter and take their second major trophy of 2007.

"These girls have gone through three and a half hours of tough camogie in the past eight days.

"Some of them showed tiredness at the start of the game but to give them their due they fought and fought and came back and once we got the scores they really went for it."

Referring to Cork's comeback she felt it was about self belief.

"Cork have won so much, they have great belief in themselves, they are a very united bunch."

What about next week's championship first round game against the same opposition?

"Next Saturday's match is going to be a humdinger; there are a lot of sore and tired limbs there and we will try and work them out. We need to shake off our tiredness now and fuel up the tank again.

"We will welcome Wexford to Cork!"

Captain Gemma O'Connor couldn't hide her delight.

"We're relieved," she said.

"Wexford beat us in the league and we were a little anxious. We didn't know what to expect. We showed good character today.

"There have been days when we've been on top and let it slip. Today was different. We had to come from behind and I suppose we probably grabbed it out of Wexford's hands. But sport can be cruel.

"We won't get carried away with today. Next week is the championship and that's what really counts."



LINDA MELLERICK

Leacy pointed with 27 minutes gone. A minute later the same player was through for a certain goal had it not been for Murray's alertness. She dived at Leacy to smother her shot and as a consequence had to leave the leave while blood substitute Ellen Clifford stood in. Two further points from Kelly left the half time score 0-8 to 0-3.

Despite now playing against the wind, it was Wexford who made the early attacking.

Áine Codd pointed a free to push the gap to six. Aoife Murray was now back on the field for Cork. A free on Rena Buckley four minutes in was taken by the same player.

Struck high into the square, the in-rushing Sile Burns connecting beautifully for a well-taken goal which was harshly disallowing as a square ball.

Cork continued to exert pressure. A three minute purple patch from the 11th to the 13th saw O'Leary, O'Donoghue and O'Connor hit points. The fight back was on! Captain O'Connor continued to drive her side on. Cork began to control centre field as Breige Corkery became more involved.

The tempo upped considerably and the crowd were treated to a game of end-to-end hurling.

One would have to applaud Cork's composure and response. A five minute spell of pure magic with 12 minutes of normal time remaining left Wexford reeling.

Firstly O'Leary won possession around the 50 yard line. As she left players in her wake, no one met her head on and she unleashed an unstoppable shot to the net from 20 yards. Cork were level.

Four minutes later blood substitute Jenny Duffy hit inside to Una O'Donoghue who again blasted to the net. When Sile Burns goaled a minute later to put Cork six ahead it looked like curtains for a stunned Wexford side.

But credit their refusal to wilt!

Michelle Hearne goaled with five minutes of normal time left. Anna Geary stretched Cork's lead to four again. Kate Kelly pointed a free.

Both sides fought desperately for every ball. It fell to Wexford's Michelle Hearne. She burst past three defenders to practically push the ball into the Cork net to the jubilation of the Slaneyside supporters. The game was level.

Four minutes of injury time to play and the tension was tangible.

Two minutes into added time the ball fell to the one player who could win it for Cork. O'Leary won and took her free and calmly converted to put Cork ahead for the first time in the game.

It was heartbreak for Wexford but Cork's day in what was one of the most exciting National League Finals in many year.

Scorers for Cork: J O'Leary 1-4 (0-3f), U O'Donoghue 1-1, S Burns 1-0, G O'Connor 0-2, A Geary 0-1.
Wexford: K Kelly 0-5 (0-4f), M Hearne 2-0, C Murphy and U Leacy 0-2 each, A Codd 0-1 f.
CORK: A Murray; J O'Callaghan, R Holland, A O'Regan; R Buckley, M O'Connor, S Hayes; B Corkery, G O'Connor; O Cotter, A Geary, J O'Leary; A Walsh, U O'Donoghue, S Burns.
WEXFORD: M D'arcy; D Codd, C O'Loughlin, C O'Connor; N Lambert, M Leacy, A Codd; K Kelly, C Murphy; L Codd, B Furlong, M O'Leary; U Leacy, M Hearne, B Curran.
Subs: K Parrock for L Codd (41min), L Holohan for B Curran (47min), R M Breen for C Murphy (52min), A Nolan for D Codd (56min).
Ref: John Pender, Kildare

Luby's the Cork hero as Rebels ease home

Cork	2-11
Limerick	0-7

NO DOUBTING the result here as Cork confidently took their second set of points in the round robin series of the All-Ireland U16 championship at Ballinlough on Saturday *writes* **MARY NEWMAN**.

Inside the opening minute Joanne Casey fired over the game's opening score and with sharp shooter Denise Luby unerring from both play and frees Cork dictated the opening 30 minutes.

At the finish the score reflected Cork dominance over the hour.

Caroline Scanlon pointed to open the Limerick account in reply to Casey's score but we had to wait until the second half before Limerick would score from play, the Cork defence closing down any incursions by the Limerick forwards with no nonsense first-time clearances.

Captain Catherine O'Brien, Mary Ann Hawkes and Pamela Mackey held the upper hand in a Cork defence which were in complete control all through.

Catriona Collins, Denise Luby and Aileen O'Donovan had stretched the Cork led with points 10 minutes into the opening half before the Limerick defence failed to clear a long range Catriona Collins effort which ended up in the net.

Caroline Scanlon pointed a Limerick free but piling on the pressure Cork maintained their lead. Denise Luby, Julia White and Emma Kingston pointing to give Cork a 1-8 to 0-3 interval advantage.

Caroline Scanlon pointed twice as Limerick strove to gain early control at the start of the second half but Cork regained their momentum with two Luby points in succession.

Limerick battled hard but the Cork defence stood firm. Scanlon again showed her accuracy pointing a free before a long Mary Ann Hawkes clearance was gathered and blasted to the net by Sinead O'Neill and now it was a matter of counting down the clock for Cork.

Fittingly it was Luby who concluded the Cork scoring striking her sixth point before Judith Mulcahy tapped over a close-in Limerick free.

Limerick showed several changes to the official programme. Naomi Carroll and Annette McAuliffe not lining-out due to their involvement with the senior team in the following day's National Senior League decider. A much stiffer test awaits Cork in round three when they face a Clare side which defeated them in the provincial decider six weeks ago but for now it's a case of mission accomplished and two further points in the bag.

CORK: A Sheehan, C O'Brien, R Finn, P Mackey, O O'Mahony, M A Hawkes, M Healy, E Kingston, J Lynch, J White, C Collins, A O'Donovan D Luby (0-6 0-2 frees 0-1 45" 0-3 play) S O Neill J Casey.
Subs: K O Connell for A O'Donovan (38mins) M O'Donovan for M Healy (inj 43mins) A McCarthy for J White (50mins, D O'Callaghan for P Mackey (55mins), E Healy for D Luby (56mins).
LIMERICK: M Mc Grath, R Carmody, R Rea, N Richardson, L Potter, S Carey, M Ryan, J Mulcahy (0-1f), K Campbell, K Brosnan, M Sheehy, N Power, C Scanlon (0-6 0-5 frees 0-1play), A Enright.
Subs: P Kearnes for M Sheehy (h/t), A Russell for N Richardson (26mins)

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Cork in a thriller...

(2007-05-07)

Div 1A:
Cork 3-8 Wexford 2-10

THE crowd in Nowlan Pk saw a brilliant game of camogie between the reiging National League champions Cork who overcame Wexford 3-8 to 2-10 for Cork to take their thirteenth League title in all.

Slow to start, it took the Rebels a quarter of an hour to register their opening score - a Jennifer O'Leary free. By then the Model county who were chasing their first title since 1978 were up 0-3, their first score coming just after four minutes from Kate kelly who finished the day with a total of 0-5.

Wexford who played with the wind in the opening half led 0-8 to 0-3 at the break, but the fact that they missed two goal chances in the opening half told on them in the second half as a determined Cork side piled on the pressure in the final moments with three goals within five minutes. Wexford still led 0-9 to 0-6 with twelve minutes of the second half clocked up. However, suddenly the game errupted with goals coming from both sides rapid.

Six minutes later, the sides were level for the first time in the game following a fine goal from Rebel's star player Jennifer O'Leary. Four minutes later further disaster struck for the Slaneysiders as full-forward Úna O'Donoghue as she made it goal number two to put the holders ahead for the first time in the game,2-6 to Wexford's 0-9.

Hard to believe, but within a minute Cork made it a hat trick with a Sile Burns goal, Wexford were stung and it appeared buried, but they refused to die at that stage. Next score went to Wexford with their first goal of the day from full-forward Michelle Hearne. The crowd were now on their feet and urging both sides on. Points were then exchanged before Hearne made it goal number two. A Kate Kelly free landed in around the square where by chance Hearne got her stick to it past Cork 'keeper Aoife Murray who despite leaving the pitch in the opening half following a leg injury came back in the second half but was powerless to stop Wexford's second goal two minutes from time.

The sides were now level, Wexford 2-10, Cork 3-7. With the two sides giving it their all and egged on by the crowd, it appeared that Wexford were about to write their name on the League Cup when Hearne caught the ball out on the left corner, but somehow could not release the sliotar to knock it over the bar. Instead the ball broke down the field where referee John Pender awarded a free to Cork. Once again Jennifer O'Leary came to Cork's rescue with her final score of the day - a well taken free. Wexford who now must meet Cork in next Saturday's Gala All-Ireland championship first round knew their chance was gone for 2007 and so Cork took their 13th title in all.

This was very much a team effort by the winners but they were inspired by captain fantastic Gemma O'Connor who gave an absolute brilliant display throughout. Wexford will be disappointed having led for so long, and will face a tough journey next Saturday to Cork in the opening round of the 2007 championship.

Teams:
Cork:
A Murray: J O'Callaghan, R Holland, A O'Regan; R Buckley, M O'Connor, S Hayes; B Corkery, G O'Connor(cpt), O Cotter, A Geary, J O'Leary; A Walsh, Ú O'Donoghue, S Burns.

Subs:E Clifford for A Murray inj.29mins, J Duffy for B Corkery 54mins.
Scorers:J O'Leary 1-4 (0-3f), Ú O'Donoghue 1-1, S Burns 1-0, G O'Connor 0-2, A Geary 0-1.

Wexford:
Wexford:M Darcy; D Codd, C O'Loughlin,C O'Connor; N Lambert, M Leacy (cpt),Á Codd; K Kelly,C Murphy;L Codd, B Furlong,, M O'Leary;Ú Leacy, M Hearne, B Curran.
Subs: K Parrock for L Codd 40 mins,U Jacob for B Curran 47mins, R B

Wexford:M Darcy; D Codd, C O'Loughlin,C O'Connor; N Lambert, M Leacy (cpt),Á Codd; K Kelly,C Murphy;L Codd, Ú Leacy, M O'Leary;K Parrock, M Hearne, B Curran,R Breen for C Murphy 52 mins.
Scorers: M Hearne 2-0, K Kelly 0-5 (0-3f, 0-1'45), Ú Leacy, C Murphy 0-2 each, Á Codd 0-1f.

Referee: J Pender, Cill Dara.

LEAGUE TABLES

DIVISION 1A	P	W	D	L	Pts
Wexford	4	4	0	0	8
Cork*	4	2	1	1	5
Tipperary*	4	2	1	1	5
Kilkenny	4	2	0	2	4
Galway	4	0	1	3	1
Dublin	4	0	1	3	1

** Cork winners of play-off replay*

DIVISION 1B	P	W	D	L	Pts
Cork	6	5	0	1	10
Limerick	6	5	0	1	10
Galway	6	4	0	2	8
Wexford	6	4	0	2	8
Tipperary	6	2	0	4	4
Kilkenny	6	1	0	5	2
Dublin	6	0	0	6	0

Girl power

LESSONS must be learned from yesterday's clash of the men's and women's championship launches. The launch of the Gala Camogie championship at Croke Park yesterday was inevitably overshadowed by the GAA's All-Ireland Hurling Championship launch at the same venue. Camogie president Liz Howard was disappointed as the Camogie Association had firmed up the date months before the hurling championship launch was mooted. Ms Howard diplomatically called on the GAA to engage in greater co-operation but the message was clear: Women's sport will no longer accept second-class status.

CLASH OF ASH

THE top brass in the Camogie Association were not amused when they discovered that their launch of the Gala Senior and Junior Championships was going to be upstaged by the launch of the Guinness Hurling Championship.

Media folk were amazed when, with all the spare days in their calendars, both launches were scheduled for Croke Park last Tuesday. Both involved a lunch, but it was asking a bit much for the Fourth Estate to partake twice within an hour.

The hurlers took over the Hogan Stand, while across the Croke Park pitch, the women were seen in the Cusack Stand. It was bizarre, to say the least.

Camogie has enough to contend with, you would imagine, without having to compete with its big brother. President Liz Howard was not amused, being under the impression that her booking was in first.

Hopefully, normal co-operation will resume. Families at war are an unpleasant sight.

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O'Leary hits Leeside clincher

Cork 3-8

Wexford 2-10

Camogie
Div 1A League final

EXCELLENT displays by both Cork and Wexford ensured a cracking Division 1A National League final at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny yesterday, with Cork prevailing at the finish thanks to a late Jennifer O'Leary pointed free.

This was a game of the highest standard and a spectacular goal-scoring spree from both sides between the 48th and 58th minutes ensured that the crowd were on the edge of their seats throughout.

Goals from O'Leary, Una O'Donoghue and Sile Burns within five minutes gave Cork a 3-6 to 0-9 lead with seven minutes remaining, but Wexford full-forward Michelle Hearn hit the net on two occasions to ensure parity as the game headed for injury-time and O'Leary's late winner.

Wexford had come strongly out of the blocks in the opening half to hold a 0-8 to 0-3 interval advantage thanks to good work in the midfield sector from Kate Kelly and Caroline Murphy, but Cork came back resolutely in the second half to ensure Gemma O'Connor lifted the silverware at the finish.

SCORERS — Cork: J O'Leary 1-4 (0-3f), U O'Donoghue 1-1, S Burns 1-0, G O'Connor 0-2, A Geary 0-1. **Wexford:** M Hearne 2-0, K Kelly 0-5 (0-3f, 0-1 '45'), U Leacy, C Murphy 0-2 each, A Codd 0-1 (0-1f).

CORK — A Murray; J O'Callaghan, R Holland, A O'Regan; R Buckley, M O'Connor, S Hayes; B Corkery, G O'Connor; O Cotter, A Geary; J O'Leary; A Walsh, U O'Donoghue, S Burns. **Subs:** E Clifford for Murray; A Murray for Clifford; J Duffy for Corkery.

WEXFORD — M Darcy; D Codd, C O'Loughlin, C O'Connor; N Lambert, M Leacy, A Codd; K Kelly, C Murphy; L Codd, B Furlong, M O'Leary; U Leacy, M Hearne, B Curran. **Subs:** K Parrock for L Codd; U Jacob for Curran; R M Breen for Murphy; A Nolan for D Codd.

REF — J Pender (Kildare).



Cork's Sile Burns focuses on the ball with Wexford's Claire O'Connor in close pursuit during yesterday's Camogie NL Division 1A Final at Nowlan Park. MATT BROWNE/ SPORTSFILE

Limerick capture first league crown

Limerick 1-14

Cork 0-5

Div 1B League final

LIMERICK captured their first National Camogie League Division 1B title at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny yesterday in impressive fashion, finishing with 12 points to spare over Cork.

However, it wasn't that easy for Ciarán Carey's Shannonsiders, as Cork really pressed hard and the unflattering margin of the final scoreline did their efforts little credit.

Eileen O'Brien was the Leeside tormentor-in-chief in the opening half with four fine points for Limerick, while the winners' goalkeeper Sile Moynihan was another to the fore with her heroics between the posts.

Limerick led by 0-8 to 0-1 at half-time, with the Leesiders having a goal disallowed because of a square ball.

A Marie Keating goal in the 36th minute ensured a 12-point gap and although the teams were well-matched over the final quarter, it was Limerick captain Aoife Sheehan who lifted silverware at the end.

SCORERS — Limerick: M Keating 1-3, E O'Brien 0-5 (0-2f, 1 '45'), D Fitzpatrick (f), O Curtin, N Mulcahy, S McAuliffe, M Kelly 0-1 each. **Cork:** D Twomey 0-2, E O'Sullivan, A Thompson, R Myers 0-1 each.

LIMERICK — S Moynihan; A McNamara, R Collins, J Garvey; G McNamara, A Sheehan, M Doody; V Sheehan, D Fitzpatrick; O Curtin, E O'Brien, N Mulcahy; S McAuliffe, M Kelly, M Keating.

CORK — G Harrington; AM Fleming, N Mulcahy, D Hayes; E O'Sullivan, L O'Connell, L Hawkes; R Curtin, L Dorgan; A Thompson, M Corkery, M Watson; C Kearney, T Roche, R Myers. **Subs —** M Jacoe for Hayes; M Browne for Dorgan; D Twomey for Thompson.

REF — C Quigley (Kildare).

Cluichi Ceannais Sraithchomórtais Náisiúnta Roinn 1A & 1B , 2007

An Luimneach

Glas agus Bán



(1) **Sile Moynihan**
S. Ni Mhuineacháin
Na Pairsaigh

(2) **Aideen McNamara**
E. Nic Conmara
Na Pairsaigh

(3) **Rose Collins**
R. Ni Choileáin
Ahane

(4) **Janet Garvey**
J. Ni Ghairbhith
Tourmanfulla

(5) **Grace McNamara**
G. Nic Conmara
Adare

(6) **A.N. OTHER**

(7) **Moira Doody**
M. Ni Dhúda
Ahane

(8) **Vera Sheehan**
V. Ni Shiochain
Granagh-Ballinarry

(9) **Deirdre Fitzpatrick**
D. Nic Giolla Phádraig
Killeedy

(10) **Orla Curtin**
O. Ni Churtáin
Killeedy

(11) **A.N. OTHER**

(12) **A.N.OTHER**

(13) **Sinead McAuliffe**
S. Nic Amhlaoibh
Ballyagran

(14) **Mairead Kelly**
M. Ni Cheallaigh
Galbally

(15) **Marie Keating**
M. Ni Chéitin
Killeedy

Management: Ciaran Carey, Liz Carroll.
Liaison Officer: Noreen Culhane. *First Aid:* Linda Moran.

(16) **Áine O'Reilly**
A. Ni Raghallaigh
Ballyagran

(17) **Maeve Nash**
M. de Nais
Granagh-Ballangarry

(18) **Eileen O'Brien**
E. Ni Bhriain
Granagh-Ballangarry

(19) **Claire Mulcahy**
C. Ni Mhaolchathaigh
Ahane

(20) **Aoife Sheehan (Capt)**
A. Ni Shiochain
Granagh-Ballingarry

(21) **Alison White**
A. de Faoite
Ballyagran

(22) **Michelle Casey**
M. Ni Chasthasaigh
Killeedy

(23) **Nora Collins**
N. Ni Choileain
Ahane

(24) **Niamh Mulcahy**
N. Ni Mhaolchathaigh
Killeedy

(25) **Cathriona Davis**
C. Dhaibhis
Killeedy

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An Corcaigh

Dearg agus Bán



(16) **Eimear White**
E. de Faoite
Barryroe

(17) **Marion Jaago**
M. Ni Lagh
Tracton

(18) **Michelle Browne**
M. de Brún
Mallow

(19) **Deirdre Twomey**
D. Ni Thuama
St. Catherine's

(20) **Clodagh Deasy**
C. Dhéiseach
Tracton

(21) **Denise Twomey**
D. Ni Thuama
St. Catherine's

(22) **Hazel O'Regan**
H. Ni Riagáin
Clonakilty

(23) **Shona Cunningham**
S. Nic Chuinneagáin
Touchal

(24) **Esther Power**
E. de Paor
St. Catherine's

(25) **Val O'Keeffe**
V. Ni Chaoimh
Kilbrittain/Timoleague

(1) **Gillian Harrington**
G. Ni Arrachtáin
Valley Rovers

(2) **Ann Marie Fleming**
A. M. Phléimeann
Ballyroe

(3) **Noreen Mulcahy**
N. Ni Mhaolchathaigh
St. Catherine's

(4) **Deirdre Hayes**
D. Ni Aodha
Milford

(5) **Eimear O'Sullivan**
E. Ni Shúilleabháin
Ballinhassig

(6) **Lynda O'Connell** (Capt)
L. Ni Chonaill
St. Finbarrs

(7) **Lucy Hawkes**
L. Hawkes
Valley Rovers

(8) **Regina Curtin**
R. Nic Cuirtin
Milford

(9) **Linda Dorgan**
L. Ni Dheargáin
Grenagh

(10) **Aisling Thompson**
A. Nic Thomáis
Milford

(11) **Marie Corkery**
M. Ni Chorcra
Cloughuv

(12) **Marie Watson**
M. Nic Uait
Milford

(13) **Charlotte Kearney**
C. Ni Chearnaigh
Na Piarsaigh

(14) **Tina Roche**
T. de Róiste
Aghbullogue

(15) **Rachel Myers**
R. Ni Mhir
St. Finbarrs

Manager: Aidan Crowley
Selectors: Sile Golden, Kay Dunne, Willie O'Regan.

MAY 2007

Limerick are the top ladies

By MARY NEWMAN

Division 1B camogie league

Limerick	1-14
Cork	0-5

A STRONG LIMERICK brushed aside the challenge posed by Cork's second string as they took their first Division 1B National camogie league title.

Re-graded this season from A to B the Ciaran Carey-coached Limerick side were always going to be a hard nut for Cork's second string to crack.

From the throw-in, aided by the strong wind they built up a healthy 0-8 to 0-1 interval advantage, though it must be said Cork came close to grabbing goals in the run up to the break.

It was 18 minutes into the first half before Aisling Thompson opened the Cork account with a pointed free in response to four Limerick points from Marie Keating, Aoife Sheehan, Sinead Mc Auliffe and Eileen O'Brien.

With Rose Collins a tower of strength at full-back, their half-back line of Grace McNamara, Aoife Sheehan and Moira Doody held the upper hand, but the Cork forwards failed to make any impressions.

Up front Limerick did the simple things right and their first touch was superb; twice Eileen O Brien punished Cork in succession with pointed frees and she also struck one from play.

Twice Cork came close to grabbing a goal before Niamh Mulcahy had Limerick seven points ahead three minutes into added time

On the turnover, Cork, aided by the strong wind, were expected to come into the game but the challenge never materialised as Marie Keating stretched the Limerick lead to eight points.

