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# ST. BRIGID'S COLLEGE, CALLAN

All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools Senior Camogie Champions 1993



BACK ROW (l-r): Caroline Campbell, Mary Brennan, Aine Comerford, Olive Sullivan, Yvonne O'Meara, Eithne M. Money, Marie Maher, Edel Walsh, Deirdre O'Sullivan, Ashling Byrne, Margaret Comerford, INSET: Janet Sweeney  
FRONT ROW (l-r): Margaret Comerford, Brenda Maher, Frances Holohan, Angela O'Carroll, Noelle O'Driscoll (Trainer), Sinead Millea (Captain), Ailbhin Dunphy, Lisa Rohan, Ann-Marie Coogan, Martina Maher. (Photo: Tom Brett)

## Glenmore girls do it at last



Back Row (left to right): Marie Ennett, Edel Drohan, Dolores Kehoe, Anna Boyle, Marie O'Shea, Margaret Aylward, Josephine Dowling, Anne Garvey, Catherine Hennessy, Joan Aylward, Aine Coady, Karen Phelan, Chris Dollard. Front row (left to right): Anna Doherty, Bridget Murphy, Olive Mullally, Bridget Mullally, Margaret Doherty (capt.), Owen Murphy, Helen Murphy, David Garvey, Annette Phelan, Marie Hanrahan, Frances Phelan, Martina Murphy.

**G**LENMORE Camogie Club has at last achieved what eluded them for the past three years by taking the Junior County Final Féile this year beating Mooncoin in a close low scoring battle on the 23rd of May last. They made a good start by beating the Shamrocks by 1-3 to 0-4, following this by beating Mullinavat by a convincing score of 1-4 to 0-3. A walk over given by Piltown led to the Glenmore team's first defeat by a strong Mooncoin team with a scoreline of 3-9 to 2-5. This qualified them for semi-final stages against Lisdowney. A very close sporting game resulted in Glenmore going through to the final, defeating their opponents by two points with a score of 2-6 to 2-4.

The County Final was played on Sunday,

23rd May before a large crowd of both Glenmore and Mooncoin supporters and the victorious Glenmore girls celebrated their first Junior title since the formation of the camogie club four years ago, beating Mooncoin by 0-8 to 0-4. This was Glenmore's third county final in their four years, having reached semi-final stage last year and carrying on to win the Junior B final.

In September of this year, the club ran a tournament, inviting clubs from surrounding areas. Eight teams battled for the title and the tournament is still in progress. The club also participated in a 7-a-side tournament blitz in Butlerstown and emerged runners-up on the occasion.

The U-21 team beat Dicksboro in a

tournament semi-final in Johnstown with the final still to be played. The U-16 team found themselves outclassed this year having come from the U-14 grade, but show great potential for the coming year.

Two of the club members also play for county teams, Joan Aylward on the Junior team and Senior panel, and also Bridget Mullally on the Senior team.

The girls look forward to a challenging year, having qualified to play senior championship next year.

The girls wish to thank everyone for their participation and support, in particular the trainers and selectors, P. J. O'Connor, Paddy Murphy and Thomas Mullally.



## First 15-a-side League, and 'Cats' are back

—HERE was an element of propriety about Kilkenny's victory in the historic first National Camogie League played with 15-a-side teams.

It was the Noreiders who worked hard and sought support for the 15-a-side game at Camogie Congress.

And having succeeded with their long move in the corridors of power, it was appropriate, then, that Kilkenny should end up with the title — their ninth all.

The final against Cork, played on a glorious June day in Ballyragget, was a roaring affair and provided Kilkenny with their first win since 1990.

It was a hard match to win, because neither side wanted to give the other an insight with the championship not far away," recalled Kilkenny captain Marina Downey.

The flying Lisdowney player admitted Kilkenny were stretched to the absolute to hold out on a nail-biting finish, the players showed real character commitment and got no more than deserved in the end.

### KS TO WALL

The finishing scoreline was 4-7 (19) -13 (16), and the 'Cats' were forced to mount a real backs-to-the-wall effort in the closing quarter.

In the 46th minute, Angela Downey scored her third goal to give Kilkenny their biggest lead of the match (4-7 -9).

Surprisingly, the winners were unable to add to their tally. When Cork pulled 11 points through Denise Cronin, the O'Mahony (2) and Linda Mellerick left the game there to be taken.

The Downey twins — Angela and Ann — scored 4-5 between them, Bridie Barry, Marina Downey, Tracy Millea, Gillian Dillon, Breda Holmes and committed their teeth and got stuck in the face of Cork onslaught.

The visitors showed they meant business from the throw-in when they scored an early lead through Stephanie Millea.

Kilkenny hit back for points by Ann

Downey (3) and Breda Holmes, but they fell behind a second time before recovering to go 2-5 to 1-5 in front at half-time.

### STRONG POSITION

Twice scores were swapped during the early stages of the closing half before Angela Downey knocked home another goal. Angela's third goal later put Kilkenny into a strong position when they opened up a six-point lead.

However, there was no big follow-up and it took a huge effort by the defence to keep charging Cork out in a thrilling finish.

In an earlier round, the eventual champions played Cork, and an under-strength team was hammered to the tune of 2-20 to 2-3. Victories were scored over Dublin (1-12 to 1-5), Wexford (3-14 to 1-4) and Galway (4-8 to 3-7) in the semi-final.

But the 15-a-side game, how did the ladies find it?

**Marina Downey** — "The experiment is to be continued in the League again next year, and after that, everyone will be in a better position to judge. I have to say, it was enjoyable."

Marina Downey added that the level of fitness, particularly at inter-county level, had risen so high in recent years that the 12-a-side game had become really demanding.

However, at club level she could see some difficulty in getting 15 players to make up teams. In some cases it was hard enough to get 12.

### WAIT AND SEE

"The advantages of the system appears to be at inter-county level at the moment," she felt. "I know some of

the girls prefer the 12-a-side game, particularly in attack because it is easier to create space and openings for scores.

"I liked the new experience, because the work-load was more evenly spread," Marina continued. "Before, the inter-county game involved less running, and 12-a-side was fine. I would not be prepared to commit myself on it until I have at least one more season of it behind me."

Marina said she saw the advantages for county teams, in that selectors could use a 15-a-side league to blood new players. However, she had reservations about how the system might work at club level.

The Kilkenny team in the League final was — Marie Fitzpatrick, Bridie McGarry, Biddy O'Sullivan, Una Murphy, Tracey Millea, Deirdre Malone, Brigid Barnaville, Gillian Dillon, Marina Downey (capt.), Breda Holmes, Claire Jones, Angela Downey, Bridget Mullally, Joan Aylward, Ann Downey. Subs. — Sinéad Costello, Marie Maher (used), Margaret Comerford, Esther Kennedy, Catherine Dunne, Bridget Wall.

## Second League win over Cork

ONE-THIRD of Kilkenny's nine National Camogie League final victories have been scored over Dublin.

The Dubs were a strong force during the 'Eighties, but they couldn't crack the high-flying Noreiders.

In this year's final, which was the first with 15-a-side teams, Cork were chasing a third win on the trot. This was the second time the 'Cats' beat the Leesiders in a League showdown.

1978:	Kilkenny .....	2-4	Limerick .....	1-5
1980:	Kilkenny .....	3-8	Tipperary .....	1-3
1982:	Kilkenny .....	2-5	Cork .....	1-4
1985	Kilkenny .....	4-7	Dublin .....	2-13 (draw)
	Kilkenny .....	4-7	Dublin .....	3-6 (replay)
1987	Kilkenny .....	4-8	Dublin .....	1-5
1988	Kilkenny .....	3-10	Dublin .....	2-4
1989	Kilkenny .....	6-7	Cork .....	1-11
1990	Kilkenny .....	1-10	Wexford .....	2-4
1993	Kilkenny .....	4-7	Cork .....	1-13



## Left with far from comforting thoughts

It was a numbing experience, and the vanquished just couldn't comprehend reality afterwards! The players sweated for all they were worth, gave everything they had to give, and they ended with nothing. It was cruel, cruel, cruel.

Talk about a bitter, bitter experience, this was really it. Whoever said, if you are going to lose, let it be in a top class match, one full of the skills and joys of the game. Poppycock!

The greater the battle, the greater the disappointment. Happiness belongs to winners. Happy losers will always remain that ... losers.

Back in 1991 the magnificent senior camogie ladies in Kilkenny ran up their 7th successive victory in the All-Ireland championship final. The following year they lost their grip on the O'Duffy Cup. This time, in 1993, they vowed to return in glory.

On a warm August day at Nowlan Park, they looked to have kept their promise when that rising star in the game, Sinéad Millea, shot two lovely points into the closing five minutes to earn Kilkenny an important 2-18 to 4-10 lead. The opposition was provided by mighty Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final.

The Cats looked set to celebrate when the story went terribly wrong for them. From what appeared a harmless enough situation 20 yards to the right of the town end goal, Cork sub Lynn Dunlea walloped the ball into the Kilkenny net when surrounded by defenders.

### LOOKED TO HAVE ESCAPED

The home players didn't even have time to reply. Cork won one of the finest

camogie games ever played by 5-10 (25) to 2-18 (24). The losers had plenty of sad thoughts to dwell on afterwards. They conceded four goals during the second half, three from frees.

But until Dunlea's sickening blow, they looked to have escaped, despite their defensive failings against frees. What made defeat totally unpalatable was that this clash of giants was classed as the 'decider' in the championship. It turned out to be so. In the final, Cork blitzed an inexperienced Galway team.

"We lost more than a match in those dying seconds, an All-Ireland title probably went as well," Kilkenny captain, Marina Downey, recalled months afterwards. "To this day, thinking about that match is painful. It had to be the worst of all experiences for a sports person."

Marina pointed out that she was on the Lisdowney team hammered by 6-10 to 2-3 by Glen Rovers (Cork) in the All-Ireland club semi-final. That crushing defeat was easier to take. At least Glen Rovers proved without a shadow of a doubt they were the better team.

There would always be doubts about that All-Ireland inter-county championship semi-final. For as long as they live, the Kilkenny girls will view that as an All-Ireland lost.

"The game was a freak," Marina insisted, without being prompted by a question. "Some said it was the best match they ever saw. The game has only sad memories for the Kilkenny players."

Without doubt, it was a terrific match. It was hard to cope with the ups-and-downs. Cork made the running early on. Kilkenny

then took over. Cork got back. At half-time the teams were together 1-8 each.

### HIGH EXPECTATIONS

During the closing moiety, Kilkenny made the stronger promises that they would edge through. Brigid Mullally prompted high expectations when she shot two early points.

But then the Cork free-scoring show commenced. From a 15 metre free, Collette O'Mahony slammed the ball into the Kilkenny net, even with a forest of players on the line. The opposition hit back, but a score of the same variety undid the losers' good work a second time (3-9 to 2-12).