With the next attack Keating was again to the fore as she sailed past a static Cork defence to strike to the net and in effect it was game over as Cork never recovered.

Now at sixes and sevens, they began to make mistakes and as Limerick piled on the pressure, Mairéad Kelly put 13 points between the sides before Rachel Myer and effective substitute Marion Jaego had points for a Cork side, who, despite playing with the strong wind, saw little action in the Limerick half.

To their credit, they battled hard but the gap in standards was evident.

Cork can have no complaints — their thoughts now turn to the championship on Saturday next where they will face a stern test from Wexford.



Limerick's Vera Sheehan and Regina Curtin of Cork in the National Camogie League 1B final at Nowlan Park.

Picture: INPHO/James Crombie

CORK: G. Harrington, A M Fleming, N Mulcahy, D Hayes, E O'Sullivan 0-1, L O Connell (c), L Hawkes, R Curtin-Dorgan, A Thompson 0-1f, M Corkery, M Watson, C Kearney, T Roche, R Myers 0-1.

Subs: M Browne for L Dorgan (inj h/t), M Jaego 0-2 for D Hayes(h/t), D Twomey for A Thompson (47mins).

LIMERICK: S Moynihan; A McNamara, R Collins, J Garvey; G Mc Namara, A Sheehan 0-1f, M Doody; V Sheehan, D Fitzpatrick 0-1, O Curtin; E O Brien 0-5 (0-2 frees), N Mulcahy 0-1, S McAuliffe 0-1, M Kelly 0-2, M Keating 1-3.

Carey learns fast in world of camogie

What they said

LIMERICK COACH CIARAN CAREY

THE delight on former All-Star hurler Ciaran Carey's face told the story as he waited outside the dressing rooms to have a word with his charges, but before doing so he extended a sympathetic pat on the back to Cork selector Willie O Regan, then he gave us his reaction to his side's victory

"Absolutely thrilled with the victory, the girls deserved everything after that performance out their today; they put a huge amount of work into the league since the start of the year. It nice to win a national title and it's nice to defeat Cork who are and rightly the leading county in camogie, so the victory today is extra special.

"At half-time, turning to play against the strong wind, I thought we did not have enough of a lead. We knew the first ten minutes of the second half would be vital and we set out to stop Cork gaining the upper hand,. The girls dug deep and played with tremendous passion and that's what won it for us. Our goal came at a perfect time and I suppose it was a killer blow to Cork who had a mountain to climb after that.

With the league title safely secured, Carey's thoughts now turn to championship and again it is a new challenge for the man who by his own acknowledgements had little or no knowledge of camogie.

"I came on board with little knowledge of camogie but it's been tremendously enjoyable and today makes it all worth while. We meet Kilkenny in the first round of the championship and while we know very little about them we will prepare well and give it our best shot.

2But today it mission accomplished and we look ahead with confidence."

CORK MANAGER AIDAN CROWLEY

"Limerick were very strong but twe just didn't perform on the day and we were beaten by a better team.

"At half-time we trailed by seven but the game was within reach and I wasn't overly worried. Their goal five minutes after half-time put the finishing touch to it and our heads dropped after that and it was just to much of a mountain to climb.

"We are very disappointed but on the day, no complaints, the better team won."

Move afoot to return junior final to Croker

Camogie

Cliona Foley

BEHIND-THE-SCENES efforts are still taking place to have the Gala All-Ireland Junior camogie final returned to Croke Park this season.

There was widespread discontent last year when the grade that traditionally provides the curtain-raiser for the senior final was moved from HQ to accommodate a two-year experiment of banding the senior women's final with the men's U21 hurling decider.

That agreement will continue this season, but the Camogie Association is negotiating with the GAA to try to get the junior final back to HQ as part of a double-header with a men's game.

The junior championship was officially included in Gala's All-Ireland sponsorship deal yesterday, when the championship's timing was criticised.

After the first two rounds, which start this weekend, there is a month's break to accommodate the Leaving Cert, but several managers pointed out the older age profile of today's senior stars means many are doing third-level exams right now.

"They should probably think about finishing the league in April and starting the championship in June," said Cork boss John Cronin, a point reiterated by Tipperary manager Tony Delaney.

A draw after extra-time in their league semi-final meant they had to play again, three days later, mid-week, ultimately forcing Cork to play three big games in eight days.

Now, after pipping Wexford by a mere free in last week's league final, the All-Ireland champions have to face them again in the first round of the Senior A championship on Saturday, when Tipp play Galway and Dublin (last year's junior champions) meet Kilkenny.

Like Cork, Wexford have a handful of dual stars — Michelle Hearn, Mary Leacy, Kate Kelly, Caroline Murphy and Bridget Curran — and their long-threatened emergence has thrown down the gauntlet to camogie's 'big two' this season.

Cork captain Gemma O'Connor knows just how hard it will be to beat the Model women.

"We met earlier in the League and they beat us by a point, last weekend we beat them by a point, so Saturday's game will go down to the wire. They have adopted a professional approach this year and it's showing, they will be a force to be reckoned with," she said.

May 2007

National Camogie League Division 2 Final

Double day of delight for Déise



WATERFORD 1-18
DOWN 2-13

Only a writer of William Shakespeare's standing could do justice to this epic encounter in O'Moore Park on Sunday. Unfortunately he was otherwise engaged and the testimony of the game will never reflect the passion and colour of the exchanges.

The scoreboard tells a story of thirty four scores in sixty pulsating minutes of camogie, but even that does not begin to describe the enthralling affair played out before our eyes.

LEVEL NINE TIMES

The combatants from opposite ends of the island presented contrasting squads. From the Ards Peninsula and the Mourne Mountains you had an outfit laden with experience, tall and physically strong. From the Comeraghs and the banks of the Suir you had a youthful band of fearless athletes.

Nine times during the hour the teams were level. With 7 minutes left on the clock Down were up by three points and looked destined for glory. But the indomitable spirit of the girls from the South East rose to the challenge. They wiped out the deficit going ahead as we moved into time added on, scoring six unanswered points, five of these from open play.

The Northern girls refused to let their hopes of triumph fade and went in search of an equalising goal. They were met with a rock solid defence that refused to yield, resisting for all of the five minutes of injury time added on by referee Damain Noble.

A fortuitous goal after three minutes of play from Karen Gribben had Down off to an excellent start. Waterford's response was swift and set the tone for the day. Four consecutive points from Karen Kelly (2), Pauline Cunningham and Áine Lyng put the 2006 Division 3 Champions ahead.

The lead was relinquished soon after as Down got into their rhythm. This was a new experience for Waterford as we were about to see their mettle tested. A steady stream of points restored Down's advantage. A fantastic goal line save from the magnificent Sally O'Grady ensured Waterford stayed in touch.

GOAL CHANCES

At the other end the normally deadly attackers were having no luck in front of goal with several chances going astray. They looked a little of the pace as they were playing catch up with their more experienced opponents. However they continued to pick off points to ensure they stayed in touch.

A second Down goal on twenty minutes from Mairin McAleenan put them five points up and in a commanding position. Undaunted the young Waterford players maintained their composure. This was shaken again when Down were awarded a penalty, fortunately Karen Cribben blazed it over the bar. Shortly before the half time break Waterford's youngest player, Trish Jackman, broke free and hand passed the ball to the net with the coolness of a veteran.

HALF TIME:
WATERFORD 1-9
DOWN 2-7

As the supporters from both sides discussed the riveting 30 minutes that had just elapsed, the Waterford management team were busy ensuring their charges fully understood what lay ahead. They had to raise their game to a level not attained yet this year. Down would now have the advantage of a breeze that the Deise girls had not fully utilised.

Some tactical changes were made, the most telling being the partnering of club mates Charlotte Raher and Pauline Cunningham at midfield and placing Lismore's Gráinne Kenneally at centre forward. This had been a problem area where Down centre back Fionnuala Carr had been dominant.

PACE INCREASED

Waterford moved to a new level and the crispness of the camogie improved further as we were treated to a scintillating second half. The unerring accuracy of Áine Lyng moved them into a lead. Down countered, points were traded as parity was the order of the day.

Playing with much more confidence the Waterford backs reigned supreme, repeatedly the white booted Jennie Simpson emerged from tight melees with the sliothar in hand. The O'Grady sisters, Jenny and Sally dominated their opposite numbers. Annette Raher, Niamh Ryan and Vicky Gaffney all helped stop the flow towards goal.

BRILLIANT SAVE

Down did threaten to add to their goal tally but a truly brilliant save by Fiona Ni Chadhla midway through proved to be one of the key moments of this pulsating classic. However as we moved into the closing stages Down found themselves 3 points in front thanks to points from McGourty and McAleenan. Serious questions being asked again about the heart and soul of the youthful Déise outfit.

ARRAY OF WHITE FLAGS

Their fitness and determination now came to the fore as they reeled off a succession of points. The introduction of Emma Hannon at wing forward had given extra impetus to the attack. For the first time the Mourne rearguard struggled to keep pace. In those last seven minutes of regular time Waterford had six unanswered points, five of these from play. Four from top scorer Lyng, one from Nicola Morrissey and a sublime effort from her sister Tanya closing Waterford's account.

5 MINUTES INJURY TIME

The sideline official signalled five minutes of injury time, a communal raising of blood pressure in the stand! Renewed hope for a flagging Down outfit. They went in search of equalising scores. Perhaps this was Waterford's finest moment, as they swarmed all over the field denying the space and time to their opponents. A hectic five minutes, it should have carried a health warning. The final whistle and the fairy tale continues.

Uachtarán Cumann Camogaíocht, Liz Howard acknowledged it as one of the best finals in years as she presented the cup to Sally O'Grady. All who were lucky enough to be there concurred. League titles in successive years, a tremendous achievement.

WATERFORD: Fiona Ni Chadhla, Aisling Kelly, Sally O'Grady (Capt.), Niamh Ryan, Jenny O'Grady, Annette Raher, Jennie Simpson, Charlotte Raher, Gráinne Keneally, Aine Lyng (0-12), Pauline Cunningham (0-1), Aine Breathnach, Karen Kelly (0-3), Nicola Morrissey (0-1), Trish Jackman (1-0), Tanya Morrissey (0-1), Ailish Dunphy, Aisling O'Brien, Mairéad Murphy, Lisa Prendergast, Aileen Cummins, Emma Hannon, Roisin Heylin, Vicky Gaffney,

DOWN: Theresa McGowan, Gráinne O'Higgins, Moya Maginn, Pauline Green, Karen McMullan, Fionnuala Carr, Deborah Kelland, Jennifer McHugh, Ciara McGovern, Rosleen McGann, Karen Gribben, Orla Maginn, Kelly O'Higgins, Catherine McGourty, Mairin McAleenan, Catherina McCrickard.

A great day for Waterford Camogie

What they said.....

EMMA HANNON: It took a top class team to beat Down and we proved to ourselves and everyone else that we are one. Let us build from this and keep growing and maturing.

JENNY SIMPSON: Everyone played as a team especially in the last vital ten minutes of the game.

JENNY O'GRADY: Really Physical game everyone dug deep when we needed it. The forwards adjusted to the style of the game and got the scores we needed.

GRÁINNE KENNEALLY: Really tough game physically and even though we didn't have our best performance, when it came down to it our determination and support won the game.

NICOLA MORRISSEY: It was a really physical game and the fight within everyone was just brilliant.

SALLY O'GRADY: Toughest game by far this year. Even though Down were ahead for most of the game we kept fighting and it paid off.

CHARLOTTE RAHER: We knew this was going to be the toughest challenge yet but the hunger and determination of this team was too hard for Down to overcome.



Down's goalkeeper, Theresa McGowan keeps Karen Kelly from Waterford away from danger.



Where are they now? — Sandy Fitzgibbon

Sandy's sporting talents shine on



PAT McAULIFFE

SANDY FITZGIBBON is without doubt one of the most decorated sports' women ever to come out of Cork.

She excelled in two sports, having won 64 caps for Ireland in basketball and played in 13 All-Ireland senior camogie finals with Cork.

She played both codes with fantastic success over two decades on the national stage, gracing the courts and pitches of Ireland with class, skill and tremendous energy.

She was brought up on Cork's northside in Rathmore Park, where she has lived all of her life.

She was part of a family of seven girls reared by her father Patrick, who passed away when she was just 16 years of age and her late mother Catherine who was one of her daughter's biggest supporters, going to all her camogie matches until her death a couple of years ago.

Her sister Cecilia encouraged her at a young age to join Glen Rovers. She did and there began her love affair of camogie.

Four of her sisters played basketball, including Delores, who was the first player from outside of Dublin to be picked for the Irish senior team.

Early promise at Glen Rovers saw a young Sandy selected for the Cork minors (U16) side, where she went on to win three All-Ireland titles with the county, including captaining the 1980 side to victory.

Her senior county debut was in the 1982 All-Ireland semi-final, as Cork defeated great rivals Kilkenny in a brilliant match in Ballinlough.

"I was introduced as a substitute in extra-time and that Kilkenny side included the brilliant Angela Downey, but we won the semi-final," Sandy recalled this week.

Cork beat Dublin in the decider that year and again defeated the same opposition in 1983 for Sandy's second senior All-Ireland medal, but she would have to wait nine years for another as Kilkenny began to dominate Irish camogie.

Sandy won her first county final at club level in 1983 against Éire Óg. The Glen later went on to win seven titles in-a-row between 1991-1996.

"Our sixth title in-a-row was special. The county board had made us the only senior 'A' club in the city and county, so we then met divisional selections.

"In 1995-96,we were playing a very strong Seandún side in the decider and after trailing by six points we came back to win by the same margin."

That brilliant Blackpool side included the likes of Denise Cronin, Linda Mellerick, Therese O'Callaghan, Claire McCarthy and the Dunleas, Lyn and Stephanie.



Sandy in action for Blarney in Division Two of the National League and in action for the Cork camogie team.

Factfile

NAME: Sandy Fitzgibbon
BORN: Cork, and has lived in Rathmore Park all her life.
DATE OF BIRTH: 16-3-1964
FAMILY: Six sisters, Anna, Cecilia, Patsy, Mary, Delores and Denice and has one brother Michael.
SPORT: Camogie, basketball and soccer.
HONOURS: Camogie: six senior All-Ireland medals with Cork, seven national league titles, three All-Ireland minor, four All-Ireland club with Glen Rovers and 10 county titles. Voted national player of the year in '92 and '95. Picked at right-half-back on the camogie team of the century. Played basketball 64 times for Ireland. She won four senior national league titles, three Cup and National league division Two title.
Add to that six Cork Senior League titles and five Cork senior championships as well as two Jurys Hotel Sports Star of the month awards.
In 2000 Sandy was honoured by the Lord Mayor of Cork with a special millenium award for her achievements in sport.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Roast Chicken potato au gratin and vegetables.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Budweiser
FAVOURITE SPORTS PEOPLE: Siobhàin Caffrey (former Irish basketball captain), Caroline Forde and Roy Keane.
OCCUPATION: Product development technician with Fournier Laboratories in Carrigtwohill.

So it was no surprise with these outstanding players in the county that Cork, after nine years without All-Ireland success, came back for further glory in 1992 and 1993.

Sandy was one of the stars in those successes against Galway and Wexford.

She decided to retire after winning her sixth senior medal in 1997.

After that Croke Park win against Galway, she decided to end her inter-county career after appearing in 13 All-Ireland finals.

Her basketball career had started in North Presentation Secondary School where Sile Hennessey was great teaching pupils the basics.

Later they were guided by Joe Aherne at the school and Neptune, who she had joined with her sisters.

Around that time Neptune and the Fitzgibbon's enjoyed great local matches against their greatest rivals Blarney.

The city club stayed out of the national league and played as Pandas in Cork competitions.

Sandy, who wanted to play on the national stage, joined Blarney and linked up with coach Dommie Mullins.

With American trainer Vicky Vaughan involved, Blarney and Sandy won the National League, Cup and top four competitions in 1991.

The Flying Forde's were also in that side, Caroline and the late Miriam.

It was no surprise when she was selected for the first of 64 appearances for her country.

The highlight of her international basketball career was playing in the 1988 Olympic qualifiers in Kuala Lumpur.

"We were up against Canada, Italy, Japan and the Czech Republic. Three of the sides were very tall and stronger than us, but we ran the Japanese close.

"They were much the same in size as our team and only beat us with a three pointer on the buzzer.

"We did not qualify but it was a fantastic experience."

So how did she manage to play two sports at such a high level for so long?

She was very dedicated. She trained five nights a week.

"Camogie was usually during the summer months with basketball in the winter season, but of course there was some overlapping at times.

"Once I played a national league match with Blarney in Ballina on a Saturday night, then travelled on to the North of Ireland where Glen Rovers were playing an All-Ireland club semi-final, which we won on Sunday.

"After the camogie match I travelled to Dublin to link up with the Irish basketball team, which was travelling to America for 10 days where we played six matches.

"Coming home to Shannon Airport from the US on a Wednesday, I trained with Glen Rovers that night for our All-Ireland final the following Sunday, in which we defeated St Paul's from Kilkenny."

During those hectic years Sandy managed a Monday to Friday job with Swisco in Little Island, where she worked for 22 years.

In recent times she studied for a Diploma in Food Science and now works for Fournier Laboratories in Carrigtwohill as a Product development technician.

After a remarkable basketball and camogie career Sandy trained Glen Rovers senior side for a spell.

She also played soccer with Cork Rangers, who then linked up with Lakewood and she enjoyed three good years at the club. Her knowledge of many Cork sports has seen her join the judging panel of the Montonotte Hotel Northside Sports Star awards.

Finally one of our greatest sporting stars hopes to add more to her medal haul this week.

Sandy and the Brunell team she now plays with are top of the Cork Ladies Intermediate League and could have clinched the title by the time we read tonight's paper.

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Ulster colleges All-Stars

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The Ulster Colleges' Camogie Council held their fourth annual All-star Presentation Evening in Quinn's Corner Dungannon on Friday 27th April.

Antrim and Ulster star Jane Adams made the presentations of a plaque and poster to each of the 21 All-stars present on the night. Méabh McGoldrick from Loreto Coleraine was unable to attend to accept her second award.

The full list of All-stars honoured were :

Maeve McGillian and Shauna Murphy (St Patrick's College Maghera)

Sinead Cassidy and Méabh McGoldrick (Loreto College Coleraine)

Michaela Convery, Attracta McPeake, Aileen McCusker and Sinead McLoughlin (St Mary's, Magherafelt)

Colette McSorley (St Catherine's College Armagh)

Helen Wilson (St Louise's Comprehensive School, Belfast)

Lorna Canavan (St Patrick's Academy Dungannon)

Catherine Toner and Emma McParland (St Patrick's High School Keady)

Karen Tinnelly (Our Lady's Grammar School, Newry)

Emma Connolly and Catherine McAuley (Cross and Passion College Ballycastle)

Shannon Graham and Louise McAleese (St Louis Grammar School, Ballymena)

Orla McCaul (Ardscoil San Genevieve, Béal Feirste)

Brianna Doherty (St MacNissi's College, Garron Tower)

Kerry Graham (St Pius X High School, Magherafelt)

Joanne Fitzpatrick (St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel)

It's Connor be so tough for Rebels

GEMMA O'CONNOR has warned Cork will need to fight all the way if they are to clinch three-in-a-row All-Ireland titles.

By PAUL O'NEILL

The Rebel County skipper says the National Camogie League campaign proves how hard it will be.

Cork retained the League but it was not straightforward.

After losing their first game against Wexford Cork only qualified for the final by beating Tipperary in a replay of a play-off.

Now, after defeating Wexford in the final, Cork will hope to lift the All-Ireland in September.

But O'Connor said: "It can be wrong to read too much into the form of teams in the League but I think this year's games gave an indication of which sides are likely to challenge strongly for the Championship.

"Hopefully we can build on what we have done so far this year and I think there is certainly more to come. We have not peaked.

"Tipperary are likely to be there or thereabouts coming near the end of the Championship as they went very close to reaching the League final.

"And Wexford showed they have the hunger for success this year after winning all of their games on the way to pushing us hard in the final."

Cork and Wexford clash again on Saturday in their Championship opener.



LIFT-OFF . . . Gary Desmond, of sponsors Gala, with Cork's Gemma O'Connor, Tipperary ace Claire Grogan and Camogie association president Liz Howard at the launch of the Gala All-Ireland Senior and Junior Camogie Championships



Trish Doyle, Badminton; Caitriona Foley, Camogie and Billy Holland, Rugby at the UCC Sports Star Awards 2006 / 07, held at Jury's Hotel Cork

Picture: Neil Danton / News Digital

U-16s have good win

Cork 2-11
Limerick 0-7

CORK recorded another victory in the round-robin series of the All-Ireland under-16 championship at Ballinlough on Saturday last when they defeated Limerick.

With a good victory under their belts over Galway, Cork set about taking their second set of points from the throw-in and Joanne Casey pointed to see Cork take a lead they never relinquished. Denise Luby showed great accuracy, pointing from frees and play, as Cork set the pace in the opening half.

Caroline Scanlon pointed for Limerick to level matters, but with the Cork defence on top Limerick could find no way through again. Catriona Collins, Denise Luby and Aileen O'Donovan stretched the Cork lead with points before Catriona Collins's long-range effort ended up in the net after the Limerick defence failed to clear under strong Cork pressure.

Caroline Scanlon pointed a Limerick free but Cork maintained their lead with Denise Luby, Julia White and Emma Kingston pointing to give Cork a 1-8 to 0-3 interval advantage.

Caroline Scanlon pointed twice as Limerick battled to get into the game from the start of the second half but Cork regained their momentum thanks to two points from sharpshooter Denise Luby. Limerick worked hard, but the Cork defence stood firm.

Catriona Scanlon pointed a free before a long clearance from Mary Ann Hawkes was gathered by Sinead O'Neill who took on and beat the Limerick defence and finished to the net.

With Cork now well in control Denise Luby struck her sixth point before Judith Mulcahy tapped over a close-in Limerick free to bring the game to it conclusion.

Cork will now meet Clare in round three and, having lost out to the same opposition six weeks ago in the provincial decider, they will be determined to reverse that result.

Cork: A. Sheehan, C. O'Brien, R. Finn, P. Mackey, O. O'Mahony, M. A. Hawkes, M. Healy, E. Kingston (0-1), J. Lynch, J. White, C. Collins (1-1), A. O'Donovan (0-1), D. Luby (0-6, 0-2 frees, 0-1 45), S. O'Neill (1-0), J. Casey (0-1). Subs: K. O'Connell for A. O'Donovan, M. O'Donovan for M. Healy, A. McCarthy for J. White, D. O'Callaghan for P. Mackey, and E. Healy for D. Luby.

Féile takes place on May 13th

CORK Féile 2007 takes place on Sunday, May 13. The open draw for each section was made at the County Board meeting recently.

This year it was decided to hold a division 2 Cork competition for clubs who participate in a lower grades of league competitions. The winners of division 1 Cork Féile only will be the team that goes forward to represent the county in the national Féile which takes place in Kilkenny/Carlow on Friday, 15th, Saturday, 16th and Sunday, June 17.

Féile is always a great occasion for under-14 players and their clubs and thanks goes to host clubs and their members who will ensure Féile 2007 runs smoothly. All look forward to a good day's camogie and to the semi-finals on Tuesday and the final on Fri-

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Mary Newman, Camogie County Board; Elaine Burke, Una O'Donoghue and Joanne O'Callaghan, Cork senior camogie players at the Launch of the Evening Echo Ladies Sports Stars of the Month Awards at the Rochestown Park Hotel. Picture: Gerard Bonus

Echo awards for Cork women stars

CORK'S top female sports stars are to be honoured with a new monthly award which was launched yesterday.

Guests at the announcement of The *Evening Echo* Ladies Sports Star Awards in association with the Rochestown Park Hotel and Newbridge Silverware included players, coaches and administrators.

A sports star of the month award will be presented every four weeks with the winners of each gong becoming automatic nominees for the *Evening Echo* Sportswoman of the Year, announced at the end of the year.

An annual gala awards ceremony will also be held.

Speakers at the event included former Irish hockey captain Rachael Kohler.

● See sport for more.

CAMOGIE

Cork Colleges Senior A final: St. Mary's Charleville 3-7 Coachford College 1-7.
Munster Junior C Plate sf: BCS Lismore 7-8 Mallow 0-4.



St Mary's All Ireland camogie winning players Fiona Kennedy and Aoife McLoughney represented Munster in the inter-provincial championship recently. They are pictured here with St Mary's Senior Camogie manager Ger Dullea. Photograph: Bridget Delaney.

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Na Brideoga 4-2 Castlebar Mitchells 1-0

The Mayo Féile Na nGael Camogie county final was held on 10th May when Castlebar Mitchells travelled to Tooreen to play the local team Na Brideoga. After a tight contest Na Brideoga were victorious with captain Aoife Cassidy leading from midfield and scoring 1-2. Others to impress on the home team were Ashling Kenny (2-0) and Niamh Cunnane(1-0) in the forwards and Mairead Charlton, Sharron Lynskey, Lisa O'Connell and Siobhan Garvey in the backs as well as goalie Sara Commons and Aoife Mchugh in midfield. Castlebars best players were Sara Prendergast (1-0) , Shauna Conway and Helen O'Malley.

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Camogie heroines are hailed

CARRIGALINE camogie club celebrated success in the Pan Celtic tournament in Donegal recently, and were presented with their medals at a function held in the GAA complex last weekend ***writes HOWARD CROWDY.***

Brian Maye remarked the girls put in fantastic effort' throughout the tournament, winning the U15 B tournament, and were runners-up in the A tournament over the weekend against some of the top camogie teams in the country. He went on to compliment everyone on their behaviour. They did themselves and their club proud with their achievements.

Grateful thanks were also expressed to Castlelands Construction, who sponsored jerseys and committee members who ensured the weekend went to plan. Special guest at the presentation was Elaine Burke from Valley Rovers, former All-Ireland-winning Cork senior camogie captain, who presented medals to the U15 B winners medals runners up medals and medals for a local U15 competition which they won.

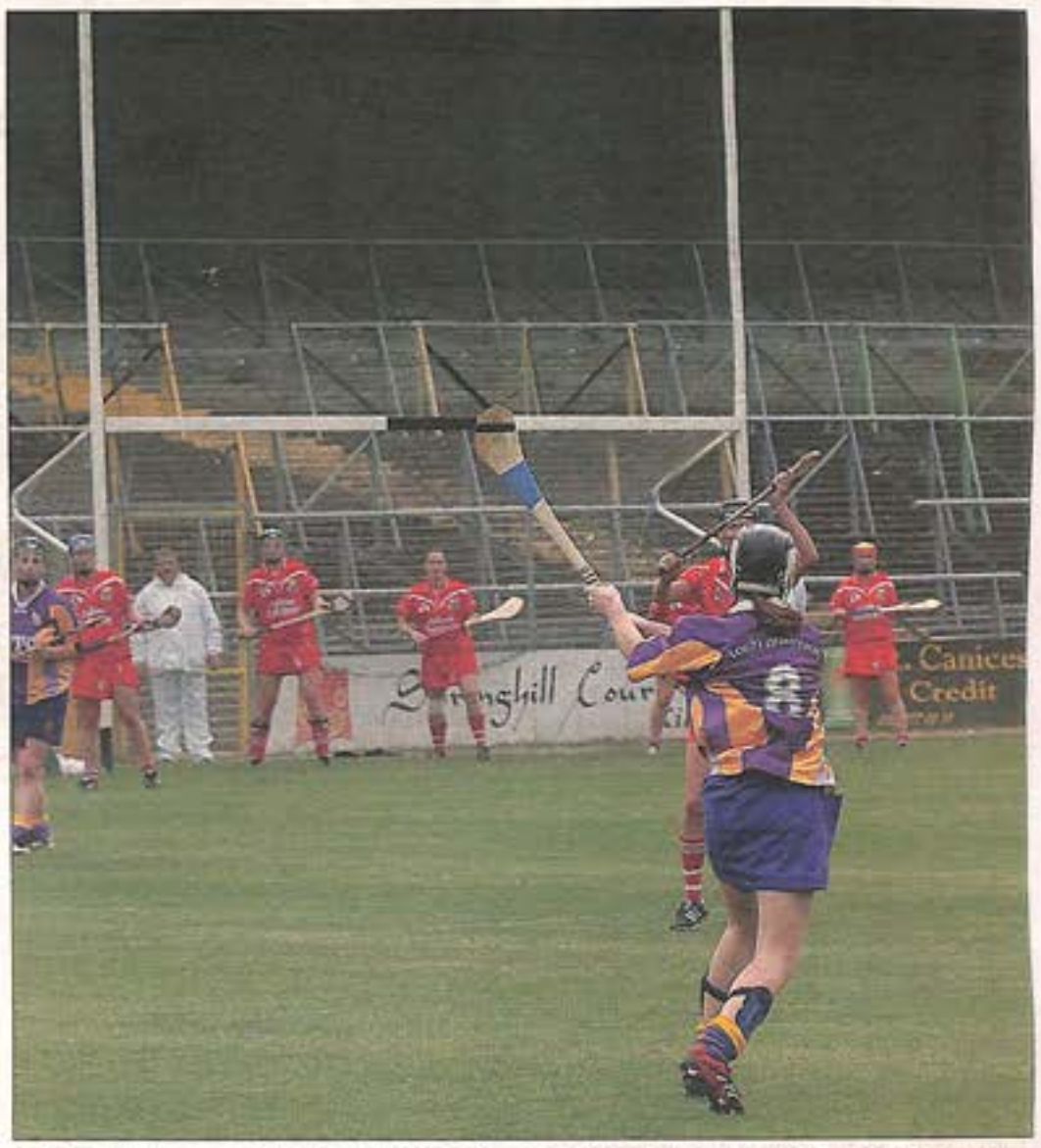
● Thanks to hard work and commitment, the Passage West U13 hurling team were presented with the Team of the Month award for April.

Club chairman Michael O'Mahony congratulated the team, complimenting players and management of Eddie Aherne, Bill O'Driscoll, Paul Maxwell and Damien Taffe.

He presented a night out at The Planet, Old Mallow Road to captain Jack Sommers.

INJURY-TIME

Cruel end to camogie side's brave-hearted challenge



Kate Kelly fires over a late free in last Sunday afternoon's National League final against Cork at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny. Pic: John Walsh.

AN INJURY-TIME pointed free for Cork brought a cruel end to the brave-hearted efforts of Wexford to bridge a 29-year gap since winning the premier National Senior Camogie League title, as they were edged out by the defending champions in a richly entertaining Division 1A final at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny on Sunday afternoon.

Things had been looking extremely bleak for Wexford with six minutes remaining, after Cork netted twice within the space of 60 seconds to forge ahead by 3-6 to 0-9. However, this superbly marshalled Wexford outfit proved their tremendous character, as they fought back to level matters on 2-10 to 3-7 in the closing moments of normal-time. But then came the game's decisive strike, as Jennifer O'Leary pointed the all-important free a minute into added-time, after which Wexford were unable to carve out any further chances to try to make amends for their loss in the final of 2004 to Tipperary.

Obviously it's hugely disappointing that what would have been a due reward eluded this hardworking Wexford squad once more. But, otherwise this campaign has been an outstanding one for the purple-and-gold, as they finished the group stages with a 100% record, including a determined win over Cork in round one.

The management team of Stellah Sinnott, Alan Aherne and Noel Ryan have put together a formidable package, and one that is most certainly well equipped to go all the way in the All-Ireland championship, and relieve Cork of that particular crown, namely the Duffy Cup. In fact, it's Wexford away to the Rebels next Saturday in the first round of qualifying for the championship, something which provides these Wexford players with a perfect opportunity to both put down a marker for the summer voyage while also atoning for last Sunday's bitter disappointment.

One thing for certain is that Wexford will be a great deal fresher for next weekend's rematch. Indeed, while the likes of Kate Kelly and Caroline Murphy ruled the roost around midfield against Cork on Sunday, their impact faded during the second-half, as the fatigue from their exertions the previous day for the lady footballers in the league final against Dublin began to show. This was also the story in the cases of fellow dual players, centre-back Mary Leacy and attackers Michelle Hearne and Bridget Curran, as the crazy schedule of two major national finals within a 24-hour period took its toll on the hopes of Wexford's women.



Wexford substitute Ursula Jacob is challenged by Cork duo Mary O'Connor and Rena Buckley in Sunday's final. Pic: John Walsh.

Wexford formed a very strong challenge during the first-half against Cork, as the Slaneysiders hurled with authority throughout the field. They may have only led by 0-3 to 0-0 after 14 minutes, but Wexford could have been better off at that stage given the promising attacking ball which they were harvesting. A fourth-minute point from Kate Kelly had opened Wexford's account, before Caroline Murphy and Una Leacy followed with similar scores on 12 and 14 minutes respectively. Jennifer O'Leary finally got a well contained Cork side on the scoresheet with a pointed free in the 17th-minute. But, after Kate Kelly had added a second personal point from a free won by Michelle Hearne, the opposition won a penalty in the 20th-minute. However, the resultant shot from Cork defender Amanda O'Regan was brilliantly saved by Wexford 'keeper Mags D'Arcy, only for Gemma O'Connor to gather the loose clearance and fire over a point from midfield (0-4 to 0-2).

Opposing free-takers Kate Kelly and Jennifer O'Leary traded points, before Wexford asserted themselves on the scoresheet. Una Leacy and Kate Kelly (from a '45) made it 0-7 to 0-3 prior to the challengers being denied a gilt-edged goaling opportunity in dubious circumstances. After forcing the Cork 'keeper into a save, the ball broke to Michelle Hearne. But, with the goal at her mercy, Hearne and her colleagues couldn't believe their ears as they heard the referee stop the play when the goalie went down with an apparent injury. Play was resumed with a throw-in that allowed Cork to relieve the pressure.

Caroline Murphy added a second personal point three minutes into added-time though, as they helped Wexford to break with a healthy 0-8 to 0-3 advantage.

The gap was extended to six points three minutes after the restart, when wing-back Aine Codd sent over a free after Kate Kelly was impeded by Gemma O'Connor.

Cork dominated between that and the 54th-minute, as they turned their 0-9 to 0-3 deficit into a 3-6 to 0-9 lead. They actually had a goal

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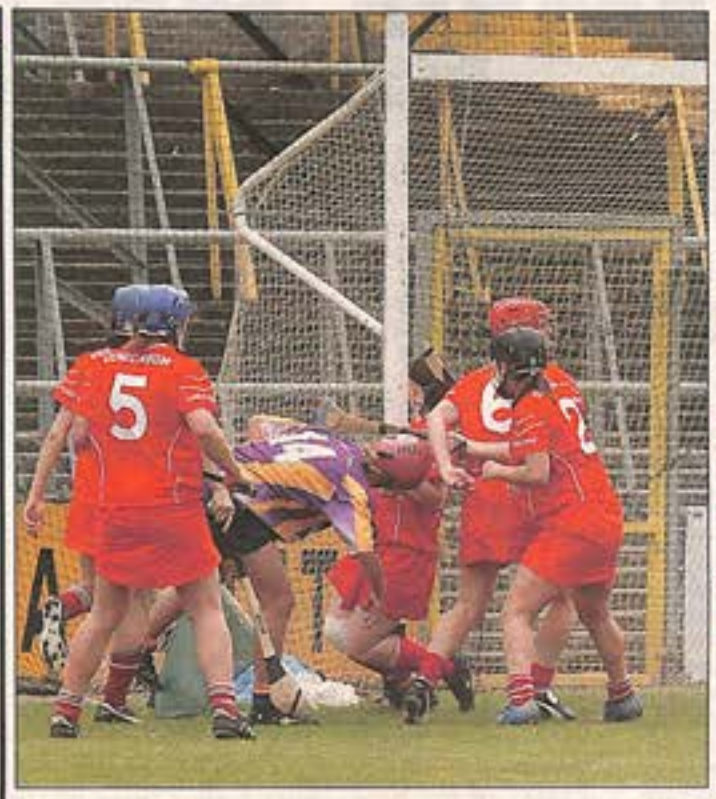
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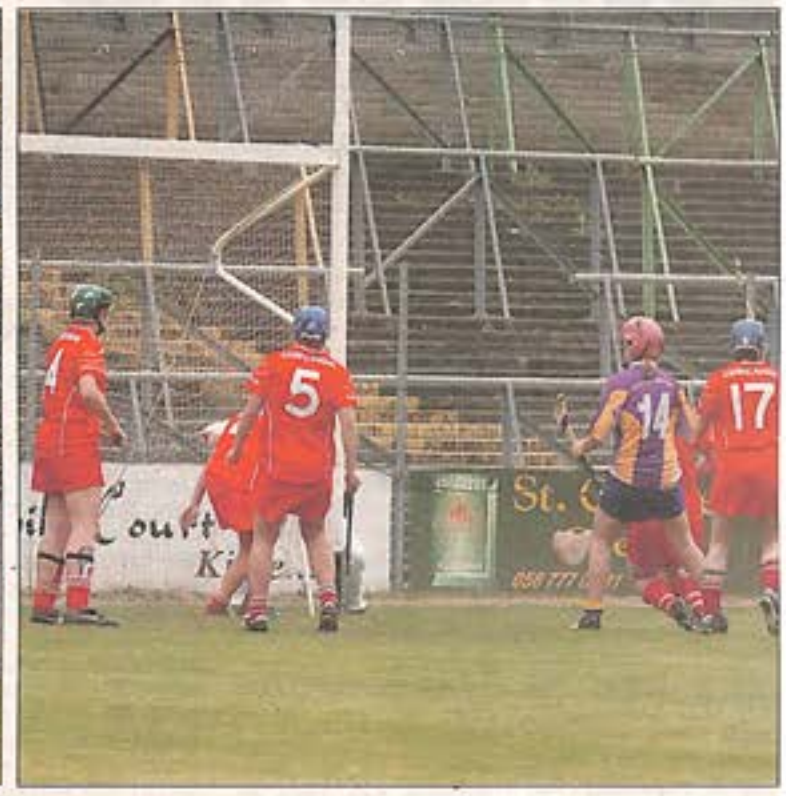
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Aoife Murray	1	Mags D'Arcy
Joanne O'Callaghan	2	Deirdre Codd
Rosarie Holland	3	Catherine O'Loughlin
Amanda O'Regan	4	Claire O'Connor
Rena Buckley	5	Noeleen Lambert
Mary O'Connor	6	Mary Leacy (capt.)
Sarah Hayes	7	Aine Codd (0-1 free)
Briege Corkery (1-0)	8	Kate Kelly (0-5, 3 fs, 1 '45)
Gemma O'Connor (0-2)	9	Caroline Murphy (0-2)
Orla Cotter	10	Louise Codd
Anna Geary (0-1)	11	Bronagh Furlong
Jennifer O'Leary (0-4 frees)	12	Michelle O'Leary
Angela Rush	13	Una Leacy (0-2)
Una O'Donoghue (1-1)	14	Michelle Hearne (2-0)
Sheila Burns (1-0)	15	Bridget Curran.

Subs: *(temporary, Eileen Clifford for Aoife Murray); Jenny Duffy for Briege Corkery.*

Subs: *Katrina Parrock for Louise Codd; Ursula Jacob for Bridget Curran; Rose-Marie Breen for Caroline Murphy; Avis Nolan for Deirdre Codd; also, Helena Jacob, Bernie and Lenny Holohan, Mary Walsh, Stacey Redmond, Aoife O'Connor.*

Referee: *John Pender (Kildare).*





Wexford full-forward Michelle Hearne grabs two late goals in Sunday's final against Cork, pictured *left*, hand-passing to the net despite being completely outnumbered, while, *right*, she celebrates as her second major brings Wexford level in the closing minutes. Pics: John Walsh.

disallowed before embarking on their purple-patch, which saw them grab three quick points between the 41st and 43rd minutes, from Jennifer O'Leary (free), Una O'Donoghue and Gemma O'Connor.

The switching of Jennifer O'Leary from wing-forward to corner-forward soon paid off big style, as she collected from Briege Corkery before rounding her marker and drilling home, to level matters on 1-6 to 0-9 after 49 minutes.

Wexford were really rocked back on their heels in the 53rd and 54th minutes, as Cork hit two rapid goals, with Una O'Donoghue and Sheila Burns each finding the net, to shoot the holders clear by 3-6 to 0-9.

Wexford's character was now under the microscope. But nobody should have doubted their bouncebackability, as they proceed to rattle Cork with a fantastic resurgence. Michelle O'Leary set Michelle Hearne racing through, before the St. Ibar's woman hand-passed to the net in the 55th-minute (3-6 to 1-9).

Anna Cogan hit back a minute later with a point for Cork. Focussed Wexford kept their shoulders to the wheel, and after Kate Kelly punished a foul on Una Leacy when pointing a free in the 58th-minute, the comeback was completed in the 59th-minute when Hearne grabbed a second personal goal – collecting a free dropped in by club-mate Kelly before again hand-passing to the net, to restore parity on 2-10 to 3-7.

Unfortunately scoring chances subsequently dried up for Wexford, while Cork capitalised on one of two late chances, with Jennifer O'Leary sending over a free a minute into added-time, to eventually keep the league crown on Leeside.



Wexford's finalists in Division 1A of the National Senior Camogie League, who challenged holders Cork in the decider at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny on Sunday afternoon last were, back row (l-r): Katrina Parrock, Mary Walsh, Ursula Jacob, Caroline Murphy, Bronagh Furlong, Kate Kelly, Michelle Hearne, Helena Jacob. Middle row (l-r): Stacey Redmond, Catherine O'Loughlin, Deirdre Codd, Bridget Curran, Louise Codd, Rose-Marie Breen, Avis Nolan, Aine Codd. Front row (l-r): Lenny Holohan, Mary Leacy (capt.), Una Leacy, Bernie Holohan, Aoife O'Connor, Noeleen Lambert, Claire O'Connor, Michelle O'Leary, Mags D'Arcy. Pic: John Walsh.



Bronagh Furlong releases the ball to a team-mate in Sunday's league decider. Pic: John Walsh.

Camogie: National League Playoff/Munster Final Replay

No replay joy for Tipp against Cork

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Cork 2-15
Tipperary 2-10

In a game that never reached the heights of the drawn game just four days previous, Cork made home advantage count to take their place in the National League Final while also regaining the Munster title.

Played in Ballinlough in Cork City on Wednesday, Tipperary were already playing catch-up having to travel most of the afternoon in the sweltering heat to make the game after Cork refused to bring the game to a border ground.

Tipperary did get on with the challenge but from the outset, Cork always looked the most likely and looked the fresher and hungrier side.

The premier county lined out without Michelle Shortt and Philly Fogarty through injury while Noelle Kennedy did not start.

Cork lead by 1-6 to 05 at half time with the goal coming from Marie O'Neill in the 22nd minute. Tipp managed to reduce the gap to three points but were hit with a sucker punch of a goal from Jennifer O'Leary.

But Tipp never gave up and after moving Eimear McDonnell into full forward, the Burgess star scored 1-1 and a Clare Grogan free on the stroke of full time reduce the margin to three points.

But Tipp's comeback was too little too late as points from Jennifer O'Leary and Gemma O'Connor sealed the double success for Cork leaving Tipperary to plan for the start of the All Ireland Championship and an opening round clash with Galway next weekend.

Player of the Match: Gemma O'Connor (Cork)

Scorers: Tipperary: Claire Grogan 1-7; 1-5 frees, 0-2 65's; Eimear McDonnell 1-1; Trish O'Halloran, Louise Young 0-1 each.

Cork: Jennifer O'Leary 1-5; 0-3 frees, 0-1 65; Marie O'Neill 1-0; Gemma O'Connor, Angela Walsh 0-3 each; Sile Burns 0-2; Una O'Donoghue, Orla Cotter 0-1 each.

Tipperary: Roseanne Kennelly (Drom-Inch); Suzanne Kelly (Toomevara), Mairead Luttrell (Slievenamon), Julie Kirwan (Moneygall); Paula Bulfin (Cashel), Una O'Dwyer (Cashel), Sinead Nealon (Duharra); Trish O'Halloran (Duharra), Joanne Ryan (Drom-Inch); Cora Hennessy (Cashel), Emily Hayden (Cashel), Claire Grogan (Cashel); Jill Horan (Cashel), Geraldine Kinane (Drom-Inch), Eimear McDonnell (Duharra). Jenny O'Halloran (Duharra) for C Hennessy (36 inj); Louise Young (Toomevara) for E Hayden (46); Lizzy Woods (Toomevara) for U O'Dwyer (52); Noelle Kennedy (Toomevara) for J Horan (57); Philly Fogarty (Cashel) for T O'Halloran (58).