A third time the Cats took up the running, via minor scores from Mullally and Millea. Collette O'Mahony had one reply for the Leesiders. Brigid Mullally had a point for the home side.

Minutes later, Collette O'Mahony completed her hat-trick of goals from frees to put her side 4-10 to 2-15 in front. That long and loyal servant of the game in Kilkenny, Angela Downey, levelled the scores, before young Sinéad Millea hit a brace of points that looked like deciding the issue.

They weren't enough, as it turned out. Cork clawed their way back, got into the final and eventually claimed the All-Ireland title. They left the Kilkenny girls thinking about what 'might have been', thoughts that were far from comforting.

Kilkenny: M. Fitzpatrick, B. O'Sullivan, T. Millea, D. Malone, U. Murphy, M. Downey (capt.), Ann Downey, G. Dillon, B. Mullally, C. Jones, A. Downey-Browne, S. Millea. Sub: B. McGarry.



SENIOR TEAM LINEOUT v. CORK ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL

Back Row (l-r): Tom Ryan, Ann Downey, Deirdre Malone, Bridget Mullally, Biddy O'Sullivan, Gillian Dillon, Marie Fitzpatrick. Front (l-r): Una Murphy, Sinéad Millea, Treacy Millea, Marina Downey (Capt.), Angela Downey, Claire Jones.



# LISDOWNEY CLUB

**T**hird of October will be forever etched in the history books of Lisdowney Camogie Club. The senior team created their own piece of history by winning the Leinster Club Championship for the first time. This was a great occasion for the club as they made up for the disappointment of the previous year when they were beaten by Rathnure.

On the domestic front, they won all the games in the league section, except their last one against St. Lachtain's which they lost 2-9 to 0-4. This qualified them for a semi-final meeting with St. Brigid's. Lisdowney proved too good for them in all sectors and ran out convincing 2-15 to 0-7 winners.

The County Final, played on 13th May, saw them pitted against near neighbours St. Lachtain's. One of the biggest attendances ever at a senior final watched a thrilling local 'derby' game. The keen edge to rivalry between the two became evident early on and nothing was conceded easily.

With both defences on top, and Helen McGrath having some fine saves in the Freshford goal, both teams were finding scores hard to come by. The opening half ended on a scoreline of 0-3 to 0-1 in favour of Lisdowney. In the second half, good midfield play by Ann Downey, Catherine Dunne and Marina Downey swung the pendulum in Lisdowney's favour. It took a tremendous goal - a ground shot - by Claire Jones before the Freshford challenge was nullified.

In the closing stages they showed their superiority as the defence allowed nothing past and they had points from Lizzie Fogarty and one from Catherine Dunne to gain victory on a score of 1-9 to 0-4. A jubilant captain, Lizzie Fogarty, accepted the Dunphy Cup on behalf of the team.

Panel: Veronica Wall, Caroline Glendon, Bridget Wall, Bridget Barnaville, Olivia Donnelly,

Marina Downey, Ann Downey, Catherine Dunne, Aine Dunne, Claire Jones, Angela Downey-Browne, Lizzie Fogarty (Capt.), Ann Marie Hughes, Noelle O'Driscoll, Mary Brennan, Deirdre Delaney, Sandra Gleeson, Fionnuala Gray, Bridget Sharkey, Catherine O'Loughlin and Marie Blanchfield.

In the Leinster Championship on the morning of the hurling All-Ireland, Lisdowney travelled to Cadamstown and defeated Broadford (Kildare) 4-18 to 0-4. Lisdowney was the next stop on Sunday, September 12, for a semi-final clash with Oulart The Ballagh (Wexford). After a slow start, going five points down, Lisdowney fought their way back to run out winners on a scoreline 4-10 to 2-6.

Páirc Uinsionn, Dublin, will always be remembered by the Lisdowney girls as a happy hunting ground. Following pre-noon rain, underfoot conditions were greasy. Both teams were eager to win as they had both suffered defeats on their previous attempts. Lisdowney adapted to the conditions better than their opponents and played some tremendous camogie in the opening period to leave the half-time score: 4-2 to 0-4. In the second half Lisdowney had to play against the breeze and up the hill. They became slightly disorientated in a few sectors. Marino chipped away at the ominous margin and never gave up. At one time they had whittled the Lisdowney lead lead to just one point.

Some good goalkeeping and firm defensive work saw them holding on after Angela Downey goaled in the closing minutes, leaving the scores 6-6 to 4-8. It was a unique occasion to witness as Phyllis Breslin presented vice-captain Ann Marie Hughes (who was officiating for the day) with the Conway Memorial Cup.

Their jubilation was short-lived with the realisation that Glen Rovers (Cork), the All-Ireland champions, were to be their opponents in the All-Ireland semi-final, at a Cork venue. On the day, the Cork girls were far superior and

ran out winners on a scoreline of 6-10 to 2-8. Despite this defeat, 1993 will be remembered as a rewarding one.

A predominantly young Junior team were defeated by eventual champions, Glenmore, in the semi-final (2-6 to 2-4). With a bit of luck they could have had a different result. They also reached the final of the Junior B but were defeated by Clara after a thrilling game (1-8 to 1-5). Despite the experience of Noelle O'Driscoll, Ann Kavanagh, Bridget Sharkey and Catherine O'Loughlin, the majority of the remaining players were under eighteen. If players like Fionnuala Gray, Angie O'Carroll, Cora Mackey, Deirdre Delaney, Claire and Martina Tallis continue to improve they will be seen in the senior ranks in the not too distant future.