Cork: Aoife Murray; Joanne O'Callaghan, Rosarie Holland, Amanda O'Regan; Rena Buckley, Mary O'Connor, Sera Hayes; Breige Corkery, Gemma O'Connor (Capt); Orla Cotter, Angela Walsh, Jennifer O'Leary; Sile Burns, Una O'Donoghue, Marie O'Neill.

Referee: Fintan McNamara (Clare).



Julie Kirwan impressed for Tipp last Wednesday week. Photograph: Bridget Delaney



SILVER SERVICE: Cork's Gemma O'Connor (l) and Tipperary's Claire Grogan (r) with Liz Howard (GAA), Liam Peters and Gary Desmond (both Gala)

HOWARD EYES GIVE AND TAKE

■ COILÍN DUFFY

CAMOGIE President Liz Howard has called on the GAA to show better co-operation after yesterday's Senior Hurling Championship launch directly clashed with that of the Gala Senior and Junior Camogie Championships.

This was met with disappointment by Howard as the Camogie Association had firmed up the Croke Park date months before the hurling launch was mooted.

"We must look at the integration process as greater co-operation between us all in the GAA family," she said.

"There are things which we have to look at though. The Gala Camogie launch and hurling launch took place at the same time.

"You can piggyback on certain things but I think it was unfortunate that we had a clash.

"What I'm looking for is greater cooperation."

Camogie: Under 16 National Championship:

Premier County defeated by Galway

Galway 3-13
Tipperary 1-08

In a game that Tipperary needed to win after their defeat to Clare just weeks earlier, Galway took control of this championship match which was played on Saturday last in the County Camogie pitch at The Ragg, reports Rose Mannion.

Tipperary took into an early lead and had two points to the good courtesy of Caitriona Shortt and Aine Brislane within the first seven minutes and totally took over the Galway end of the pitch for that period of time. Galway were slow to settle and Amanda Lynch put her side on the score board when she found the upright's in the eight minute. Tipp's Caitriona Shortt responded a minute later. However, on the puck out, Tipp fouled and Galway nudged closer when Claire Ryan found the upright's but Tipp came back and as the ball came in from centre field it was Cait Devane who set up Caitriona Shortt to edge Tipp ahead. Galway now took control of the game and perched themselves in the Tipperary end of the pitch and had a handsome 2-7 to 0-4 at the break.



The under 16 panel who lost to Galway in the 2nd. round of the Championship. They now face Limerick away on the 19th. in the next round.

On resumption Tipperary won a free which Caitriona Shortt converted but it was Caitriona Lee who responded for Galway in the third minute. Tipperary were finding it difficult to penetrate the Galway defence and though Aine Brislane was back with a well taken point, the killer blow came when just as the game entered the last quarter. Katie McDonagh found Anne Marie Starr who netted to put the game well out of Tipperary's reach. Play continued and point's were swapped and with time ticking away Sarah Kirwan found Caitriona Shortt who netted Tipperary's one and only goal. Substitute Niamh Williams found the upright's for Tipp but it was Galway who finished the scoring when Tara Rutledge put a further two between the sides before the referee Cathal Egan (Cork) blew time.

It's certainly back to the drawing board for Tipperary as they face Limerick in the next round which is down for a Limerick venue on May 20th and which they may be able to salvage something from this competition.

Tipperary: Emma Mulqueen, Niamh Kelly, Sandra Dunne, Catherine O'Meara, Cliona O'Dwyer, Laura Power, Laura Greene, Emma Spillane (0-1), Anne Marie Quigley, Christina Kenny (0-1), Cait Devane, Caitriona Shortt (1-4, 0-1 f), Aine Brislane (0-2), Sarah Kirwan, Aisling Butler, Niamh Williams (0-1).



Fiona Morrissey, Granagh-Nallingarry, and Sarah Sexton, Milford, both students at St Mary's school, Charleville, who were the only players from the school to play for the Munster colleges All Star team.

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Cork GAA appears in rude health

CORK MEN *AND WOMEN* READY FOR THE FRAY



THE championship hopes of two of Cork's most successful teams were launched yesterday — but not without controversy. Cork hurling legend Sean Óg Ó hAilpin, right, was on hand to launch the Guinness All-Ireland Hurling championship, while camogie captain Gemma O'Connor, left, was involved with the launch of the Gala Senior and Junior Camogie championships. Both launches took place at GAA headquarters in Croke Park and this clash caused disappointment. The Camogie Association's president, Liz Howard, called on the GAA to show better co-operation in the future.

● See Pages 10, 58 and 59.



At the launch of the 'Sports Nationwide' programme on Setanta were (l-r) Wexford's Una Leacy together with Mary O'Connor (Cork), Sally O'Grady (Waterford), Leslie Graham, and programme presenter Sally McArdle. Pic: Brendan Moran/Sportsfile.

Una helps launch new sports show

WEXFORD CAMOGIE star Una Leacy was among representatives from the world of Irish sports who gathered at the Ocean Bar on Dublin's Charlotte Quay last week to celebrate the launch of *'Sports Nationwide'*, a programme dedicated to Irish Sports that airs exclusively on Setanta Ireland.

'Sports Nationwide', which has been funded by the Broadcasting Commission of Ireland under the Sound & Vision Fund, is presented by Sallie McArdle, and focuses on stories that have strong community links. The programme aims to celebrate the passion, commitment and important contribution that sport plays in Irish society. The series will also follow the stories of Irish sports people competing and pursuing their goals overseas. ***A new episode from the 'Sports Nationwide' series airs on Setanta Ireland at 7p.m., on Thursday 3rd May.***

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ON GUARD: The GAA and VHI Healthcare yesterday launched the details of the 2007 VHI Cúl Camps programme. The nationally co-ordinated programme aims to encourage primary school children between the ages of seven and 13 to learn and develop sporting and life-skills by participating in Gaelic games. Picture: Brian Lawless



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BRILLIANT DIVISION 2 FINAL

'This has been one of the finest finals in years' were the words that Uachtarán Liz Howard used to describe the magnificent Camogie Division 2 League final in O'Moore Park, Portlaoise as Waterford overcame Down on a 1-18 to 2-13 scoreline.

The result of this game was in doubt until the very last minute, with the teams having being level nine times in the course of the game. However, it was the Mourne side girls who got off to the better start with a Karen Gribben goal after just three minutes following a perfect pass from half forward Orla Maginn. The Déise girls, who won the Division 3 final, last year for the first time, responded immediately with a point from Karen Kelly followed rapidly by a second from Pauline Cunningham.

From there in the supporters of both sides knew they were in for a thrilling game from both sides. Twice in the opening half Waterford missed goal opportunities, but by half time they had made up for that when the 2006 All-Star nominee Áine Lyng found her corner forward Trish Jackman on right who hand passed the sliothar to the back of the net to leave it, Down 2-7 to Waterford's 1-9 at the break. The second Down goal had come midway through the half from Down's only All Star Máirin McAleenan, who struck a sweet ball from underneath the stand.

Waterford were in no hurry out from the dressing room after half time, but it appears that harsh words were spoken as they trotted out to the pitch in a very determined manner and were first on the scoreboard with an Áine Lyng forty five. Máirín McAleenan responded rapidly with a free and after that we were treated to one of the best ever second games with both sides exchanging scores on a fast basis.

The winning of this game for Waterford may have come with seven minutes remaining when the stylish Áine Lyng, daughter of manager Paul sent over 0-3 in the space of two minutes (one from a free). They added a further three points before the Down star Máirín McAleenan sent over the final score of the day but with that went referee Damian Noble's whistle and so for the first time in history the Division 2 League title was on it's way to the banks of the Suir.

For one Waterford family there was great joy as Lisa Prendergast, a member of the Waterford panel, celebrated with her intercounty hurling brothers Seamus and Declan in what was a wonderful day for the small ball in the county Waterford.

All eyes will now be on Waterford who meet Offaly in the opening round of the New Ireland championship on May 13th while Sunday's defeated finalists meet Clare also on the same date. It promises to a great junior championship for 2007.

Waterford - F Ni Chadhla; A Kelly, S O'Grady, N Ryan; J Simpson, A Raher, J O'Grady; G Kenneally, C Raher; Á Lyng 0-12, P Cunningham 0-1, Á Breathnach; K Kelly 0-3, N Morrissey 0-1, T Jackman 1-0. Subs - V Gaffney for A Kelly, E Hannon for Á Breathnach, T Morrissey 0-1 for N Morrissey, M Murphy for T Jackman.

Down - T Mc Gowan; C McCrickard 0-1, M Maginn, P Green; K McMullan, F Carr 0-1, D Kelland; J Hugh 0-2, C McGovern; R McCann, K Gribben 1-2, O Maginn; L McCrickard, C McGourty 0-2, M McAleenan 1-5. Subs - K Tinnelly for R McCann, SL Carr for O Maginn.

Referee - D Noble, Dublin.



Denise McGrath charges forward for Westmeath against Meath

LAKE GIRLS ARE DIVISION 3 WINNERS

Westmeath, who captured the Máire Ni Chinnéide Cup last year, have gone a step higher this year by taking the Division 3 league title for the very first time following their 3-7 to 2-8 victory over near neighbours Meath in Portlaoise.

Both sides were competing at this level for the very first time and they showed early signs of nerves with a very low scoring first half which saw the Royals go in at the break ahead 1-3 to Westmeath's 1-1.

Christine O'Brien opened the scoring for the Royals with a point after a minute but the winners responded fast with a point from Joanne Walsh. Meath then got to grips with the game more than Westmeath and were a goal up after seventeen minutes thanks to Dearbhla O'Carroll. Nine minutes later the sides were level following a fine goal from Denise McGrath, daughter of intercounty referee Rita McGrath.

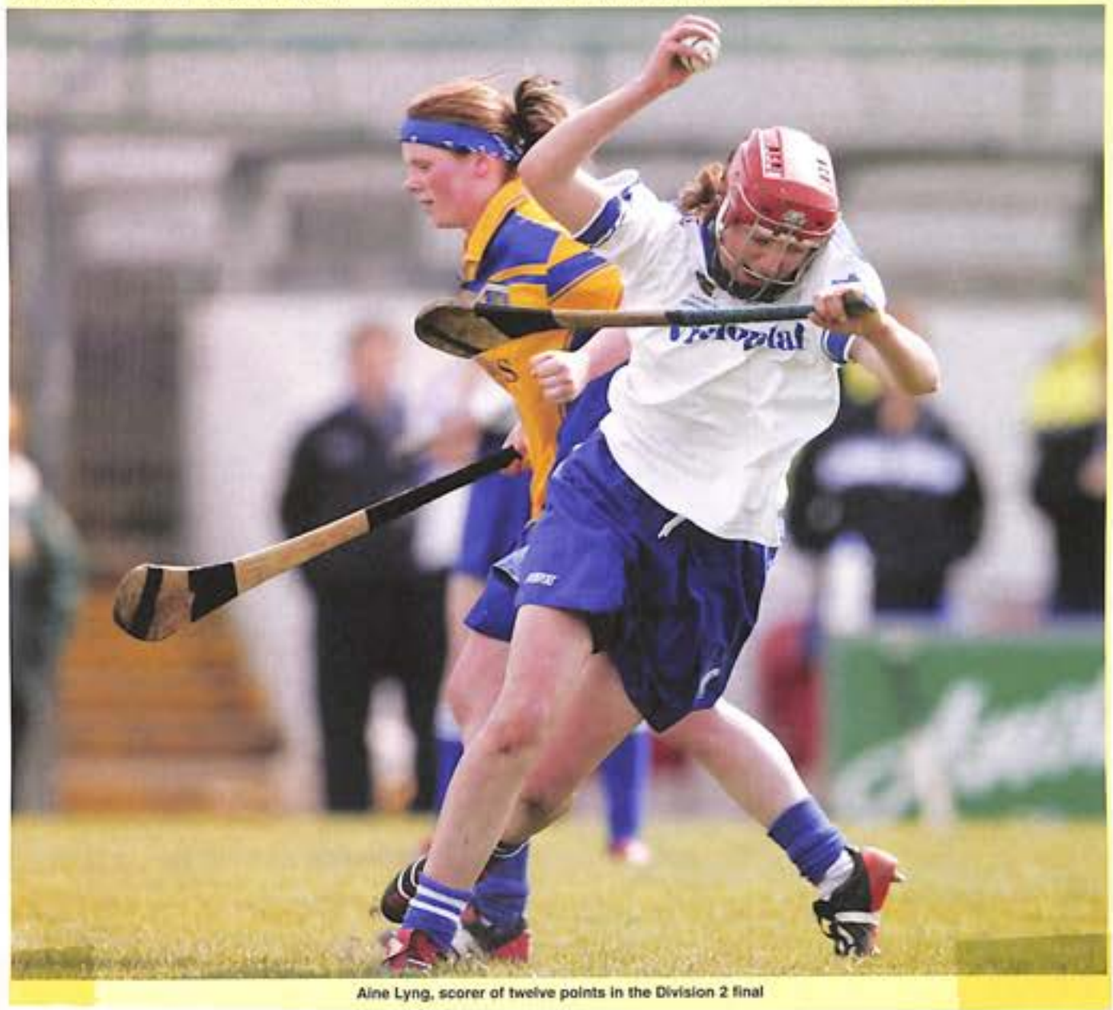
The second half became a great contest with the sides level with seven minutes remaining, Westmeath 2-4, Meath 1-7, the second Westmeath goal having come midway through from Joanne Walsh.

Both sides kept the very best wine until the end as with ordinary time up, Meath were ahead 2-8 to Westmeath's 2-6. It appeared that the Royals were about to take the title for the very first time. However, Pamela Greville had other ideas when she struck a free to the back of the Meath net one minute into time time added on. Dinah Loughlin, that very talented player, knocked over the final point of the day and with that went referee's Frank Mc Donald's whistle.

Meath, Manager, John Davis, a native Westmeath man was gutted after the game, but in true sportsmanship he and his Meath players stayed on the field for the presentation. All eyes will be on both Meath and Westmeath on June 24th when Westmeath take on Cavan while Meath take on Tyrone in the Neans Ui Mhuiri Cup for the championship.

Westmeath (scorers) - D Mc Grath, J Walsh 1-1 each, P Greville 1-0, D Loughlin 0-3 (0-1f),S Horan, N Barry 0-1 each.

Meath (scorers) - J Dolan 1-3, D O'Carroll 1-0, A Donnelly 0-2 (0-1f), C O'Brien, E Lynch, J Dolan 0-1 each.



Aine Lyng, scorer of twelve points in the Division 2 final

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Down are in National League and Ulster Junior Finals

By **Séamas Mac Giolla Fhinnéin**

Down came within minutes of losing their last three games in the National League Division 2A campaign - but somehow managed to pull off victories to see them through to the Division 2 final for the first time since they beat Cork for their only ever league title back in 1998.

The weekend before Easter, they scored a late goal to snatch a draw after trailing Clare for the whole of the game.

Next time out on Holy Saturday, they trailed Derry for 50 minutes and then sent on two subs - Sarah Louise Carr (daughter of football manager Ross) and Catriona McCrickard (sister of camogie manager Jerome). The subs hit a goal each, and Catherine McGourty added two points to snatch the league victory.

Those two results secured a play-off with Clare on April 15th and amazingly Down snatched victory from the jaws of defeat with an injury-time goal to make it through to the final with Waterford, who are hoping to add to the Division 3 crown won last year.

Catherine McGourty took a pass from sub Mairin McAleenan 60 seconds from the end to shoot her third and decisive goal in a 3-4 to 1-9 victory that really broke Clare hearts.

Down though should have tied the game up long before injury-time. They hit a series of wides mainly from frees and those misses looked like costing them dearly when Claire McMahon buried a goal in the 55th minute to put her side three points up in a very closely-fought second half.

DOWN team against Clare in the play-off: Teresa McGowan, Emma Keith, Moya Maginn, Pauline Greene, Grainne O'Higgins, Ciara McGovern, Jenny McHugh 0-1, Catherine McGourty 3-3, Orla Maginn, Naomi Morgan, Catriona McCrickard, Kelly O'Higgins, Anne Morgan.
Sub: Mairin McAleenan for E Keith.

The return of Má iri n McAleenan after injury is a boost to Down ahead of the final, and she was in good form for her club in the Ulster Premier League and in the championship semi-final win over Cavan.

Down are through to the final which will be played in Clones on June 10th ahead of the last of the Ulster Senior football quarter-finals between Monaghan and the winners of the prelim between Cavan and Down.

As well as coping without veteran forward McAleenan, who incidentally played in the county's first final at this level away back in 1987, the Red and Blacks also had to deal with the loss of Karen Gribbin, who had showed up well at centre-forward. The Clonduff girl looks unlikely to make the starting grid for the final.

Top performers during the league have been Fionnuala Carr in defence and Catherine McGourty in attack, while the progress of younger players such as Karen McMullan has been significant.

Minor pair Karen Tinnelly and Sarah Louise Carr have done well when introduced into the team and both certainly look stars for the future.

Elsewhere Ulster teams have not fared too well as the season got under way.

Tyrone and Cavan both did poorly in Division 3 of the league and are now both out of the provincial title-race.

Armagh stuttered their way through Division 2B. They were well off the pace set by Waterford but did pick up an encouraging win or two.

Derry had a frustrating time. Their early league games with Offaly and Clare were hit by the weather not once but twice leading to postponements. Then they were hit by that late goal by Down and lost out by a single point to Clare two days later in their delayed fixture.


Down Captain Theresa Mc Gowan, and Waterford Captain

Last year they were the top Ulster team, with appearances in the League and All-Ireland finals and they ran away with the Ulster title.

It isn't that they have dropped back much - more a case that Down caught them cold. I still tip them to make an impact before the summer is out.

And that brings us to Antrim - the enigma. Some can't quite comprehend how a county whose club champions reached the All-Ireland final and who have the mercurial talents of Jane Adams at their disposal, still can't make an impact.

The problem with the Saffrons is that they are re-building at inter-county level, re-building around the talent that is Jane Adams with a group of teenagers.

They began the league with one manager in charge, then county chair Catherine O'Hara had to step in until Jim McKernan could take over. After all that, they were not too far of the pace and gave McKernan a real boost with a 6-15 to 0-7 win over Kildare whom they face in the first round of the championship.

They should make some progress this season but won't pick up any silverware. However if they can hold it together, good times are around the corner.


Derry team that defeated Down in last year's Ulster Junior final in Ballybofey.



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Camogie head calls for GAA collusion

by Cóilín Duffy

CAMOGIE President Liz Howard has called on the GAA to engage in greater co-operation with her organisation following yesterday's embarrassing clash of championship launches at Croke Park.

The clash was met with disappointment by Howard as the Camogie Association had firmed up the date months before the GAA's All-Ireland SHC launch was muted.

The Camogie President feels that the integration process needs to be embraced more.

"We must look at the integration process as greater co-operation between us all in the GAA family," Howard stated. There are things which we have to look at. Today's Gala Camogie Launch and Hurling launch took place at the same time.

"You can piggyback on certain things but I think it was unfortunate that we had a clash.

"I think the GAA can work on certain things with us, particularly in terms of sponsorship, media coverage and TV rights. That's where I would like to see the GAA working with the ladies games.

"Integration may come with time but what I'm looking for at the moment is greater cooperation, Howard added.

However the President believes that the small-ball sport is in a healthier state than it has ever been, as more counties strive for silverware at the top level than ever before.

Speaking at yesterday's launch, the Tipperary native was high in praise of the standard of camogie across the county at present.

"I am very happy with where we are at, at the moment. Camogie has been re-energised since the Centenary year of 2004 and we have built on that with tremendous League finals in the past fortnight and some of the best games of camogie I have ever seen," Howard stated.

The former Sunday Game analyst is also happy to see major strides being made in the non-traditional counties.

"What particularly pleases me is that in the likes of Kerry, Mayo and Donegal we are making great progress."

She explained: "Kerry has six clubs at the moment and it's going well in the northern counties also and we are very strong too at Cumann na mBunscol level across the country which is also very important for the development of our games."

2006 was a dream year for Dublin camogie Captain, Anne McCloskey following All-Ireland Junior success. The Swords player is eagerly anticipating a good stint by the Dubs in the Gala Senior All-Ireland Championship, with the campaign beginning Saturday in Portmarnock against Kilkenny.

"It's every players dream to play at Croke Park, in the past two years we have taken back-to-back All-Ireland titles and it's great now to be back playing at Senior level and hopefully we can taste success," she said.

Dublin had a positive league campaign, losing by just three points to Cork. McCloskey expects a tough game from Kilkenny this Saturday.

"We played Kilkenny alreac at home in the Leinster Champ ionship and we beat ther and they beat us in the leagu so it's going to be a toug encounter."



Waterford's Sally O'Grady, left, and Lorraine Leavy, Westmeath, with the Gala bear at the launch of the Gala All-Ireland senior and junior camogie championships at Croke Park yesterday. Picture: Sportsfi

CORK captain Gemma O'Connor was in Croke Park today to help launch the 2007 Gala All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship Camogie stars from 27 counties were in Croke Park at the launch of the 2007 Championships when Gala, current sponsors of the senior championship, announced the extension of their sponsorship to include the All-Ireland Junior Championship.

Reigning champions Cork are bidding for a three-in-a-row at senior level while it is expected that the main challenge will come from Wexford and Tipperary.

The Gala All-Ireland Junior championship is wide open with Clare, Derry, Down and Waterford likely to be in the final shake-up. League Senior B winners Limerick will be hoping to add the Gala All Ireland championship title.

Liz Howard, President of the Camogie Association, reflecting on the healthy state of camogie said: "The Gala sponsorship of the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship in 2006 raised the profile of our game and that of our sponsors. Gala has decided to extend the sponsorship to our All-Ireland Junior Championship.

"This is a vote of confidence proving this is a mutually beneficial partnership. I look forward to a wonderful summer of camogie in the Gala All-Ireland Championships."

Speaking at the launch, Gary Desmond, recently-appointed CEO of Gala said: "We are pleased to announce the extension of the Gala sponsorship to include the All Ireland Junior Camogie Championship.

"This fresh commitment strengthens our relationship with the sport of Camogie. It expands the Gala relationship into a wider geographical area and builds a closer connection with a greater number of players and followers.



Gary Desmond, Chief Executive Officer, Gala, with Cork player Gemma O'Connor, Tipperary player Claire Grogan and Liz Howard, President of the Camogie Association, at the launch of the Gala All-Ireland Senior and Junior Camogie Championships at Croke Park. Picture: SPORTSFILE

Cork's O'Connor on hand for launch of All-Ireland

"This decision reflects Gala's growth across the country. We look forward to another year working with the Camogie Association. We wish Cork the best of luck."

Championship action starts this weekend with 14 Gala All-Ireland Senior and Junior Championship matches taking place. Cork and Wexford meet in a rematch of last weekend's superb National League final when the Leesiders won by a point. Last year's All-Ireland Junior Champions, Dublin, are back in the senior ranks for the first time since 2004 and will meet Kilkenny in their opening game.

● CAMOGIE president Liz Howard has called on the GAA to show better co-operation after yesterday's senior hurling championship launch directly clashed with that of the Gala Senior and Junior camogie championships.

This was met by disappointment by Howard as the camogie association had firmed up their launch date months before the hurling launch was mooted.

"We must look at the integration process as greater co-operation between us all in the GAA family is needed," Liz Howard said.

"There are things we have to look at though. The Gala camogie launch and the hurling launch tool place at the same time.

"You can piggyback on certain things, but I think it was unfortunate we had a clash. What I am looking for is more co-operation."

Brosnan the star as Dillon's take title

By MARY NEWMAN

Féile na nGael camogie

Brian Dillon's	**5-7**
Bishopstown	**1-0**

BRIAN DILLON'S took the inaugural Cork Division Two Féile Na nGael title when they proved strong for Bishopstown at Ballinlough last night.

Both sides gave it all in the quest for honours, but it was the strength of players such as Susan Kate Brosnan, Rebecca O'Mahony and Donna Carroll that saw the Brian Dillon's girls win.

Last Saturday the sides met in the round-robin series and just three points separated them, but last night there was no denying the result.

First-half goals from Rebecca O'Mahony, Caoimhe Rodgers and Jessica Kenny helped Brian Dillon's set the foundations for this victory.

Nicole Butler had a goal for Bishopstown as her side battled away against a strong Brian Dillon's defence.

With Michelle Ring, Donna Carroll and Orla Ni Shuilleabhain adding points to the Brian Dillon tally they held 3-3 to one goal lead at the interval.

Throughout the second-half Bishoptown worked to cut the deficit, but could find no way through Dillon's defence.

Eventually the pressure told, Sarah Kate Brosnan pointing twice without reply before the same player took on Bishopstown's defence before finishing to the net. Minutes later Donna Carroll had her side's fifth goal before she tapped over a well struck point.

Sarah Attridge had the final say confidently striking a 45' over the bar.

BRIAN DILLON'S: S Rodgers, R Myers, S Cotter, K Henry, S Ring, S Attridge (0-1), K O' Brien, M Ring (0-1), O Ni Shuilleabhain (0-1), D Carroll (1-2), SK Brosnan (1-2), N O' Mahony, R O' Mahony (1-0), C Rodgers (1-0), J Kenny (1-0). **Sub:** S O'Donovan for J Kenny.
BISHOPSTOWN: G Kelleher, T Horgan, P Finn, A Foley, N Stephens, A Corcoran, N Foley, A Corcoran, R McCarthy, T Johnson, C Kilbane, A Murphy, R Hayes, N Butler (1-0), S Murphy. **Subs:** J Kearney for A Foley, R O' Riordan for N Foley, E O'Sullivan for R Hayes, M O'Riordan for N Stephens, K O'Sullivan for S Murphy.
Referee: G Sheehan (Douglas).

CAMOGIE TEAM SET TO FACE THE CATS

■ GORDON MANNING

DUBLIN'S All-Ireland senior camogie championship odyssey begins this weekend when they face Kilkenny in Naomh Mearnog on Saturday (3.00).

Dublin have not played in the senior championship since 2004 when the county board controversially decided to drop the team down to the junior level after struggling annually at the top grade.

However, it's a decision which has worked out well with Dublin winning successive All-Ireland junior titles and they now re-enter the senior championship on the back of those triumphs.

Both Dublin adult teams will be in action against Kilkenny this Saturday. The senior B team will meet the Cats at 1.00 in Naomh Mearnog and they will be followed by the senior A side at 3.00.

Respective Dublin captains Anne McCluskey and Anne Kirwan were in attendance at the launch of the Gala All-Ireland camogie championships at Croke Park yesterday.

Dublin's O'Duffy Cup campaign will see them face Cork, Galway, Tipperary and Wexford as well as Kilkenny.

Reigning champions Cork are bidding for three-in-a-row.

But Tipperary will have a thing or two to say about that while Wexford are also expected to mount a challenge this season.

It could be a difficult first season back in senior for Dublin but Saturday's game against Kilkenny gives them an opportunity to get off to a positive start.

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The Ballygarvan U15 team who recently won the Carrigdhoun U15 title.

Rebels pass tough exams

A FEW WEEKS ago I referred to the lack of excitement surrounding camogie games recently.



LINDA MELLERICK

To me, even if Cork played poorly, they were winning. There was too much of a gap!

After the games I have witnessed over the last eight days, I stand corrected.

The drawn game against Tipperary and the National League final played last Sunday were as good as you'll see.

It may seem that Cork have not played to the best of their ability all the time but that's because they weren't allowed to.

The game against Tipp reminded me of the drawn All-Ireland semi-final match between the same sides in 2001.

Cork came from six points down in Tullamore that day to go one ahead. Tipp levelled four minutes into injury time. They won the replay after Cork held a three-point lead with four minutes remaining. Those games had everything — intensity, pride, passion and skill.

We had the same two weeks ago. Level at full-time and level after injury time tells its own story.

Cork led by eight points just before half-time against Tipp. Lack of concentration saw that lead reduced to five just before half-time. They trailed by three with the second half of extra-time left to play and drew level with two minutes remaining.

Against Wexford they didn't take the lead until the 18th minute of the second half and then proceeded to take a six point lead into the final five minutes. Wexford drew level and Cork edged ahead with the winner in injury time.

It's been a rollercoaster. Cork have been faced with almost every possible scenario during those two games and have come out on top.

Their mental strength has been tried and tested and they have passed with flying colours. It comes with experience and having a few leaders in your pack.

To me, when the pressure has really been on, a few players have caught the eye. Gemma O'Connor is playing a captain's role. She did trojan work in the drawn game against Tipp, particularly in the second half when the onslaught came.

In the replay once again, she came thundering into the game in the second half and in the league final against Wexford when Cork were really up against it in the first half, it was O'Connor's work-rate that kept her team in contention. She is scoring points in every game, bursting through from centre field and it tears the heart out of the opposition.

Jennifer O'Leary is another leader. She has led Cork's forward line for the past few years. Her contribution from both placed balls and general play has been immense. In three and a half hours of strong, competitive camogie over the past fortnight she has accumulated a personal tally of 2-16. 2-4 of which has come from play. Not bad at all from left half-forward.

While Joanne O'Callaghan and Catriona Foley, before she got injured, are playing great camogie, it is hard to lead as much as one would like from the full-back line. Rena Buckley is in the more open position of left half-back and is a huge driving force.

The changes Cork have made to their forward line are working. Sile Burns is a breadth of fresh air inside in the corner. Anne Geary is incredibly strong and is picking off some fine points. She is great at fighting the opposition off and scoring under pressure. The one player who seems to be finding the adjustment tough is Orla Cotter.

She seems too confined in the half-forward line and looks to be missing the freedom to roam at centre field. As a former midfield player, on the very rare occasion I moved into the half-forward line I found it extremely difficult.

Orla is a talented player with lots to offer and still learning. She may need a little help and guidance here.

On another note, the Cork Camogie Supporters' club held their Annual Golf Classic last Friday in the Muskerry Golf Course.

With the sun shining, it was a fabulous day. Thanks to all the teams, tee Sponsors and camogie clubs for their contributions. The funds generated will go directly towards the players in a variety of ways — masseuse's, nutritionists, training weekends, etc. Without doubt the club has contributed in no small way to Cork's success on the playing fields over the past two years.

As the 2007 championship commences today, here's to another successful year.

Defeat of Douglas spurs on Milford

By MARY NEWMAN

Camogie

TONIGHT
Division One Cork Féile final Milford v Glen Rovers, 7.30pm.

MILFORD and Glen Rovers battle for the right to represent Cork in National Féile na nGael camogie which will be held in Kilkenny on the weekend of June 15-17.

Douglas, who were aiming for four-in-a-row, have fallen by the wayside.

Last season Inniscarra won the Cork title, which had no bearing on the national competition, but this year it's winner-takes-all.

Both clubs are determined to fly the Cork flag in Kilkenny.

Milford go in favourites to take a third Cork Féile title having brushed aside Douglas last Tuesday night.

All over the pitch they have strength, evident if one takes a glance at their results from recent league games.

They have crushed opponents.

At U12 level two years ago this Milford side failed to make it to the county final, but they have put in huge work in the interim.

They are boosted by the inclusion of the Sheehy sisters, Rebecca and Grace, who have joined the club this year transferring from Dublin to live in Cork.

They have excellent performers in Louise O'Flynn, Niamh O'Brien, Sarah O'Flaherty and Katie Dillane.

They will be determined to make it to Kilkenny.

Glen Rovers will be under no illusions as to the task facing them having lost out to Milford 7-5 to 3-1 in their recent league meeting.

They will be fired up and ready.

On Tuesday night they had to rely on their defence to keep them ahead of Courcey Rovers in tight semi-final.

They know another substandard performance such as this will not be good enough.

Physically they are not as strong as Milford, but what they lack in physic they will no doubt make up for in determination.

Captain Sinead Fahy will drive her side on and she will look to Nicole O'Brien, Sinead O'Halloran, Ceria McCarthy and Aisling O'Keeffe to raise the tempo from the throw in.

Defender Ciara O' Sullivan is a definite non-starter, having suffered a broken collar bone in a league game last week.

But this will spur the Glen Rovers' girls on as they strive to take their clubs first Cork Féile title.

CLUB NOTES

BALLINHASSIG

Our U12 team travelled to Kilbree to continue their campaign in the under 12 D league and were thrilled to win on the day. Result: Ballinhassig 3-0; Kilbree 0-0 Scorers: M. Tyers, K. Bohane N. Kiely

Our 12 team who are participating in the A league were less fortunate when they played against Douglas 1. They played to the best of their ability against a more skilful team but were beaten 5-4 to 0-0

However, our U14 team proved more skilful against Douglas in the U14A league.

Playing on home ground with tremendous passion they won on a 2-4 to 0-2 scoreline.

Scorers: G. O Callaghan 1-1, A. O Brien 1-2, J. O Leary 0-1.

Meanwhile our senior team have started their campaign in the Senior B Championship, their first game was against Glen Rovers but they narrowly lost out by a point.

They came up against Douglas on the Bank Holiday Monday, but were beaten by eight points on 1-12 to 1-4 score line.

Scorers: E. O Sullivan 0-2, S. O Callaghan 0-1, T. Holland 0-1, K. McCarthy 1-0.

GLEN ROVERS

under 12team Our U12 team travelled to meet St Finbarr's in their third game of the league and a close opening half saw plenty of action at both ends of the field, with good play from Lauren Callanan, Jennifer Hosford and Rebecca Wall. We edged ahead with a goal from Aisling O'Brien but St Finbarr's hit back with an equaliser in the second half. Hard work from all the girls was rewarded with a goal from Sarah Hourihane. We welcomed Ballygarvan to the Glen Field on Saturday last and in an exciting contest we took the points on a 1-2 to 1-1 score line, a goal from Mikaela Hyde and two points from Eimear Sheehan.

We travelled to Blarney where we recorded a 4-0 to goals to one victory Jennifer Hosford broke the deadlock with an early second half goal Sarah Hourihane increased the lead with a super goal before Jennifer added a further two

U14 team Inniscarra hit us with three early goals however we settled and slowly cut the deficit thanks to three excellent goals from Edel O'Connell. A similar story against Valley Rovers as we conceded a goal from the throw in but hard work again paid off with Sinead O'Halloran, Lauren Callanan, Sinead Fahy and Edel O'Connell grabbing the scores. Féile Na nGael take place tomorrow and we welcome Ballinhassig Ballincollig and Eire Og to Glen Rovers with our first game against Ballinhassig at 11.15am

Under16 team Our U16 A team showed tremendous determination as they over came Milford in the U16 A league Karen O'Connell, Laura Egan, Claire Walsh Ciara O'Keeffe and Sinead Gallen were all to the fore as we recorded a tremendous victory.

Minor Team (U18) Our minor (under 18) team travelled to Church Road to meet Blackrock in the second game of the round robin series of championship. An exciting opening half saw us ahead at the break thanks to goals from Sinead O'Halloran and excellent points from Denise Luby, O'Halloran and Rosin Foley. From the start of the second half Blackrock applied the pressure and hit back with a goal and two points but with Lydia Cunningham Lorna Crowley and Alice Keating holding firm hand in defence we held our lead.

seniors Our senior team opened their league campaign on Sunday last when we met Ballinhassig, our visitors dominated the early proceeding and led 1-3 to 0-1 before a Denise Luby goal settled us and we began to come to grips with proceedings We ran out winners on a 3-4 to 2-6 scoreline. In our second outing we lost out to Eire Og.

Well done Well done to our representatives on the Cork U16 panelists Denise Luby and Karen O.Connell on their victory over Galway. Well done also to our U14 selector John O'Halloran and his hurling Feile team who recorded a first round victory last weekend.

Best wishes Best wished are extended to U14 full back Ciara O'Sullivan who suffered a collar bone injury in our game against Valley Rovers

Good luck Well done to Denise Luby and Karen O'Connell who were members of the Cork U16 team that defeated Limerick in the All-Ireland championship last weekend, and to our girls who lined out with Cork colleges teams in Clare Sinead Fahy, Nicole O'Brien Sinead O'Halloran and Alison Dowling

Training times Senior junior, over 14 players and under 18 players Mon and Wed at 6.30pm Glen Field

Under 6 to U12s Sunday 11.45am and Tuesday 6pm Glen Field. Under 13 and under14 Friday at 5.30pm and Mon 6pm in Glen Field

ST. VINCENTS

Our under 14 D team played Douglas last week where we lined out with 13 players against 15. Unfortunately the game turned in the second half and our luck ran out as Douglas ran out winners.

Training Times Monday: under 9's from 5pm to 6pm U12s from 6pm to 7pm. Tuesday: U7s from 5pm to 6pm. Wednesday: U11s from 5pm to 6pm U14s from 6pm to 7pm U16s and juniors from 7pm to 8pm

Sunday: 16's and juniors from 12am to 1 pm

PASSAGE

Under 12 Our U12 team recorded their first victory as they defeated Carrigaline 2 with Emma Harrington netting the first goal and the score spurred them on to as they added three further goals to their tally.

Passage 4-0 Carrigaline 2 0-0

Scorers: E. Harrington 2-0 S. Collins 1-0 E. O' Mahony 1-0

We met St Finbarr's on Friday last and with excellent full forward Ellen O'Mahoney striking the first goal shortly after Alison Gleeson and Emma Harrington did likewise which gave us a three goal lead at half time. The St Finbarr's girls fought hard but shortly before the final whistle our super full forward Ellen O'Mahoney found the back of the net again. This was a superb performance from a very young team. All the girls played very well on the night especially Shannon Twomey (team captain)

Our Under 14 girls played Youghal in a very exciting game Niamh Cahill, Rachel O'Connor and Nikki Twomey was excellent in defence. At half time the teams were all square at two goals each. Sarah McCarthy and Melissa Dineen worked hard in the forward line The second half was very tough with Youghal scoring a long range goal and followed with another to put two goals between the sides, Tia McMahon pointed a free and although several

Full time score Youghal 4-0 Passage 2-1

Scorers: R. Farr 1-0 S. McCarthy 1-0 T. McMahon 0-1.

Team: S. Twomey, R. O'Connor, N Twomey, K. O'Neill, M. Farr, N. Cahill, L. Corcoran, N. Murphy, T. Mc Mahon, S. Cashman, R. Farr, A. Healy, M. Dineen, S. McCarthy, C. Murphy.

Limelight to shine on Féile na nGael

By MARY NEWMAN
Cork Féile na nGael

CORK Féile na nGael 2007 takes centre stage this weekend as 14 clubs vie to represent Cork at the National Féile in Kilkenny.

This year it was decided to hold a division two Cork competition for lower-grade league clubs.

The winners of division one Cork Féile go forward to represent the county in the National Féile Kilkenny/Carlow the weekend of Friday June 15. There will be four sections in division one and two and an open draw for each section was made at a recent county board meeting.

Féile is always a great occasion for U14 players and their clubs and credit must goes to the host clubs and their members.

Division 1, Section A
15 minutes per half.

Clubs: Ballincollig, Éire Óg, Glen Rovers & Ballinhassig.

Venue: Glen Rovers 10 Registration 10.30 Ballincollig v Éire Óg 11.15 Glen Rovers V Ballinhassig 12.00 Ballincollig V Glen Rovers 12.45 Éire Óg V Ballinhassig 1.30 Ballinhassig V Ballincollig 2.15 Glen Rovers V Éire Óg

Division 1, Section B
15 minutes per half

Clubs: Douglas, Rockbán, Inniscarra and Mallow

Venue: Inniscarra 10am

Registration: 10.30 Douglas v Rockbán 11.15 Inniscarra v Mallow 12 Douglas v Inniscarra 12.45 Rockbán V Mallow 1.30 Mallow V Douglas 2.15 Inniscarra V Rockbán

Division 1 Section C
20 minutes per half



Ballygarvan U15 captain Christina Murphy receiving the Carrigdhoun U15 winners' trophy from Noreen Quinn, chairperson of the Carrigdhoun Camogie Board.

Clubs: Killeagh, Milford Carrigaline **Venue:** Carrigaline 11am **Registration:** 11.30am Killeagh v Milford 12.30pm Milford V Carrigaline 1.30pm Carrigaline V Killeagh

Division 1 Section D
20 minutes per half

Clubs: St Finbarr's, Valley Rovers & Courcey Rovers. **Venue:** St Finbarr's 11am. **Registration** 11.30 St Finbarr's vs Valley Rovers 12.30 Valley Rovers v Courcey Rovers 1.30 St Finbarr's V Courcey Rovers

Division 2, 10 mins per half

Clubs: Castleyons, Brian Dillon's, Clonakilty, Bishopstown & Kilbrittain/Timoleague.

Venue: Brian Dillon's 10.30, **Registration** 11am Castleyons-Brian Dillon's 11.30 Clonakilty-Bishopstown 12noon Kilbrittan/Tim. V Castleyons 12.30 Brian Dillon's v Clonakilty 1pm Bishopstown v Kilbrittan/Timoleague 1.30 Castleyons V Clonakilty 2pm Brian Dillon's V Bishopstown 2.30 Clonakilty V Kilbrittan/Timoleague 3pm Castleyons V Bishopstown 3.30 Brian Dillon's v Kilbrittan/Timoleague

Semi-finals Division 1
Tuesday, May 15

Winners Section B V Winners Section C; Winners Section A V Winners Section D

Finals Friday, May 18

Division 2 at 6.30; Division 1 7.30.

Under 10 We travelled to Glanmire to play Sarsfields in a challenge game for our U10s. The O'Mahony twins were super along with other up and coming stars the Mc Evenny sisters Aoife O'Flynn, Kate Dorgan , Abby Hennessy and Emer O'Connor. All the girls played very well and the work of team managers Francis Mc Evenny, Kieran Harrington and M. Dunlea is reaping rewards. It finished level Sarsfields 2-0 Passage 2-0

Scorers: R. O' Mahony 1-0, E. O' Mahony 1-0.

Team: E. Mc Evenny, K. Mc Evenny, R. Dunlea, M. Dunlea, E. Harrington, G. Quirke, A. O' Flynn, E. O'Connor, R. O' Mahony, E. O' Mahony, L. Heffernan, O. Higgins, A. Hennessy, L. Coade, E. O' Driscoll, K. Dorgan.

ST CATHERINE'S

Senior "A" League Our senior team played their first ever Senior A league game recently but lost to a very strong Milford side.

While at the wrong end of the score line our players did very well and could not be faulted for their commitment.

On Sunday last Inniscarra travelled to Ballynoe to take on St Catherine's in our second Senior League game. Inniscarra lined out without Rena Buckley and St Catherine's without Orla Cotter. Well done to Finola Neville who lined out in her first Senior League game and to Andrea Mangan who scored a decisive second half goal.

Team: D.Leahy, S.Noonan, A. Fitzgerald, C. O 'Brien, N. Mulcahy, E. Power, F. Noonan, E.O' Keeffe, M.O' Keeffe, M. Daly, L. Power, D. Twomey, L. Higgins, D. Twomey, F. Neville.

Subs: A. Mangan for M. Daly, E. Harpur for E.O 'Keeffe, D. Mulcahy for N., Mulcahy, J. Hurley, K. Higgins, M. Mulcahy.

Scorers: Denise Twomey 0 — 6(2f), Deirdre Twomey 0 — 3, A. Mangan 1 — 0, L. Higgins 0 — 2, F. Neville 0 — 1

JUNIOR B On Friday night last our Junior B team played Lismore in a challenge game this was a very entertaining hour's camogie with Lismore emerging victorious by the minimum.

Congratulations to the Cork team who won the above competition on Sat last in Ennis well done to our own two representatives Fiona Cotter and Finola Neville.

U16 C league We travelled to Watergrasshill to take on the home side in a league game, Watergrasshill were the stronger side in the opening half and, with the aid of a strong wind, led 3 — 0 to 2 — 1 at half time. We dominated the play holding Watergrasshill scoreless and running out comfortable winners 5-4 to 3-0

Team: S. Barry, A. Aherne, C. Clancy, F. Feeney, J. Mangan, F. Cotter, N.O' Donoghue, K. Hannon, A.O' Keeffe, K. Murphy, F. Neville, A. Burke, C. Kearney, C. Aherne, R. O'Callaghan

Subs: — A .Doyle for F. Feeney, E. Neville for R. O'Callaghan, and K. Mellerick for A. Aherne.