At present our U/21's have reached the semi-final, following a win over St. Anne's and a walkover from Mullinavat. St. Brigid's are their opposition in what should be an interesting tussle. They have also reached the final of the St. Anne's tournament, where they take on Glenmore.

The U/18 team reached the final by virtue of wins over Mullinavat and Dicksboro. They qualified for a final meeting with St. Lachtain's. Both teams were evenly matched in the opening half and played some fine camogie in the first half. There was only the minimum margin in it at the break.

In the second half, the ability of the Freshford forwards to take their scores, and mistakes by the defence, allowed Freshford take the lead. They were well in control in the last quarter and ran out convincing winners. Angela O'Carroll and Mary Brennan were outstanding for the losers.

Lisdowney were also defeated in the Minor B final by Dicksboro. The winners laid the foundation of victory in the first half with some good play, especially from Triona



Back Row (left to right): Ann Marie Hughes, Bridget Sharkey, Noelle O'Driscoll, Deirdre Delaney, Bridget Barnaville, Caroline Glendon, Ann Delaney, Claire Jones, Bridget Wall, Lizzie Fogarty (Capt.), Marie Blanchfield.  
Front Row (l-r): Mary Brennan, Sandra Gleeson, Angela Downey, Marina Downey, Veronica Wall, Catherine Dunne, Aine Dunne, Olivia Donnelly. (mascot Paul Hyndle).



## St. Brigid's Camogie Club

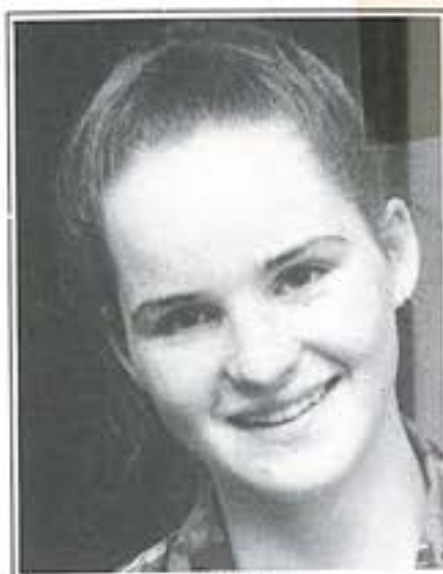
ST. BRIGID'S Camogie Club addressed last year's losses when no County or All-Ireland medals came to the Club. This year the Primary Schools team won the Roinn A Championship for the first time since 1988 while six All-Ireland Colleges Camogie medals came to the club when St. Brigid's College, Callan, eventually made the long-awaited breakthrough.

Yet, despite these victories, it was a disastrous year for Camogie in the Club. The playing off of the Senior Championship in March and April was a disaster. Once clubs were out of the championship, interest was lost, with the result that no club camogie was played in May, June, July and August, which are the best months for playing the game. The same situation arose in many other clubs and unless

this crazy situation is changed then club camogie is dead and buried.

The highlight of the year was the winning of All-Ireland Senior Colleges medals by club members Sinéad Millea, who captained the team, Áine Comerford, Margaret Comerford and Olive O'Sullivan. Deirdre O'Sullivan came on as a sub. in the final while Ashling Byrne was on the panel. Club members collected National Senior Camogie League Medals when Marie Fitzpatrick, Deirdre Malone and Tracey Millea were members of the Noreside team which beat Cork in the final.

Sinéad Millea was also a member of the team but missed the final because of examinations. Margaret Comerford was a sub. on the winning team. Kay Dunphy and Mary McGrath figured



Sinéad Millea

### CHOISTE CHILL CHAINNIGH ROLL OF HONOUR 1993

SENIOR NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS..... KILKENNY  
ALL-IRELAND POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS SENIOR  
CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS..... ST. BRIGID'S COLLEGE, CALLAN

Leinster Senior Camogie Champions (1992)..... Kilkenny  
Leinster Senior Camogie Champions (1993)..... Kilkenny  
Leinster Minor Camogie Champions..... Kilkenny  
Leinster Senior Club Champions..... Lisdowney

#### COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Competition:	Winners	Runners-up
Primary Schools Roinn A	Kilmanagh	Freshford
Primary Schools Roinn B	Urlingford	Clara
Primary Schools Roinn C	Tullagher	St. Canice's
Primary Schools Roinn D	Calmoy	Bennettsbridge
Under-14 Roinn A	Freshford	Tullaroan
Under-14 Roinn B	Shamrocks	Lisdowney
Under-14 Roinn C	Rower-Inistioge	Thomastown
Minor Roinn A	Clara	Castlecomer
Minor Roinn B	Mullinavat	Carrickshock
Minor Roinn C	Dicksboro	Lisdowney
Under-18	Freshford	Lisdowney
Under-21	(not yet completed)	
Junior	Glenmore	Mooncoin
Junior B	Clara	Lisdowney
Senior	Lisdowney	Freshford
Senior 15-a-side	(not yet completed)	
Senior B	(not yet completed)	

Community Games County Champions..... Rower-Inistioge  
Butlerstown Seven-a-side Tournament Winners..... Freshford

#### Leinster Post-Primary Schools

Senior Champions..... St. Brigid's College, Callan  
Senior B Champions..... Presentation Secondary School, Kilkenny  
Seven-a-side Champions..... Castlecomer Community School

#### Leinster Vocational Schools

Junior Champions..... Castlecomer Community School

#### Kilkenny Post-Primary Schools

First Year Champions..... Loreto Secondary Schools, Kilkenny  
I.N.T.O. Seven-a-side County Champions..... Freshford

in earlier games in the competition. Tracey Millea and Sinéad Millea are members of the Leinster Senior Camogie team which has qualified for the Gael Linn Final.