Scorers: — K. Hannon 3 — 1, F. Neville 1 — 0, A. O 'Keeffe 1 — 0, C. Kearney 0 — 2.

Congratulations to Helen Lane on the recent birth of her baby girl.

BLACKROCK

The Under 13 team were presented with their medals last Saturday. The team won the 2006 Under 13 b city Final in March. Wayne Sherlock was on hand to present the medals to the girls. He congratulated the girls on their win and encouraged them to keep training.

The team was as follows: Captain-Katelyn Hickey, Katie Roberts, Dearbhail O'Connell, Jennifer Sarl, Grace Marum, Niamh O'Leary, Sinead White, Sarah Hennessey, Amy Batt, Mollie Hurley, Tracey Fleming, Kelly O'Brien, Michelle Murphy, Sarah Boyle, Preslina Pembele, Niamh Wedel, Shannon White, Aoife Byrne, and Sally Roberts.

On the same evening the junior team that reached the Pan Celtic Final were also presented with their medals.

The Pan Celtic Team: Captain- Doireann Ni Mhuiri, Sherelle Naughton, Tanya Dunne, Margaret Moynihan, Jennifer Lehane, Ann Marie Lehane, Aine Murray Kate O'Brien, Roisin de Faoite, Kerri Fleming, Ciara Barry, Sarah Carroll, Joanne Mc Sweeny, Maeve Devine There was also a presentation of a set of jerseys made to the under 12 captain Grace Marum by Keycamp Holidays.

ST FINBARRS

Gemma O'Connor stole the limelight this week. The 2007 Cork senior A captain arrived carrying the Munster Senior Championship Cup on Wednesday night following a fabulous game against Tipperary at Ballinlough.

On Sunday night, Gemma was back again with more silverware. This time she proudly held the AIB Cup high. Earlier in the day Cork had survived a hectic bid from Wexford to snatch the National Senior A League title from Cork at Nowlan Park. Two up and one to go, we look forward to seeing Gemma come again with the O' Duffy Cup in September, the best of luck to her and her team.

Two of our girls were called upon in the League Final and they did their bit in style. Ellen Clifford was sent into action when Cork goalkeeper Aoife Murray required attention for a blood injury she made one fantastic save in the short period that she was between the sticks. Jenny Duffy ran in to replace Briege Corkery who also needed attention to an injury when the game was at a critical point she provided the ball for two Cork goals helping to swing the game around.

Earlier on Sunday morning, many of young players turned out in the Cork jerseys to wish the team well as they headed for the Kilkenny venue. A camera crew from O8 Sport was present to film the send off and to interview some of the players. This camogie piece will feature on O8 Sport programme on RTE on Monday, 14th May

CARRIGDHOUN

Carrigdhoun Under15 Blitz The 2007 Carrigdhoun U15 blitz was held recently with Valley Rovers hosting the event at Brinny. As some clubs had problems fielding teams, four clubs Carrigaline, Ballygarvan, Courcey Rovers and Valley Rovers competed on a round robin basis with the top two on points contesting the final. Ballygarvan took all available points to put them comfortably in the final, but the organisers had to go to scores to separate Carrigaline and Courcey Rovers for the second final spot. Carrigaline with just one point more on the score sheet contested the final, but a young Courcey Rovers side should be the ones to watch for the future.

Both teams served up a cracking display in the final but Ballygarvan forwards Rebecca Murphy and Aisling Byrne with three points apiece along with a great midfield and defensive display denied Carrigaline.

Also on the score sheet for Ballygarvan throughout the day were Sarah Quilligan Rachel Keohane Christina Murphy Lorraine Browne Louise Mc Carthy and Mary Ellen O'Donovan. But it was the Ballygarvan backline Laura Mc Carthy Laura O'Callaghan Ciara White and goalkeeper Ann Keohane who were the real heroes by keeping a clean sheet throughout the whole day as their side recorded a six points to no score victory

Carrigdhoun Chairperson Noreen Quinn complemented all four teams on their outstanding skill. She also expressed the boards thanks to team mentors Sean Barry Carrigaline and Johnny O'Donovan Ballygarvan for their help with refereeing throughout the day and Mary Crowley Valley Rovers for having the pitches in such good order.

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Quick-fire goals set Rebels on way to victory clinched with late, late point

Cork camogie stars claim 13th league title in nail-biting affair

DIVISION ONE (A) CAMOGIE FINAL

CORK	3-8
WEXFORD	2-10

CORK'S ladies claimed their 13th camogie league title after defeating Wexford in a pulsating encounter at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny on Sunday.

A late free from the inspirational Jennifer O'Leary was enough to clinch a 3-8 to 2-10 win for the Leesiders in a game which kept onlookers on the edge of their seats throughout, and which seemed destined for extra time until O'Leary popped the sliothar sweetly between the posts on the cusp of injury time.

She finished the game as she started it, although it took 15 minutes for the slow-starting Rebels to score when her first free sailed over the bar.

Wexford were 0-3 up at that stage, and they remained confident of an upset at the break when they boasted a lead of 0-8 to 0-3 having played against the wind in the first half. Two goal chanches which went unpunished would come back to haunt the Model County however, as Cork finished strongly in the second half.

Almost a quarter of an hour into the half and Wexford were still ahead by 0-9 to 0-6, but the game really exploded into life after 48 minutes when a flurry of goals sent the umpires in flag-waving overdrive.

Star player Jennifer O'Leary grabbed the first goal of the day, before full-forward Úna O'Donoghue added another some four minutes later.

Wexford were stunned, and Sile Burns pounced on another opportunity just a minute later to make it a hat-trick of goals to leave Cork in front by 3-6 to 0-9.

The Slaneysiders were left reeling from the triple blow and they appeared to be dead and buried. To their credit however, they fought back and they grabbed a goal of their own from full-forward Michelle Hearne to leave supporters rubbing their eyes in disbelief.

The sides exchanged points before Hearne grabbed her second goal of the afternoon to level the scores with just two minutes remaining.

Wexford sensed victory and could almost smell a first league title since 1978. Hearne had a chance to put her side back in front but she was unable to send the ball over the bar and instead the ball went to middle of the field.

Cork were awarded a free and Jennifer O'Leary remained calm and collected to send the sliothar between the uprights for the final score of the game.

Inspirational captain Gemma O'Connor was delighted to lift the cup after such an intense encounter, while the sides must do it all over again this Saturday in Cork for the first round of the 2007 Gala All-Ireland championship.

SCORERS: J O'Leary 1-4 (0-3f), Ú O'Donoghue 1-1, S Burns 1-0, G O'Connor 0-2, A Geary 0-1.

CORK: A Murray, J O'Callaghan, R Holland, A O'Regan, R Buckley, M O'Connor, S Hayes, B Corkery, G O'Connor (captain), O Cotter, A Geary, J O'Leary, A Walsh, Ú O'Donoghue, S Burns. **Subs**: E Clifford for A Murray (injured) 29mins, J Duffy for B Corkery 54mins.

IN the Division One B Final, Cork were beaten by Limerick by a score of 1-14 to 0-5 although the final score does not give an accurate reflection of what was a fairly even contest between the sides until the end.



PICTURE: Matt Browne / SPORTSFILE

Briege Corkery in full flight with Wexford's Noeleen Lambert giving chase in the Camogie National League Division One A final



PICTURE: MATT BROWNE / SPORTSFILE

The Cork team celebrate with the cup after victory in the Camogie National League Division One A final against Wexford at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny.

Camogiechat

With Mary Newman

Senior side retain title

BACK to back national league titles as the senior division 1 A team battled back to retain their crown holding off the strong challenge of a tough Wexford side in Nolan Park on Sunday last. The opening half belonged to Wexford and aided by the strong wind they opened up 0-8 to 0-3 interval lead but through the opening half Cork kept in touch and turning to play with the wind in their favour for the second half slowly eat into the Wexford lead. Aine Codd stretched the Wexford lead to nine points but Cork settled and began to pick off points Jennifer O' Leary, Una O' Donoghue and Gemma O' Connor cutting the Wexford lead to just three points. Cork began to gain the upper hand and were back on level with Jennifer O'Leary taking on the Wexford defence and finished superbly to the net, Úna O'Donoghue had Cork ahead for the first time in the game and within a minute Cork's Sile Burns extended the lead to two goals. Wexford refused to give up and when full-forward Michelle Hearne hand passed to the net they were back in the game, Anna Geary and Kate Kelly exchanged points as Cork held their lead. Strong Wexford pressure finally took hold with Michelle Hearne finished to the net after Kate Kelly landed a free in the square where Hearne got a touch on it past goalkeeper Aoife Murray with two minutes remaining

Battling for a winner Jennifer O'Leary gained possession and took on the Wexford defence who conceded a foul which O' Leary pointed to ensure the title was retained. Well done to the girls and their back room team who showed plenty of determination against a superb Wexford side

The sides will meet again on Saturday next in the first round of the Gala All-Ireland championship and if last Sunday is anything to go on this is one not to be missed.

Limerick take b title

THE Cork division 1b side could have little complaints as they had to give way to stronger Limerick side in the division 1 B final in Nolan Park. All over the field Limerick stood tall ,re-graded this season from A to B the Ciaran Casey coached Limerick side led 0-8 to 0-1 at the interval having played with the aid of the strong wind in the opening half. Cork failed to grab two goal chances in the first half as the Limerick defence held the upper hand. On the turn over Cork failed to make use of the strong wind as the Limerick defence stood firm, Maireaid Kelly had thirteen points between the sides before Rachel Myer and substitute Marion Jaego had points for Cork. To their credit they battled hard but the gap in standards was evident and the stronger Limerick first fifteen just too good on the day. Cork's attention now turns to the Senior B championship where they play the first game in the round robin series against Ballincollig on Saturday next



Cork captain Gemma O'Connor, with, from left, Gary Desmond, CEO Gala, John Cronin, manager, Liz Howard, President of the Camogie Association and Liam Peters, Executive Chairman Gala, at the launch of the Gala All-Ireland Senior and Junior Camogie Championships. Croke Park, Dublin. *Picture: Paul Mohan / SPORTSFILE*

Hunt for Cork Féile title begins

FOURTEEN clubs begin the quest for the Cork Féile Na n-Gael title and the right to represent Cork at the national Féile in Kilkenny. Games will take place at Glen Rovers, Carrigaline, Inniscarra and St Finbarrs. Two groups of four and two groups of three will get proceedings under way at 10am and one team will emerge from each group to contest the semi- finals on Tuesday with the finals taking place on Friday. This year Cork will hold a Division 2 féile competition for weaker clubs and this takes place at Brian Dillon's, this is strictly a Cork competition and the winners will not go forward to the national Féile. The Féile Skills will take place on Sunday May 20 at St Finbarrs, two participants from each club may enter the competition and clubs not participating in Féile may also enter.

U16 TEAM CONTINUE GOOD PROGRESS

THE Cork under 16 team recorded their second victory in the round robin series of the All Ireland championship at Ballinlough on Saturday when they proved too strong for Limerick. Joanne Casey had Cork ahead with a point inside the first minute and up to the half time whistle, Cork were in control. Caroline Scanlon levelled matters but with the Cork defence, Limerick struggled to find a way through. Denise Luby and Aileen O Donovan stretched the Cork lead with points before Catriona Collins' long range effort ended up in the net after the Limerick defence failed to clear under strong Cork pressure. Caroline Scanlon pointed a Limerick free but Cork maintained their lead with Denise Luby, Julia White and Emma Kingston pointing as they held a 1-8 to 0-3 interval lead. Twice Caroline Scanlon pointed before Cork hit the target. In the second half sharp shooter Denise Luby struck two points before Catriona Scanlon pointed a free. The result was put beyond doubt when Mary Ann Hawkes, clearing under pressure, found Sinead O Neill who took on and beat the Limerick defence to finish to the net. Denise Luby struck her sixth point before Judith Mulcahy had a point from a close in Limerick free. Cork meet Clare in round three and having lost out to the same opposition six weeks ago in the provincial decider they will be determined to reverse that result.

Camogie girls notch up second victory

Cork	2-11
Limerick	0-7

CORK took their second set of point in the round robin series of the All Ireland under16 championship at Ballinlough on Saturday when they proved to strong for Limerick.

Joanne Casey gave Cork an early lead with a point inside the first minute, and with Denise Luby pointing from frees and play Cork set the pace in the opening half.

Caroline Scanlon pointed for Limerick to level matters, but with the Cork defence on top Limerick could find no way through again.

Catriona Collins, Denise Luby and Aileen O'Donovan stretched the Cork lead with points before Catriona Collins' long-range effort which ended up in the net after the Limerick defence failed to clear under strong Cork pressure.

Caroline Scanlon pointed a Limerick free, but Cork maintained their lead with Denise Luby, Julia White and Emma Kingston pointing to give Cork a 1-8 to 0-3 interval advantage.

Caroline Scanlon pointed twice as Limerick battled to get into the game from the start of the second half, but Cork regained their momentum thanks to two points from sharp shooter Denise Luby.

Limerick worked hard, but the Cork defence stood firm. Catriona Scanlon pointed a free before a long Mary Ann Hawkes clearance was gathered by Sinead O'Neill who took on and beat the Limerick defence and finished to the net.

With Cork now well in control Denise Luby struck her sixth point before Judith Mulcahy tapped over a close-in Limerick free to end the game. Cork will now meet Clare side in round three, and having lost out to the same opposition six weeks ago in the provincial decider they will be determined to reverse that result.



Emma Kingston and Joanne Casey, stars of Cork's camogie victory over Limerick.

CORK: A Sheehan, C O Brien (c), R Finn, P Mackey, O. O'Mahony, M A Hawkes, M Healy, E Kingston, J Lynch, J White, C Collins, A O'Donovan D Luby (0-6 0-2 frees 0-1 45" 0-3 play) S O'Neill J Casey. Subs — K O'Connell for A O'Donovan (38mins) M O'Donovan for M Healy (inj. 43mins) A McCarthy for J White (50mins), D O'Callaghan for P Mackey (55mins), E Healy for D Luby (56mins).

LIMERICK: M Mc Grath, R Carmody, R Rea, N Richardson, L Potter, S Carey, M Ryan, J Mulcahy (0-1f), K. Campbell, K Brosnan, M Sheehy, N Power, C Scanlon (0-6 0-5 frees 0-1play), A Enright Subs P Kearnes for M Sheehy (h/t), A Russell for N Richardson (26mins).

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Douglas bid for right to defend crown

THE semi-finals in division one of the Cork Féile na nGael competition take place this evening.

Four clubs are left to battle it out for the right to represent Cork at the National Féile in Kilkenny.

On Sunday last in atrocious weather condition, 14 clubs contested the competition at four different venues before Milford, Douglas, Courcey Rovers and Glen Rovers emerged to contest tonight's semi-finals.

National Féile champions Douglas are going all out to win the right to defend their national crown and will travel to Doneraile this evening full of confidence after their recent league victory over Milford.

The city club have enjoyed tremendous success at underage level and will be determined to continue their impressive record at Féile.

By MARY NEWMAN
Cork Féile Na nGael

The recent victory over Milford was a huge boost given that Milford had been leading contenders in the league, recording impressive victories in all their outings.

Douglas will look to Claire Shine, Sarah Kavanagh and Shannon Dempsey to lead their quest for a place in the decider, while Milford will be looking to Louise O'Flynn, Rebecca Sheehy and Katie Dillane to reverse the result of that recent meeting with Douglas.

In the second semi-final, Glen Rovers meet Courcey Rovers in Innishannon at 6.10pm.

Glen will have to be at their best to contain a lively Courcey Rovers side that have excellent performers in Caron O'Reilly, Aisling Moloney, Alice O Sullivan and Jacinta Crowley.

Glen Rovers will be hoping for good displays from Sinead Fahy, Aoibhinne Murphy and Nicole O' Brien as they go in search of a final place.

The final is down for decision on Friday evening at a venue yet to be announced.

● Bishopstown and Brian Dillon's will contest the Division two final in Ballinlough on Wednesday night at 7pm.

Five teams participated in this competition which is held at Cork level only.



Claire Shine can star for Douglas in the Féile na nGael.

Battling Glen secure Féile final spot as Sinéad stars

By MARY NEWMAN
Féile na nGael camogie

Glen Rovers	0-6
Courcey Rovers	0-0

GLEN ROVERS had to battle to the final whistle against Courcey Rovers before their place in the Cork Féile Na nGael Division One final was secured.

In the end it was a display of superb defending that helped get them over the finishing line. On at least three occasions goalkeeper Emma O'Sullivan had to be at her best to deny Courceys.

One superb save three minutes from half-time stands out and it helped her side to enjoy a 0-4 to 0-0 interval lead.

Sinead O'Halloran pointed a 45 on the eight minute and extended Glen Rovers lead two minutes later.

The Glen enjoyed plenty of possession, but failed to turn it into scores as the close marking Courcey defence never allowed them time on the ball.

Courceys came close to grabbing a goal in the 12th minute, but shot narrowly wide.

A minute from half-time Sinead O'Halloran linked up with Edel O'Connell before striking a long range point as the Glen girls continued to add on the points.

Caron Reilly and Jacinta Crowley were prominent in defence as the Courcey girls stood firm against strong Glen pressure, which failed to yield more scores.

At the break it was the city girls who led by four points thanks in the main to excellent defending.

Courceys tore into the game from the start of the second-half and again the Glen defence had to be at their best.

Captain Sinead Fahy broke up attack after attack and she was ably assisted by Aoibhinne Murphy and Shauna Busteed, who hurled ball after ball up field where their attack continued their battle to try and gain the upper hand on the Courceys defence.

Sixteen minutes into the half still four points separated the sides, but inside a minute the Glen had increased it to six, with Sinéad O'Halloran pointing twice.

Courcey's battled to grab a lifeline and twice they came close, but O'Sullivan and her defence stood firm.

The Glen now advance to their first Féile final after a hard fought battle.

GLEN ROVERS: E O'Sullivan, S O'Sullivan, A Murphy, K Arnold, S Busteed, S Fahy, C McCarthy, A O'Keeffe, N O'Brien (0-1) A Dowling, E O'Connell, S O'Halloran (0-5 0-1 45" 0-1 free 0-3 play), M Sheehan, N O'Sullivan, L O' Sullivan.
Subs: L Callanan for L O'Sullivan.
COURCEY ROVERS: A O'Sullivan, L O'Donovan, A McCarthy, J Ryan, P Collins, C Reilly, A Allen, J Crowley, J Mulcahy, A Keating, N McCarthy, A O'Sullivan, E Moloney, A Moloney, J L Condon.
Subs: E Hannon for A Allen, A Reilly for J L Condon.
Referee: P Downey (Inniscarra).

Champs Douglas denied by Milford

Milford	0-11
Douglas	0-0

THIS can be seen as a strong statement of intent from Milford, who denied Féile na nGael champions Douglas a tilt at a fourth successive All-Ireland title with a superb display at Doneraile last evening.

To their credit, the Douglas girls battled to the finish to book a place in the Cork final.

But at the finish the foundations laid in the opening half by Milford, which yielded eight points without reply, helped win their place in the decider.

Milford applied strong pressure from the throw-in, but had to work hard against the strong Douglas defence, where Sarah Kavanagh, Alison Peate and Deirdre Bevan held a close rein on their opponents.

By MARY NEWMAN
Feile na nGael camogie

With Sarah O' Flaherty showing tremendous skill cutting a side line ball over the bar at the mid way-stage and with Niamh O'Brien, Maria Flanagan and Sarah Flaherty unerring from frees, Milford opened up a seven point advantage.

The Douglas attack worked hard to get on the scoresheet, but found the going impossible against a strong Milford defence, where Nicola Brown, Ciara Fitzgibbon and Niamh O'Brien were strong and determined.

Before the half-time whistle corner-forward Rebecca Sheehy extended the Milford lead with a point from play as they turned over 0-8 to 0-0 ahead.

A much-improved Douglas side worked hard throughout the second half.

Goalkeeper Aine O'Donovan denied Milford goals with three superb saves, while at midfield Clodagh Duggan and Ciara Hickey battled hard without reward to get their side into the game.

Milford's physical strength was evident on the ball as they held the Douglas attack at bay, while up front their strength was a factor as Louise O'Flynn and Rebecca Sheehy extended their lead with three points.

To their credit Douglas never gave up and to the final whistle stood proud, but on the day they failed to a stronger, better Milford side, who on this display will be strong favourites to advance to represent Cork at the national Féile.

Douglas can be proud of their record and achievements at this level in recent years, which saw them bring three National Féile titles in a row to Cork.

MILFORD: K O'Leary, N O'Connor, N Brown (0-3), C Fitzgibbon, C Watson, N O' Brien, K Galvin, L O'Flynn (0-3), E O'Flynn, M Flanagan (0-1), S Flaherty (0-3), K Dillane, G O' Connor, R Sheehy (0-1), G Sheehy, C Hodgson.

DOUGLAS: A O'Donovan, D Bevin, A Peate, S Kavanagh, C Duggan, S Duggan, F Sexton, C Hickey, E Shine, C Shine, A Birmingham, S Dempsey, A Fox, E Mc Carthy, A Twohig.

Subs: R Baxter for C Hickey, L Cooney for F Sexton, S Kenny for A Twohig.

Referee: M Sheehan (Liscarroll).

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Rebels look the class act

Ladies are anxious to return to best form

TOMORROW
Senior Division 1B
All-Ireland Championship
Cork v Wexford,
Ballincollig, 1.30pm



LINDA MELLERICK

A TOUGH opener for the Cork senior division 1B side just six days after losing the national league final as they open the defence of their All-Ireland crown against Wexford, *writes* **MARY NEWMAN.**

With eight of the players who were members of the panel last season ineligible this year, Cork turned in an excellent league campaign.

They lost just two games to a strong Limerick side that took the league title with a superb display of strength on Sunday last.

It will be hard for the Cork girls to pick themselves up following on that defeat, but no doubt they will be anxious to get back to winning ways and make a positive start to the round-robin series of championship games.

On Sunday last Cork were beaten by a better Limerick side that were totally on top in all sectors.

The Cork backroom team will be looking for a much improved performance if they hope to make an impact in their years championship.

With the senior division 1A team in action later in the afternoon the B squad are very much at their mercy as they seek the availability of players, who have duel involvement with both panels.