Sinéad Millea collected the Kilkenny People/Hotel Kilkenny Sports Star of the Month award for April for her display in the All-Ireland Colleges final in which she scored 2-6 of her side's total 3-7. Sinéad also won the Smithwick's award for camogie for 1993. Ann-Marie Ryall collected a Leinster Colleges 'B' medal as a member of the Presentation (Kilkenny) team which beat Birr Community School in the final. Deirdre O'Sullivan and Ashling Byrne won Leinster Minor Camogie medals.

The Senior Camogie team lost to St. Lachtain's and Lisdowney in the League section. Victories over Tullagher, Dicksboro and Thomastown gave them a place in the semi-final where they were again beaten by Lisdowney. The Under-21 team has qualified for the semi-finals against Lisdowney after beating Dicksboro and getting a walk-over from Carrick. The Minor camogie team reached the County semi-finals but were no match for St. Lachtain's, losing by 9-5 to 0-2. The Under-14 team played all their games but did not qualify for the closing stages.

The highlight of the year was the winning of the Primary Schools Roinn 'A' title. The team had been very impressive on the way to the final, having big wins over Mullinavat, Rower-Inistioge, Clara and St. Lachtain's. They beat St. Lachtain's in the final by 5-3 to 1-1 to regain a title they last held in 1993. Trainers of the team were Kathleen Quigley and Martin O'Halloran, both teaching in the local school. Hopefully, this team will go on to win the Under-14 title in 1994 and represent the County in Féile na nGael in Limerick.

The team was: Bronagh Neary, Bernadette Marnell, Bernadette Ryall, Mary Purcell, Martina Comerford, Margaret Cleere, Pauline Comerford (Capt.), Emer Walsh, Aoife Neary, Elizabeth Teehan, Nicola Fitzpatrick, Moira Cody, Subs. - Aoife Brennan (used), Deirdre O'Halloran (used), Ashling Murphy, Catriona Muldowney, Nora Comerford.



## COLLEGES CAMOGIE

1993 will go down as a memorable year in the sporting archives of St. Brigid's College, Kilkenny. Heart to win and dedication, ensured it the elusive Corn Scellige made its way to Kilkenny for only the third time. The other two titles were won in 1969 and 1970 by the Presentation Convent, Kilkenny. This was Kilkenny's first All-Ireland Senior Colleges title, although they did contest the final on two other occasions - 1975 and 1992.

The team, trained by Noelle O'Driscoll began their campaign in mid-October against Ballyhale V.S. St. Brigid's convincingly disposed of their opponents on a scoreline of 11-6 to 0-1. The second round game was at home to Thomastown V.S. This was a game in which all the forwards registered their names on the scoreboard and gave an exhibition of point taking from every angle. The final score 5-12 to 0-

At this stage Callan were into theinster Quarter Final. Playing against Wexford, Callan were slow to get into their stride, but good defensive work in particular by Janet Sweeney relieved some of the pressure. The second half saw the girls settle down and they notched an impressive scoreline of 5-11 to 2-3.

Loreto Kilkenny were to provide the opposition in the Leinster Final. This eagerly awaited 'local derby' was played at Nowlan Park. Callan were at a disadvantage going into the game as favourites. Loreto's low key approach to the match paid dividends as they led at half-time by 2-2 to 1-2. The second half, however, saw the Callan team emerge anew. In the dying minutes, Loreto had a goal disallowed while at the other end, the Callan forwards took their scores. They emerged winners by 2-6 to 2-3.

St. Brigid's Vocational School, Loughrea were the Connaught representatives and the opposition in the All-Ireland semi-final. The game was due to be played in John Ockes Park but the Tuesday night before the game a frantic call to St. Brigid's carried the news that Loughrea were

pulling out and were giving St. Brigid's a walk-over. Apparently there was a threat that if the girls played in Vocational competition and then Colleges competition, there would be an objection to a boys team from the school playing in College's competition. Later the Galway school decided it was not in breach of any rule and so were allowed back into the competition. This was not the end of the saga, as Loughrea were out again by late Friday night, and the next morning St. Brigid's were awarded a walk-over. This gave Callan a ticket into the All-Ireland Final against St. Mary's, Charleville.

The game was played in wind-swept Tullamore, but heavy conditions didn't hamper St. Brigid's who got stuck in from the very beginning. A brilliant goal by Margaret Comerford, and points by Sinead Millea, saw Callan lead at half-time by 1-4 to 1-0. Playing with a very stiff wind in the second half, Callan looked like potential All-Ireland champions.

Two goals in the second half sealed St. Mary's fate and the All-Ireland trophy was on its way back to Kilkenny after 23 years.

Aine Comerford gave a brilliant display in goal. In front of her, she had sound defenders in Janet Sweeney, Marie Maher, Mary Brennan and Angela O'Carroll. Time and time again, they foiled St. Mary's attacks. Marie Maher slotted over a nice point in the second half also. At centrefield Olive O'Sullivan, Ethel Ann Moloney and Yvonne Meara supplied the forwards with perfect low balls and all three contributed greatly to the victory. The forward line of Margaret Comerford, Sinead Millea, Brenda Maher and Eleanor Walsh combined superbly and probably would have scored more had it not been for gutsy St. Mary's goalkeeper Vera Sheehan. Deirdre O'Sullivan also played her part and almost scored a goal but her flicked effort went narrowly wide.

The All-Ireland winning team and subs. were: A. Comerford, M. Brennan, M. Maher, J. Sweeney, A. O'Carroll, Y. O'Meara, E. A. Moloney, O. O'Sullivan, S. Millea (capt.), M. Comerford, B. Maher, E. Walsh. Subs: D. O'Sullivan, C. Campion, M. Maher, A. Dunphy, F. Holohan, M. Rochford, L. Ronan, A. Byrne, A. M. Coogan.

## The Rower-Inistioge

1993 proved to be a very successful year for camogie in the parish. Pride of place must go to our Under-14 team who captured the County title on the 4th. May. Played in Callan, it was Thomastown who provided the opposition. After a very tough, exciting game, our girls proved worthy winners on a scoreline of 3-5 to 1-1. For the record this Under-14 team scored a massive 56-17 during the championship, whilst conceding only 2-1. Well done girls!

For the second year in a row, our Community Games team won out in Kilkenny. However, our Mosney dreams were short-lived when we went down to a very strong Wexford side in the Leinster quarter-final stage.

Our primary school team had a very successful run in the championship. After

overcoming some very strong teams in the County, they finally fell at the semi-final stage on 21st June, in Danesfort; Freshford ended their winning streak on that day!

We entered a team at Under-16 level this year for the first time. This proved to be a very tough section. Nonetheless, we reached the semi-final. This game was played in James's Park on the 7th July. Lisdowney faced us this time and we were very unfortunate to be just pipped at the post on a scoreline of 1-2 to 1-5.

We were well represented at County level in 1993. Becky Dempsey, Miriam Lyster and Linda Cottrell gave some fine displays with the Kilkenny Under-14 team. Claire Bolger and Valerie Mincogue helped Kilkenny win a Leinster Minor title this year. Congratulations to all the girls and the very best of luck for 1994.



KILKENNY JUNIOR LEINSTER FINAL TEAM DEFEATED BY CARLOW

Back row (l-r): Elaine Nolan, Olivia Donnelly, Aine Dunne, Kay Bowden, Joan Aylward, Kay Dunphy, Hilda Butler, Catherine Dunne, Catherine Murphy, Dolores O'Connell, Sandra Gleeson. Front row (l-r): Ann-Marie Hughes, Helen McGrath, Marie Maher, Brenda Maher, Paula Dowling, Sinead Costello, Margaret Kavanagh, Mary McGrath, Margaret Comerford, Esther Kennedy.



## UNA MURPHY

**A** FIRST All-Ireland Senior Championship medal win is a memorable occasion in the life of a Hurler or Camogie player, but why? Is it that the one that got away hurts you for eternity? Kilkenny's defeat at the hands of Cork on the Holyday of August 15th will stay in the minds of every team member for many a day. For Una Murphy it seemed that her world had just fallen apart.

Una had a very successful career with her native Kilkenny at under-age competitions when she won Minor medals in 1988 and 1989 and at the tender age of 18, she picked up her first Senior All-Ireland medal when she gave a star-studded performance against Wexford. Since graduating to the Senior team, this dashing, lion-hearted defender has blossomed into one of the most admired camogie players in the game. Her artistry, stickwork, vision and lethal techniques have enabled her to stamp her personality time and again on matches at County and Club level.

She has played for her province, Leinster, in the Gael Linn Cup at both Senior and Junior levels. She also helped Kilkenny in the first 15-a-side Senior League win over Cork at Ballyragget last June.

Perhaps 1993 wasn't as successful as Una would have wished, but at 20, Una, like many of her county colleagues, has plenty of time on her side. For the young Tullogher girl the 1994 season can't come quickly enough, and, perhaps with it will come the chance to finally put the horrors of that Holyday in 1993 out of her mind forever. For Una is a girl with a mission and one All-Ireland isn't enough by a long shot.



### PROFILE

Name.....	Una Murphy
Age.....	20
Club.....	Tullogher
Occupation.....	Student, W.R.T.C.
Honours Won.....	Senior, League and Minor All-Ireland Medals Under-14 Leinster Championship Junior, Intermediate and Senior B Club Championship
Favourite Player.....	Fiona O'Driscoll
Biggest Influence.....	Angela Downey, Denis Kelly and Parents
Likes.....	Music and Socialising
Dislikes.....	Thinking of Training
Most Difficult Opponent.....	All players are difficult
Ambition.....	To win another All-Ireland
Most Disappointing Experience.....	Losing 1993 All-Ireland Semi-final to Cork
Most Rewarding Experience.....	Winning All-Ireland 1991
Favourite Food.....	Chinese

## Loreto Secondary School

Of the five teams entered by the school in camogie competitions this year, four of them reached the finals of their respective championships. Unfortunately, however, the senior, minor and seven-a-side teams narrowly lost the Leinster finals to St. Brigid's College (Callan), F.C.J. (Buncloody) and Castlecomer Community School respectively.

The youngest of these four teams, the First Year team, won their final and achieved the distinction of not conceding a single score in any match during the competition, which is played on a blitz basis.

The remaining team, the juniors, were defeated early in the year in their zone final by the Presentation Secondary School, Kilkenny.