Denise Twomey is amongst the players eligible for both grades and while not available for last Sunday's finals due to injury, Denise made a return to club action mid-week where she struck an impressive six points in league games against Inniscarra.

The selectors are hopeful that she will be available to the B side on Saturday.

Cork had a one point victory when the sides met in the opening round of the league.

Wexford took an early lead but Cork battled back to record a one-point victory.

Aisling Thompson, Rachel Myers, Linda Dorgan and Lucy Hawkes will be determined to hold the upper hand again this time out.

But they will be met by a determined Wexford 15, who picked themselves up following on their defeat a the hands of Cork to put in a good league campaign defeating Dublin, Tipperary, Kilkenny and Galway before eventually losing out to Limerick.

Stacy Keogh Diane Ryan, Stacy Redmond and Mary Walsh are amongst the players who performed well through the league and Wexford will be hoping that they will have enough powered to reverse the result this time out.

Again they to will be at the mercy of their division 1A panel who meet Cork in the second game of the afternoon, however they seem to have got the balance right with two settled panels.

Stella Sinnott acts as manager to both sides and she has overall control and manages both the Division 1A and 1B sides who have work hand in hand.

She is assisted by well-known sports journalist Alan Aherne, Noel Ryan, Jim Kilty and Eddie Flynn.

Cork will have to be at their best if victory is to be secured.

Tomorrow,
Gala first round All-Ireland Senior A Championship,
Cork v Wexford,
Ballincollig, 3pm.

BASED ON last Sunday's National League Final, this first round championship clash between Wexford and Cork tomorrow in Ballincollig is hard to call.

Either Wexford will come out hurt, vengeful and fight to the bitter end; or deep down the seeds of doubt have been planted and they will lack the self belief once again to take on the All-Ireland champions.

Cork's composure last Sunday has to be admired. They never panicked, their experience was to the surface. Six points down with 20 minutes of normal time left isn't a mountain to climb but with Wexford had dominated the previous 20 minutes so it was hard to see Cork recover.

But recover they did. In fact within the space of 12 minutes they scored 3-3 to leave Wexford absolutely shell shocked.

It was fantastic to watch. When Cork turn it on, they are very impressive.

Jennifer O'Leary has been Cork's most consistent and prominent performer for a few years now and her goal which saw Cork draw level for the first time in the game was a pure gem.

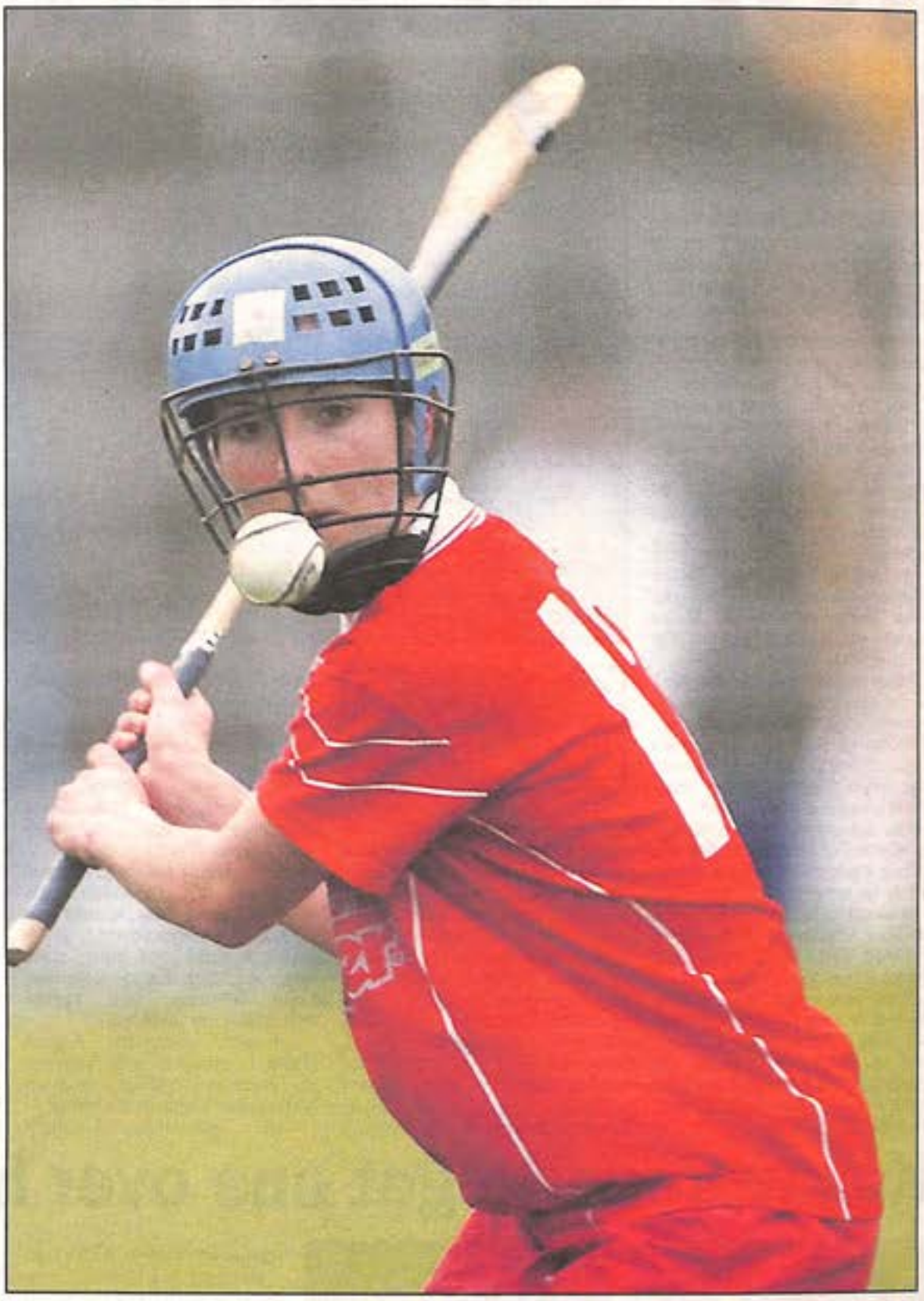
Wexford will rue their missed first half chances. But teams haven't their homework done if by now they haven't realised that unless you are certain of scoring, there is no point in hitting half chances at Cork's Aoife Murray.

The Wexford defence were magnificent, sweeping in behind, cleaning up any stray ball and hounding the Cork forwards when they held possession.

Cork weren't slow to settle, the play flew end to end, but Wexford dictated the pace. Their fast style of hurling caught the Cork defence on numerous occasions who in turn were quick to recover and covered back well.

When Wexford got the ball in fast there was always a threat. However once Cork took the lead, Wexford's game plan fell out the window. They stuttered and faltered and the supply inside practically fell away.

That's the difference between a side used to winning and an empty trophy cabinet. The doubt creeps in.



Jennifer O'Leary has been Cork's most consistent and prominent performer of the last few years.

With the game slipping from them Wexford, to their credit, did throw everything at Cork again and it was interesting to note that they scored 2-1 inside five minutes.

Catriona Foley doesn't seem to have fully recovered from her recent injury and will miss her third game in 10 days. Twisting her ankle in the Munster Final drawn game against Tipp two weeks ago kept her out of the replay and league final.

The camogie calendar, as like so many other sporting bodies, now has so many games to play that it runs straight from league to championship. The down side of this is that it does not allow much time for players to recover from injuries.

Catriona has been in fine form of late and must be disappointed.

Sile Burns has really impressed since her comeback to the senior A team a short 10 days ago. She figured prominently in the replay against Tipp and last weekend scored a goal, won a penalty and had a goal harshly disallowed.

Outside of her scoring prowess she creates a fuss when on the ball.

While the team has not yet been announced it is sure to be along the same lines as last weekend.

After three hard matches in two weeks the Cork players must be tired. Having said that, they have won three difficult games and their spirit is up. In their own back yard, they will be very hard to beat.

Verdict: Cork.

May 2007

Cork suffer a real setback



LINDA MELLERICK

Wexford	4-12
Cork	0-14

"WE had no problem picking the girls up after last week's defeat. We felt we left the game behind us.

"The players couldn't get onto the pitch quick enough today." These were the words of Wexford manager Stella Sinnott after her side inflicted one of the heaviest defeats on the Cork senior camogie team in years.

Four first-half goals saw the visitors to Ballincollig take a commanding lead into the second half and unlike seven days ago, when the Rebels fought back, Wexford didn't yield.

Within four minutes of the throw-in the Slaneysiders led by 1-2 to no score. While the strong wind that blew was predominantly blowing cross field, it did favour the visitors.

A long ball in from Caroline Murphy was caught high by Una Leacy on the edge of the square and she slammed high into the net giving stand in goalkeeper Ellen Clifford no chance.

Cork settled a little with points from Anna Geary and Jennifer O'Leary. Leacy pointed again for Wexford. Una O'Donoghue replied with a fine score.

Wexford were running the show. Out in front, winning possession and time and again hitting long diagonal balls across the pitch, they split the Cork defence apart.

Were it not for the heroics of left half back Rena Buckley Cork would have been in far deeper trouble than they were. The pressure was bound to pay off though and it did with 12 minutes gone when Leacy goaled again.

Cork captain Gemma O'Connor tried hard to recover from the setback. Three points without reply seemed to signal a Cork revival with three now separating the sides and 16 minutes played.

But from thereon in it was all Wexford which a tired looking Cork team couldn't match. Possessing tall, strong, fast hurlers all over the pitch, Wexford won the physical battle.

Deirdre Codd and Leacy stood tall in a highly-disciplined defence.

Kate Kelly and Caroline Murphy won centre field, despite O'Connor's efforts and up front Ursula Jacob and Michelle Hearne caused consternation.

Two Wexford points stretched the gap to five. The remaining five minutes of the half sealed Cork's fate.



Cork's Anna Geary scores an excellent point despite close marking by Wexford in the Gala All-Ireland Camogie Championships at Ballincollig. Picture: Larry Cummins

With Cork on the attack, a long ground clearance found Kate Kelly in the middle of the field.

She struck high into the square and Michelle Hearne doubled on the hop to hit Wexford's third goal.

Just five minutes later the same player kicked past the advancing Clifford and it was now asking a mammoth task of Cork to come back.

A last minute Angela Walsh point left 10 between the sides at the break, 4-5 to 0-7.

As was expected Cork threw everything at Wexford in the second half.

This time round however, Wexford were equal to it.

Three points to two in Cork's favour inside the opening seven minutes had little effect on the margin and the clock was ticking. A Kelly free stretched the gap back to 10.

Wexford's support play was a joy to watch. Seeming to have 16 players on the pitch, they teased Cork and when not in possession, hunted the home side down like blood hounds.

Three points without reply drew excitement from the large home support as Cork narrowed the gap to seven.

But it was a confident Wexford side who answered the call. Jacob steadied the ship with a great point on the back foot. A Jennifer O'Leary free followed but then Jacob again, Michelle O'Leary and fittingly Kelly had the final say.



Briege Corkery makes a lightning run through midfield against Wexford in the Gala All-Ireland Camogie Championships. Picture: Larry Cummins

Scorers Wexford: -K Kelly 0-6 (0-2 '45, 0-2f), U Leacy 2-0, M Hearne 2-0, U Jacob 0-4, B Furlong and M O'Leary 0-1 each.

Cork: J O'Leary 0-6 (0-5f), A Geary 0-2, A Walsh 0-2, G O'Connor 0-2, U O'Donoghue 0-1, R Buckley 0-1(f).

WEXFORD: M D'arcy; D Codd, C O'Loughlin, C O'Connor; N Lambert, M Leacy, A Codd; K Kelly, C Murphy; K Parrock, B Furlong, U Jacob; U Leacy, M Hearne, B Curran.

Subs: M O'Leary for K Parrock (46min), L Holohan for B Furlong (57min).

CORK: E Clifford; J O'Callaghan, R Holland, A O'Regan; R Buckley, M O'Connor, S Hayes; B Corkery, G O'Connor; O Cotter, A Geary, J O'Leary; A Walsh, U O'Donoghue, S Burns.

Subs: J Duffy for S Hayes (28min), S O'Donovan for U O'Donoghue (57min).

Referee: John Morrissey (Tipperary).

Rebels bounce back from final loss

By MARY NEWMAN

Division 1B camogie

Cork	0-13
Wexford	1-4

CORK showed plenty of character as they bounced back from their defeat at the hands of Limerick in last weekend's league division 1B final to take the points on offer in the opening round game in the Senior Division 1B All-Ireland Championship in Ballincollig on Saturday.

It was a much-improved performance from the Cork girls who hit the front inside 10 minutes of the throw in with Aisling Thompson pointing a free. Ciara O'Connor replied for Wexford but it was to be their only score until four minutes to the break as Cork made all the running.

Thompson extended the lead with her second pointed free before four points without reply from Marion Jaego, Charlotte Kearney Aisling Thompson and outstanding midfielder Regina Curtin helped Cork build a solid foundation.

Shelly Keogh had one back for Wexford as they battled against a strong Cork defence where Ann Marie Fleming, Clodagh Deasy and Eimear O'Sullivan gave nothing away. Up front the fast-moving Cork attack held to much pace for the Wexford defence as Marion Jaego and Aisling Thompson extended the lead before the interval as Cork led 0-8 to 0-2.

Ten minutes into the second half Cork had opened up a 0-10 to 0-3 lead but Wexford were handed a life line when Mary Walsh was fouled in the small square and referee Morgan Conroy signalled a penalty. Up stepped Walsh but Cork keeper Gillian Harrington excelled with a superb save.

A goal at this stage would have given Wexford hope but from here to the finish it was all Cork, substitute Rachel Myers and Aisling Thompson had stretched the advantage further before Stacy Keogh had Wexford's second score of the second half.

Substitute Emma Moran did finally grab a late injury time Wexford goal but not before Harrington had again denied them with a superb save.

CORK: G Harrington; A M Fleming, N Mulcahy, C Deasy; E O'Sullivan, L O'Connell , L Hawkes; R Curtin (0-1), A Thompson (0-5); M Corkery (0-1), M Watson C. Kearney (0-3); T Roche, M Jaego (0-2), D Twomey

Subs: R Myers (0-1) for M Watson (inj 34mins)

WEXFORD: H Jacob; N O'Connor, C Atkinson, K Atkinson; B Houlihane, A O'Connor, F Doran; S Redmond, C Storey; L Houlihane, A Moran, C O Connor (0-1); S Kehoe, M Walsh, Stacy Kehoe.

Subs: S Nolan for S Redmond (38min), Sharon Kehoe for Stacy Kehoe (41min) E Moran(1goal) for A Moran (45mins)

Referee: M Conroy (Waterford).

Gala All Ireland Senior Championship off to a great start...

(2007-05-14)

WEXFORD made no mistake this weekend when they met Cork in the opening round of the Gala All-Ireland championship by defeating them 4-12 to 0-14 in Ballinlough.A close game was always on the cards here as there was only a point between these two sides in last weekend's National League Final.

Four first half goals from Úna Leacy and full-forward Michelle Hearne gave the Model county a comfortable lead of 4-5 to Cork's 0-7. The Slaney siders got to grips early on with the game with a brace of goals from Leacy inside the opening quarter while Hearne finished the half in style with her pair of goals with five minutes to go to the break. There was nothing Cork goalkeeper Ellen Clifford could do who stood in for the injured Aoife Murray.

Midfield proved to be a tough battle between Wexford's Kate Kelly and Cork captain Gemma O'Connor. However, over all Kate won the major battle here and in an effort to pump more fuel into the forward line in the second half the Cork backroom team moved the 2006 All-Star Gemma to the centre forward position, but even this alone was not enough on the day.

Cork may not have allowed in any goals in the second half but by then the damage was done and despite the best efforts from Cork half back Anna Geary the day without a shadow of a doubt belonged to the Model county.

Wexford now go on to meet Dublin on May 26th who had a great win over Kilkenny. Cork will meet their old rivals Tipperary on the same date in what will be a most entertaining game. The reigning All-Ireland champions will be very anxious to overcome their great rivals that day to try to keep their crown of the past two years.

Dublin's first appearance in senior championship since 2003 could not have got off to a better start than defeating Kilkenny 6-7 to 1-7 in Naomh Mearnóg on Saturday. Senior debutant Sarah Ryan operating at full-forward could never have imagined scoring five goals in the opening round of the championship. The opening half was close with just two points in the difference at the break, Dublin 3-2, Kilkenny 1-6.
The second half simply belonged to the girls from the Capital as Ryan who scored a brace of goals withing three minutes deep in the opening half went on a real scoring spree in the second period with goals after eight, twenty and twenty nine minutes. Kilkenny were rocked.

Their only goal came in the opening half from Catherine Doherty who scored just ahead of Dublin's first goal from stylish Aisling Jordan. Dublin's defence was solid in the second half and kept Kilkenny to just one point. While Katie Power was Kilkenny's lone second half scorer, Dublin turned on the style with a hat trick of goals from Ryan as well as four frees from Aisling Jordan who finished the day with 1-4 while Niamh Taylor added a further two points to insure Dublin's first championship win in a long long number of years.

As expected Tipperary accounted for Galway, 3-12 to 1-10 also on Saturday. A close first half was witnessed with two goals within the opening five minutes. Emily Hayden made her presence felt after just a minute with a flash goal while four minutes later, Galway's Veronica Curtin crashed a well taken penalty to the back of the Tipperary net but alas that was Galway's only goal of the day while the Premier county went ahead to score a further two goals from Jill Horan and Claire Grogan in the second half.

This was a good win for Tipperary and will set them up nicely for their next outing on May 26th against Cork who are bidding for a three in a row this year. Tony Delaney who is in his first year as Tipperary manager will be happy that he has the first round over successfully and that he had six players score, but he will also know that he will meet stiffer opposition next time out.

Scorers:
Wexford: 4-12:Ú Leacy, M Hearne 2-0 each, K Kelly 0-6 (0-1'45, 0-4f), U Jacob 0-4, B Furlong, M O'Leary 0-1 each.
Cork 0-14, J O'Leary, 0-6(0-5f), A Geary, A Wlash, G O'Connor, 0-2 each, R Buckley 0-1f, Ú O'Donoghue 0-1.

Dublin 6-7: S Ryan 5-0,, A Jordan 1-4 (0-1f),N Taylor 0-2, E Reid 0-1.
Kilkenny:1-7: C'Doherty 1-0, I Kennedy 0-5 (0-4f), K Power, M Dargan 0-1 each.

Tipperary: 3-12: C Grogan 1-4 (0-3f), 'J Horan 1-1, E Hayden 1-0,J Ryan 0-3, P Fogarty, E Mc Donnell 0-2 each.
Galway 1-10: V Curtin 1-7 (0-6f), L Kavanagh, B Hanney, E Kilkenny 0-1 each.



Camogiechat
With Mary Newman

Victory for B side

CORK showed plenty of character as they bounced back from their defeat at the hands of Limerick in last weekend league division 1B final to take the points on offer in the opening round game in the Senior Division 1B all Ireland championship in Ballincollig.
It was a much improved performance from the Cork girls who hit the front from the start thanks to an Aisling Thompson pointing a free. Ciara O Connor replied for Wexford but the half belonged to Cork with Aisling Thompson extending the lead with her second pointed free before four points without reply from Marion Jaego, Charlotte Kearney Aisling Thompson and Regina Curtin extended the lead. Shelly Keogh replied with a Wexford point but Cork with Marion Jaego and Aisling Thompson pointing before the break led 0-8 to 0-2. Cork opened up a 0-10 to 0-3 lead before Mary Walsh won a penalty for Wexford but it was well saves by Cork keeper Gillian Harrington.
From here to the finish it was all Cork Rachel Myers and Aisling Thompson had stretched the advantage further before Stacy Keogh had Wexford's second scored the second half. Substitute Emma Moran did finally grab a late injury time Wexford goal but not before Gillian Harrington had again denied them with a superb save.

SENIOR TEAM FALL TO WEXFORD

A DISAPPOINTING opener for the Cork Senior team as they failed to Wexford in the first game of the round robin series of the Gala All Ireland championship having recorded a league final victory just six days earlier.
Four first half goals saw Wexford take first half lead ,within four minutes of the throw in they led 1-2 to no score Una Leacy had two inside twelve minutes but cork came into the game with points from Anna Geary and Jennifer O'Leary.
As the sides traded points Wexford held the advantage and the game was effectively decided with two goals just before the break from full forward Michelle Hearne, Angela Walsh pointed to leave ten points 10 between the sides at the break 4-5 to 0-7.
Cork threw everything at Wexford in the second half but Wexford stood firm, the sides swapped scores as Cork cut the gap to seven points but showing plenty of confidence Wexford stood firm, Ursula Jacob pointed to which Jennifer O'Leary replied but it was Wexford who finished stronger with Michelle O'Leary and Kate Kelly having the final say with points.
Disappointment for Cork who now meets Tipperary in two week time in game they will need to win to keep title aspirations alive.

FEILE SEMI FINALS

GLEN Rovers and Milford will battle it out for the right to represent Cork at the National Feile Na NGael finals when they meet in the Cork final tomorrow Friday evening at 7.30pm. Glen recorded a 0-6 to no score victory over Courcey Rovers while Milford installed themselves as favourites to lift the title with an impressive 0-11 to no score victory over national title holders Douglas. At the time of going to print a venue was awaited and this will be announce on local radio sports bulletins as soon as it come to hand.

Munster final spot for junior side

THE Cork Junior team travel to Ardmore County Waterford at 4.30pm on Saturday to meet the home side in the provincial final following on recently recorded a victory in the junior division 1B national league.
petition which only goes to provincial level Cork will face tough opposition against Waterford's first choice side who a good victory on Wednesday last over Tipperary. In a com-

A superb performance by the Dubs

(2007-05-13)

Superb team performance the key to Dublin's brilliant 6-7 to 1-7 Championship win over Kilkenny.

Congratulations to Dublin's players and management on their decisive and impressive 6-7 to 1-7 win over Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Senior A Championship played at Naomh Mearnog this afternoon, Saturday, 12 May.