**LORETO SECONDARY SCHOOL - KILKENNY POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS FIRST YEAR CHAMPIONS 1993**  
Back row - Karen Fitzpatrick (unattached), Gillian Ryan (St. Anne's), Emma Fitzpatrick (Freshford), Kathy Gibbons (Clara), Ellen Murphy (St. Brigid's), Elaine Phelan (Dicksboro), Pamela Farragher (Dicksboro), Claire Burke (Freshford), Julie Ryan (Freshford), Geraldine Hogan (Dicksboro), Marie Fitzpatrick (Freshford), Claire Dermody (Freshford). Front row - Breda Wall (Freshford), Jennifer Dillon (Clara), Donagh Hennessy (Tullaroan), Mary Carmel Ryan (captain) (Freshford), Sheila Doyle (Emeralds), Norma Minogue (Freshford), Deirdre Lawlor (Blacks and WhitesP).



# WIN FOR PRESENTATION

Presentation, Kilkenny..... 5-4  
Birr Community School..... 2-6

Presentation secondary school, Kilkenny, overcame the strong challenge of St. Brendan's Community School, Birr, to win the Leinster Colleges' Senior B camogie championship, in Freshford.

Conditions were far from ideal for a game of camogie as wind and rain prevailed for most of the game.

The match opened brightly for Presentation and they had a goal after 4 minutes from Elaine Leahy. This was to be their only score until nearly half-time as Birr became the dominant team and scored two goals and three points without reply.

Just on half-time, however, Elizabeth Dowling had a point from a free to leave the score at the break: Birr 2-3, Presentation 1-1.

Early in the second half Birr had another point from a free. Presentation gradually hauled themselves back into the game with points from frees by Michelle Fennelly and then in the 12th minute the same player had a goal which left just a point between the teams.

At this stage the Presentation midfield were getting the better of their opponents and the forwards began to receive a steady supply of the ball.

A goal from a free by Michelle Fennelly, after Triona Kennedy was fouled, brought Presentation the lead in the 18th minute. Birr then landed another point from a free to again leave the minimum between the sides.

Presentation finished the stronger side and in the final 5 minutes two goals by Deirdre Phelan and a point from Michelle Fennelly to one point from Birr left the final score: Presentation 5-4, Birr 2-6.

After a very shaky first half, this was a fine performance from the Presentation team. Anne Sunderland and Elizabeth Dowling played very well in defence. The midfield of Deirdre Phelan, Ann Marie Ryall and Edel Murphy got on top in the second half while Elaine Dalton and Triona Kennedy played prominent parts in the forwards.

Michelle Fennelly's free-taking in the second half was excellent while Elaine Leahy took her goal chance well.

Suzanne Brennan made some good saves in goal. Margaret Dooley and Cora Mullen had great second halves and held their players scoreless.

Birr had some fine players in Majella Bergin at centre-back, Hilda Dooley, Colleen Myles and Eilish Dooley at midfield while centre-forward Patricia Dooley and full-forward Tina Robinson were very dangerous.

Presentation scorers: M. Fennelly (2-3, 1-3 frees); D. Phelan 2-0; E. Leahy 1-0; E. Dowling (0-1, free).



**PRESENTATION KILKENNY - WINNERS LEINSTER POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS ROINN B SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**

Back Row: Breda Dooley, Yvonne O'Dwyer, Deirdre Phelan, Elaine Dalton, Edwina Tallent, Elizabeth Dowling (Capt.), Mr. J. O'Dwyer. Centre: Suzanne Brennan, Michelle Fennelly, Cora Mullen, Ann Marie Ryall, Geraldine Brennan, Deirdre Dowling, Margaret Dooley, Edel Murphy. Front: Sinéad Butler, Yvonne Kenny, Elaine Leahy, Gillian Meany, Triona Kennedy, Nicola Fitzpatrick, Anne Sunderland.

**Presentation:** Suzanne Brennan (Clara), Anne Sunderland (Dicksboro), Cora Mullen (James Stephens), Elizabeth Dowling (Clara), Margaret Dooley (St. Lachtain's), Edel Murphy (Clara), Ann Marie Ryall (St. Brigid's), Deirdre Phelan (James Stephens), Michelle Fennelly (Carrickshock), Elaine Dalton, Elaine Leahy (James Stephens), Triona Kennedy (Dicksboro).

**Subs:** Sinéad Butler (St. Lachtain's), Nicola Fitzpatrick (James Stephens), Deirdre Dowling (Clara), Yvonne Kenny

(James Stephens), Geraldine Brennan (Clara), Breda Dooley (St. Lachtain's), Edwina Tallent (James Stephens), Gillian Meany (Clara).

**Birr C.S.:** Sinéad O'Meara, Maureen Dooley, Tara King, Majella Bergin, Hilda Dooley, Colleen Myles, Eilish Dooley, Sarah Corrigan, Audrey Hennessey, Patricia Dooley, Edel O'Meara, Tina Robinson.

**Subs:** Eva O'Donoghue, Brenda Keogh, Rita Bergin, Frances Carey, Helen Fitzgerald.



**PRESENTATION KILKENNY - FINALISTS IN THE LEINSTER POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS JUNIOR CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Back Row (l-r): Sinéad Hurley, Breda Dooley, Elizabeth Murphy, Aisling Power, Deirdre Dowling, Michelle Helleman, Orla Brennan, Ann Marie Ryall, Elaine Brennan, Gillian Meany, Suzanne Brennan. Front Row (l-r): Catherine Bourke, Triona Kennedy, Sinéad Walsh, Angela Grogan, Elaine Dalton, Nicola O'Brien, Eleanor Purcell, Clodhna Phelan.