Dublin started this game at championship pace and passion, displaying belief and confidence in their abilities. Ciara Durkan opened the Dublin scoring with a delightful point coming in from the right wing after 3 minutes. It was ten minutes before Marie Dargan had Kilkenny's first score of the game. Edel Reid put Dublin ahead with a well-taken point. Two minutes later Imelda Kennedy leveled the scores with the first of her 5 points. A goal from Catherine Doherty on 19 minutes put the Cats into the lead. But the Dublin girls kept exerting pressure and were rewarded with a free some forty meters out from goals. Áine Fanning dropped the sliotar in towards the goalmouth for Aishing Jordan to put it to the back of the net to leave the sides level 1-2 each. Sarah Ryan was proving a handful for the Kilkenny defense scoring two well-worked goals on 23 and 26 minutes. Imelda Kennedy scored 4 points from frees to leave the half time score Dublin 3-2 Kilkenny 1-6

One wondered at half time how the Dublin girls would fare in the second half. We remembered some poor second half performances in the National League. But we should not have doubted. This Dublin team is learning and developing.

Dublin put in a superb second half performance. Katie Power opened the second half scoring with a Kilkenny point on three minutes. Aisling Jordan replied with a point and Sarah Ryan finished a good movement to the back of the net to give Dublin a 4-3 to 1-7 lead after 10 minutes. Ciara Lucey who was having a commanding game at centre back sustained a bad shoulder injury, completely accidental. The game was delayed while we waited for an ambulance to bring Ciara to hospital. When the game resumed Caitriona Power moved into the centre back position and young newly-promoted Laura Twomey took over the left half back duties. Dublin kept the up pressure throughout the last twenty minutes of the game, giving Kilkenny no easy opportunities to get back into the game. Aisling Jordan and Niamh Taylor each added two points to Dublin's tally. Sarah Ryan sealed a memorable day for herself and Dublin by scoring two more goals bringing her personal tally to five goals. Final score: Dublin 6-7 Kilkenny 1-7. A superb Dublin performance.

Every player today played their part magnificently. Eimear Butler had another great day in goals. Full back, Eimear Brannigan, who had a brilliant run of performances in her new role as full back during the League, was outstanding again today. Jean Murphy and Siobhan Curran worked well in the corners making sure that their forwards got no easy chances. The half back line of Andrea Fitzpatrick, Ciara Lucey and Caitriona Power were in commanding form today. Louise O'Hara supported by captain Anne McCluskey made sure that Dublin won the centre field battles to set up the forwards. Ciara Durkan worked tirelessly on the wing, growing in confidence as the game progressed and making good use of her speed. Aisling Jordan on her return to the side had another impressive game at centre forward scoring 3 second half points. On the left Áine Fanning put in another hardworking performance as usual. Newcomer to the panel Edel Reid had an impressive debut at top of the left while Niamh Taylor gave her best performance of the season in the Dublin jersey. Pride of place among the forwards today must go to Sarah Ryan who showed skill and bravery in scoring 5 goals. Another championship debutant, Laura Twomey, stood up to the challenge when introduced in the second half. Joelenne Hoary, another girl making her first senior 'A' appearance did well when introduced late in the game.

Dublin team
1. Eimear Butler 2.Jean Murphy 3.Eimear Brannigan 4. Siobhan Curran
5. Andrea Fitzpatrick 6.Ciara Lucey 7. Caitriona Power 8. Louise O'Hara 9. Anne McCluskey 10. Ciara Durkan 11. Aishling Jordan 12. Aine Fanning 13. Niamh Taylor 14. Sarah Ryan 15. Edel Reid 16. Gemma Flynn 17. Elaine O'Meara 18. Elaine Ryan 19 Laura Twomey 20Julie Draper 21.Anne Griffin,
22.Joelenne Hoary

Scorers for Dublin : Sarah Ryan 5-0, Aisling Jordan 1-3, Niamh Taylor 0-2, Ciara Durkan and Edel Reid 0-1 each.
Kilkenny team;
Laura Comerford, Roisin Fennelly, Jillian Dillon-Maher, Niamh Butler , Deirdre Delaney , Aoife Neary, Julie Ann Woodcock, Marie Dargan, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Imelda Kennedy, Therese Muldowney, Catherine Doherty, Jacqui Frisby, Katie Power, Michelle Quilty, Catriona Ryan, Lizzie Lyng, Edel Maher, Edwina Keane, Marie O'Connor, Anne Dalton, Sarah Shore, Roisin Fennelly, Brid Aylward, Laurena Murphy, Laura Kavanagh, Siobhan Murphy, Emily Dermody, Helen Murphy, Fiona Phelan, Kelly Ann Cottrell, Grainne Brennan, Elaine Aylward
Scorers for Kilkenny: Imelda Kennedy 0-5 (4f), Catherine Doherty 1-0, Marie Dargan and Katie Power 0-1 each.
Referee: Una Kearney (Armagh)
Dublin's next outing is another massive challenge as they travel to Wexford in two weeks time, Saturday, 26 May. Wexford are having a great season. They beat reigning All-Ireland champions Cork today in impressive style in their first game of this year's championship.
Ciara Lucey will be out of the game for between 6-8 weeks with a shoulder injury. We wish her as speedy a recovery as possible.
Seamas Massey

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Club notes

BALLINHASSIG

Last Sunday in atrocious weather conditions, our U14 team were among 14 teams to participate in Cork Féile na nGael competition.

They drew with Glen Rovers on a score line of 2-0 to 1-3. They were victorious over Éire Óg on a 2-4 to 1-3 scoreline, and also over Ballincollig on a 4-4 to nil scoreline. They failed to get through to the semi-finals on goal difference.

Meanwhile they are progressing in the U14 A league. They played against Blarney and eventually settled down and won on a 3-6 to 1-1 score line.

Scorers: G. O Callaghan 1-1, A. O Brien 1-2, M Reardon 1-0, J O Leary 0-2, A. Cullinane 0-1.

Once again they were victorious over Éire Óg. They proved to be more skilful and played with true determination.

Grace O'Callaghan scored four goals in the first-half, giving them a lead of 6-3 to nil, which proved too difficult for Éire Óg to match. The final score was 8-3 to 2 points. Scores: G O Callaghan 5-0, A O Brien 0-3, E Jordan 1-0, C McCarthy 1-0, U O Leary 1-0.

Our U12 (2) team played their second game in the U12 "D" league against Barryroe, and lost on a 2-0 to nil scoreline.

BRIAN DILLON'S

Brian Dillon's v Sliabh Rua

U18 "C" league

Team lineout: Sarah O' Mullane, Eadaoin Kelly, Aisling Russell, Aoife Daly, Siún Mc Carthy, Lucy Bradfield, Deirdre Ring, Amanda Dorgan, Clair Dooley, Denise O' Flynn, Megan Kelly, Emma Lane, Jane Dooley, Nicole Gleeson, Niamh Doonan, Samantha Rodgers. Scorers for Brian Dillon's : Jane Dooley (3-2), Emma Lane(1 goal),Amanda Dorgan (two points), Clair Dooley (two points), Megan Kelly (one point). Full-time score: Brian Dillon's: 4-7, Sliabh Rua: 0-2

Brian Dillon's v Delaney's

Junior B league

Team: Susan Brosnan, Claire O' Mahony, Anita Cotter, Orla Lawrence, Lucy Bradfield, Deirdre Ring, Aisling Russell, Therese Drummond, Emma Lane, Megan Kelly, Jane Dooley, Clair Dooley, Gillian O' Connell, Caroline Horgan, Tracey Walsh, Anna Dorgan, Christine Kearney, .

Full-time score: Brian Dillon's: 2-11, Delaney's: 0-2.

Under 14C League: Brian Dillon's v Kildorrey

Great team-play was visible. Outstanding performances for us were visible from Donna Carroll, Michelle Ring, Niamh O' Mahony & Sarah Cotter. Well done girls.

Brian Dillon's Team Saoirse Rodgers Sarah Cotter Kate O'Brien Rebecca Myers Sarah Attridge Karen Henry Shauna Ring Donna Carroll Susan Kate Brosnan, Orlaith Ni Shuilleabhain, Michelle Ring, Rebecca O'Mahony, Niamh O' Mahony, Caoimhe Rodgers, Jessica Kenny. Subs: Alison Costello Sadhbh Shannon, Sarah O'Donovan

U14C League: Brian Dillon's v Sars.

Full-time: Brian Dillon's 3-4 Sarsfields 0-1

Outstanding performances for Brian Dillon's from Rebecca Myers, Karen Henry, Kate O'Brien & Jessica Kenny. Well done girls.

Team: Saoirse Rodgers Sarah Cotter Kate O'Brien Rebecca Myers, Sarah Attridge, Karen Henry, Shauna Ring, Donna Carroll, Orlaith Ni Shuilleabhain, Michelle Ring, Rebecca O'Mahony, Niamh O'Mahony, Caoimhe Rodgers, Jessica Kenny, Sarah O'Donovan. Subs: Sadhbh Shannon, Emma O Keeffe.

Junior B League:
Bandon vs Brian Dillon's

Last Thursday night great team-play was visible and Brian Dillon's girls gave a great performance against Bandon. Well done to all the girls. Gillian O'Connell, Jane Dooley, Emma Lane and Therese Drummond were outstanding for Brian Dillon's.

Half-time Score: Brian Dillons:1-10 Bandon 1-0. Full-time: Brian Dillon's 7-14 Bandon 1-0.

Scorers: Gillian O'Connell 4-1; Therese Drummond 0-5; Emma Lane 0-4; Claire Dooley 0-2; Gillian Horgan 0-1; Gillian O'Connell 1-0; Jane Dooley 2-0; Megan Kelly 0-1.

Brian Dillon's: Danielle Love, Aisling Russell, Claire O'Mahony, Orla Lawrence, Christine O' Mahony, Deirdre Ring, Lucy Bradfield, Therese Drummond, Amanda Dorgan, Caroline Horgan, Megan Kelly, Gillian O'Connell, Claire Dooley, Emma Lane, Therese Deane. Subs: Jane Dooley for Claire Dooley Tracy Walsh for Therese Deane Anna Dorgan for Caroline Horgan Nicola Ring for Christine O'Mahony

GLEN ROVERS

The week gone by was dominated by our U14 team, who did the club proud by qualifying for the Feile Na NGael division 1 Cork final (held last night) against Milford.

The girls surpassed all expectations to battle their way from what was without doubt the toughest group of the four.

We hosted our own section in atrocious conditions last Sunday, and we were lucky that the excellent playing surface of our camogie pitch stood the test as out three visiting clubs and our own girls gave it their all in their quests for a semi-final spot.

Visitors Éire Óg and Ballincollig got the morning off to an early start at 10.30 am with Éire Óg recording a win; our first game was a tough opener again the side that defeated us in the U12A county final of 2005.

This time out our girls were full of determination and made a good start with an early point, Ballinhassig hit the front with a goal but slowly we clawed our way back and two points had us on level before a great goal from Nicole O Brien had us ahead, with the clock ticking towards full-time Ballinhassig struck a great goal and despite frantic efforts from both sides the game ended all square, after a superb contest.

It was then on to a meeting with Ballincollig where we recorded a good victory, Ballinhassig then had a similar victory and went on to defeat Éire Óg, going into our game with Éire Óg we knew we had to be at our best as a defeat would see us knocked out, after a tough encounter we emerged victorious and having notched up higher scoring levels than Ballinhassig went through to the semi-final which took place on Tuesday night.

Strong determined Courcey Rovers were our opponents and in an excellent contest we emerged victorious to qualify for the final. At the time of going to print the final was not played but we know that our girls will have given it their all in their quest for the title.

We are extremely grateful and wish to extend a sincere word of thanks to all the parents, families and players past and present who turned up on Sunday last and lent a hand with the catering for our three visiting teams, certain on a day such as last Sunday the cup of tea was never more welcome and we acknowledge you great work.

Thanks also to everybody who helped get the pitch ready and helped with the general hosting of Féile at our club without your continued support all this would not be possible

On Tuesday night next its back to local competitions as our U14 team will be back in action when we welcome Ballinhassig to the Glen Field for a league game which has the makings of another thriller, throw in is scheduled for 7.15pm

With games against Éire Óg and Douglas to come it's all to play for.

U12: Our under 12 team await a date for their play off game in their section of the league having completed their programme.

U11: Games will commence in the next two weeks when the Seandún competition is scheduled to begin. It's hoped to take our very younger girls to play St Finbarrs next weekend in practice games.

Training times.

Senior, junior over 14 players and under 18 players Mon and Wed at 6.30pm Glen Field. U6 to U12s Sunday 11.45am and Tuesday 6pm Glen Field

U13, 14 and 16 players Friday at 5.30pm in Glen Field

New members are welcome to come down and join in all the above sessions.

ST VINCENT'S

Our junior team played their second match on Sunday last against Ballinora out in their home pitch. Despite the bad weather the match got off to a good start and ten minutes into the first-half Michelle Gould scored the first goal of the match. The saints kept fighting and showing excellent skill as Emma Healy had our second goal.

We led at the break 2-1 to no score and the second half again got off to a great start as we scored a further two points and a goal by Maeve Waters.

Ballinora got a point and added a goal. However the match finished leaving the saints the winners by 3-3 to 1-1. There was great play throughout the match. Well done girls.

Training times: Monday: under 9's from 5pm to 6pm
U12s from 6pm to 7pm
Tuesday: U7s from 5pm to 6pm
Wednesday: U11s from 5pm to 6pm
U14s from 6pm to 7pm
U16s and juniors from 7pm to 8pm
Sunday: 16s and juniors from 12noon to 1 pm

ST CATHERINE'S

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U12 League

Our U12 team played a very exciting game of camogie against Youghal recently. The outcome was in our favour with Rachel O'Callaghan scoring the only point in the game thus ensuring we were victorious.

Despite the lack of scores both teams worked very hard throughout. Edel Murphy was particularly effective at wing back.

Midfielders Rachel O'Callaghan and Meabh Mulcahy played well. Full-time score St Catherine's 0-1 Youghal 0-0

Team: R. Spillane, E. Murphy, C. McAuliffe, L. Ahern, E. Spillane, E. O'Brien, L. Hartnett, R. O'Callaghan, M. Mulcahy, K. Mulcahy, A. Hurley, M. Galvin, G. Walsh, K. England, M. Walsh.

Subs: K. Norman, N. Philpot, O. Anthony, F. Leahy, C .Mc Carthy.

R. O'Callaghan 0 — 1.

INTER-COUNTY ALL-IRELAND SERIES.

Congratulations to Noreen Mulcahy, Denise Twomey, Esther Power and Deirdre Twomey on their involvement with Cork Senior B team who defeated Wexford on Sat last in their first championship outs.

Not so fortunate was Orla Cotter a member of the senior A team who were beaten by a strong Wexford side.

Compiled by MARY NEWMAN

Cork juniors facing tough league test



The Blackrock U13B team winners of the Seandún title.

TODAY
Munster Junior Championship
Cork v Waterford.
Ardmore, 4.30pm.

THE Cork juniors travel to Ardmore this afternoon to defend their provincial crown against division two national league champions in a competition that only goes to provincial level.

A huge task lies ahead of Cork, who have already fielded teams in the two senior grades.

The intermediate provincial grade see Cork turn out effectively the county's fourth adult team.

Another factor which will hinder their selection is that players who lined out and won provincial medals at this grade last season are ineligible to participate this season.

On the plus side, Cork recorded a fine victory over Tipperary last weekend.

By MARY NEWMAN
Cork junior camogie

They will be determined to stand up to the challenge which the league champions will provide.

A glance at the Cork panel shows plenty of experienced performers, several of which have worn the county colours at U16, minor and indeed, senior B level.

However, what will go against them is that this Waterford team is a settled one, who have been together continuously, while several of the Cork side are involved with county team at other levels.

Waterford must be congratulated on the way they have turned things around in the county where the game was slowly dying.

In the last two years there has been huge injection of enthusiasm and this has helped enormously as the game continues to prosper and grow.

They won the division three final last year for the first time and it was a huge boost given that it was the first adult national trophy to come their way.

This year they won promotion to division two and they have continued their march forward.

Last year's All-Star nominee Áine Lyng, daughter of manager Paul and impressive underage player Trish Jackman are players who have caught the eye.

Lisa Prendergast is sister to inter-county hurlers, Seamus and Declan and with hurling on such a high in the county the effect is spreading.

In the provincial intermediate championship Cork had no answers to a stronger Waterford 15 as the well organised Waterford took the game to Cork from the throw in.

Tanya Morrissey, Aine Breathneach and Karen Kelly are amongst the players who impressed in that outing.

Cork will be determined to reverse that result, but will know they have a tough job on their hands.

They will be hoping that experienced players such as Lucy Hawkes, Rachel Myers, Hilda O' Mahony, Noreen Mulcahy, Deirdre and Denise Twomey and Esther Power will help guide the fortunes of the younger brigade such as Aine Moynihan, Brid Twomey and Kathleen O' Brien.

Cork Panel: Nicola Moynihan, Aoife O'Callaghan, Aine Moynihan, Mary Ann Hawkes, Lucy Hawkes, Hilda O'Mahony, Esther Power, Aisling Thompson, Bernadine Maher, Kathleen O'Brien, Emer O'Sullivan, Suzanne Lynch, Charlotte Kearney, Rachel Myers, Denise Twomey, Noreen Mulcahy, Miriam Crowley, Claire Harrington, Sarah Coleman, Fiona Buckley, Hannah Coughlan, Majella McCarthy, Christine O'Neill, Ciara Murphy, Deirdre Twomey, Sinéad O'Callaghan, Brid Twomey, Margaret Howard, Amy O'Donoghue.

May 2007



The Carrigaline U16B team who won the recent Pan Celtic title.

Loss might be what the doctor ordered

YOU'D be amazed how many people came up to me over the past week exclaiming 'And Cork were beaten'.

That's what happens when you're at the top and even more so when you're heading for three in-a-row of All-Ireland titles.

After I replied: 'Yes they were', the next question was 'What happened, were Cork terrible'?

The answer is -No, Cork weren't terrible.

They were tired. Without a doubt they were tired.

Four very tough, competitive games in just two weeks would put a strain on any team, at any stage during a season.

But Wexford were excellent.

Their style of play really impressed me. And oh how camogie needs a Wexford.

Galway, Kilkenny and Dublin will not win this year's All-Ireland.

The contenders are Cork, Wexford and Tipperary (and in that order I feel).

The only reason I put Cork first is because of their experience and the fact that when they turn it on, they are excellent.

But they are playing so dangerously close to the edge at present, one would have to worry.

When ahead they lose their momentum, along with their sizeable lead and when behind, play so convincingly one would have to admire them.

But there comes a day when the lead is insurmountable and that is what happened last weekend.

Wexford took a 10-point lead into the second half.

Cork did change gears but Wexford stayed in control.

The deficit never fell below seven points. Wexford could smell victory and unlike the National League final, weren't going to let it slip.

Wexford's support play was immense. There always seemed to be an extra player standing back, readily available if called upon.

Their speed and physical strength blew Cork away. 50/50 balls were predominantly won by Wexford.



Cork's Briege Corkery has pace to burn but she was caught, having had a head start, by Wexford's Mary Leacy.



LINDA MELLERICK

Over the years Wexford have always been a tall, strong side.

But the difference now is that they have the speed and agility to go with it.

At one stage Breige Corkery took off on one of her famous runs.

Mary Leacy, a few yards behind, gave chase. She caught Corkery and for those of you who have seen Breige in full flight will know that it was an amazing feat.

Wexford had a game plan.

Every ball their centre field or half-forward line won was switched across field at a lightning pace.

It split the Cork defence.

Totally honest, it was one of the best full 60 minute performance I have seen in a long time from any side.

One would have to mention the loss of Aoife Murray, Cork's star goalkeeper and full back Catriona Foley.

Losing your first-choice keeper and full back isn't the greatest of starts.

Certainly stand-in goalkeeper Ellen Clifford and full back Rosarie Holland were not to blame for the defeat. But mentally alone, the loss was felt.

With the championship also played on a round-robin series and with four teams advancing to the semi-final on August 11th, Cork have little to worry about when one looks at the bigger picture.

As in the league, most of the counties will lose a game or two.

Wexford were the only side not to drop points in the league, their consistency also a sign that the Leinster side are on the up. Cork will qualify.

Two out of Kilkenny, Galway and Dublin will fail.

Tipperary defeated Galway and Dublin heavily defeated Kilkenny last weekend.

When it comes to the knock out stages, the luck of the draw will determine who reaches the final.

Out of the top three contenders, two will meet and one will be eliminated.

I fancy Wexford to reach their first final since 1992.

I say that, hoping that it is Tipp they meet in the semi.

A Cork, Wexford All-Ireland final would be a thriller.

Cork are at their greatest when hungry and hurt.

They won't forget last Saturday's defeat and will be itching to meet Wexford in the latter stages of the competition.

That's a long way off though and I'm possibly jumping the gun a little.

There's a lot to play for yet.

Cork are away to Tipp next Saturday.

Next up is Galway (away) on June 30, followed by an away game to Kilkenny on the July 1 and a home game to Dublin on the July 25.

A lot to play for! Cork's recent setback could be just what the doctor ordered.

Camogie in brief

Entries wanted for Board's long-puck

ENTRIES are invited from clubs who wish to nominate someone from their club to participate in the Cork camogie long-puck competition, *writes* **MARY NEWMAN.**

Clubs interested must hand entries in by the next County Board meeting on Monday, May 21. Entries are limited to one per club and the Cork champion will go forward to represent the county in the Munster competition. The winner of the provincial competition then goes forward to the All-Ireland final held in conjunction with the men's final in the Cooley Mountains.

Last year was the first year a camogie competition took place and Cork was represented by senior inter-county player Amanda O'Regan.

Such is the interest that this season a local competition is being organised to find a representative to fly the Cork flag and certainly there should be no shortage of participants.

A date for the local Cork competition will be announced after entries close on Monday night next.

Finbarr's host Féile skills competition

THE Cork camogie Feile na nGael skills competition takes place tomorrow, Sunday, May 21 at St Finbarr's club in Togher, starting at 6pm, *writes* MARY NEWMAN.

Already clubs will have nominated two participants to contest the competition, which will be held under the watchful eye of Mary Moran and the Féile na Gael committee.

Players from the various clubs will battle it out to win the right o represent Cork at the National Féile skills competition, which will be held in conjunction with Féile on the weekend of June 15 in Kilkenny.

Down through the years Cork has enjoyed tremendous success at the national skills competition.

But it's 1991 since the title rested on Leeside when Vivienne Harris was crowned All-Ireland skills champion.

Let's hope that Sunday's competition produces another Cork star in the making.