## Teresa thanked

**T**ERESA DILLON, the longest serving chairperson of the Kilkenny Camogie Board, announced at this year's Convention that she would not be seeking re-election. Representing St. Lachtair's, Teresa was chairperson from 1986 to 1993.

Teresa's term of office coincided with Kilkenny's total domination of the All-Ireland senior camogie championship during the 'Eighties. She was at the helm when Kilkenny won five of their seven titles in a row. They also won six National League titles during that great run.

Another notable achievement under Teresa's stewardship was the 1990 visit to the U.S.A. by the champions Kilkenny and Cork. This was the first ever trip by county teams to America.

Kilkenny also had a number of triumphs at other levels during the last seven years which leaves camogie in a healthy state as the mid-Nineties approach. Leinster senior championship honours, Leinster under-14 triumphs, the first win by a Kilkenny team at Féile na nGael, All-Ireland titles at minor in 1989 and 1990, the first Leinster junior title in 30 years in 1992, all point to the excellent promotional work being done.

One of the most important aspects of



Teresa Dillon, chairperson, Kilkenny County Camogie Board, 1986-1993, with husband Pa, daughter Gillian and son Bobby. (Photo: Brett)

Teresa's term of office was the growth in the number of new clubs in the county. Arising from that, new senior champions have been crowned in the county in the last two years.

At present, camogie is one of the fastest-growing sports in the country.

Kilkenny's winning of seven All-Ireland titles in a row has been the spur for the development of the game here. Let's hope the good work continues and that Kilkenny remains at the top.

Thanks and best wishes to Teresa. Go n-éirí go geal léi as seo amach.

## Johnstown Vocational School Camogie

After a very successful season in 1991-'92, Johnstown V.S. senior camogie team suffered a first round defeat in the Senior Vocational Schools Championship. In an epic tussle, the team succumbed to eventual Leinster champions, Thomastown V.S. by a margin of two points.

Johnstown heroes on the day were Patricia Dalton, Ann Marie Gray, Fionnuala Donnelly and Cora Mackey.

The Johnstown V.S. juvenile Camogie team competed in the Kilkenny regional camogie competition. Having been narrowly defeated by the Presentation and Loreto convents and by Castlecomer Community School, they scored an emphatic victory over Heywood Community School. The players acquitted themselves well in every game and stars Sinéad Delaney and Kelly Long were two of the very best players in the competition.

Other stars were Suzanne Stapleton, Chrissie Hughes, Margaret Tobin and Ann Marie Gray. The team's performances augurs well for the future of camogie in the school.



JOHNSTOWN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL SENIOR CAMOGIE

Back row (l. to r.): Kelly Long, Finnoula Gray, Cora Mackey, Belinda Doyle, Carol Fox, Marcella Dawson, Sinéad Bergin, Sinéad Delaney, Catherine Anderson, Noelle Lalor, Bernadette Crosby. Front row (l. to r.): Teresa Doyle, Tanya Hughes, Patricia Dalton, Lisa Rafter, Frances Cleere, Mairead Kelly, Thomasina Sharkey.





# Tracey Millea

USUALLY referred to as the sister of Sinead or the daughter of Joe, Tracey Millea has well and truly established herself as a stylish campaigner and fine individual. She made a tremendous impact on the Colleges scene when she captained St. Brigid's, Callan to their first All-Ireland appearance in 17 years. This clever and incisive player had little time to wait for her call up to the Kilkenny senior team. A stylish campaigner and keen worker, Tracey has won many honours at minor level. She captained the Kilkenny minor team in 1989 and won another minor in 1988.

Her disappointment with Kilkenny's failure to reach this year's All-Ireland final was eased somewhat by winning her first call-up to the Leinster team. As well as proving an ace competitor with the Kilkenny team, Tracey has regularly turned on the style in club games. She has played with Ballycallan since her schooldays and has won a senior county championship medal with them.

Perhaps the lesser known of the Millea sisters, but nevertheless a vital cog in the Kilkenny senior team. Her heart and soul is in Kilkenny camogie and at 20 Tracey has lots of time on her side. With her determination she won't be happy with what she had already achieved. There is still a lot to do. Uppermost in her mind is to bring the O'Duffy Cup back to its rightful place next year and there is no reason why Kilkenny cannot do so with Tracey Millea in the side, along with her younger sister Sinead.

## Profile

Name:	Tracey Millea.
Age:	20.
Club:	St. Brigid's, Ballycallan.
Occupation:	Sales Office, Mount Juliet.
Honours Won:	Senior, League & Minor All-Ireland Medals. Various Colleges & County Leinster Medals.
Favourite Player:	Ann Downey.
Biggest Influence:	My father Joe.
Likes:	Singing, Music and Swimming.
Dislikes:	Winter weather.
Most Difficult Opponent:	Collette O'Mahony (Cork)
Ambition:	To go on and win another seven All-Irelands
Most disappointing experience:	Losing to Cork in Semi-Final by 1 point
Most rewarding experience:	Being part of the All- Ireland Final in 1991.
Favourite Food:	Chinese.

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Gaelic Stars . . . group of Gaelic games stars pictured at the 1993 Smithwicks Sports Stars awards dinner in Springhill Hotel. Included are (from left) Mick 'Ducksie' Walsh (Handball), George Good (Managing Director, Smithwick's), Sinead Millea (Camogie), Allie Cullen (Hall of Fame) and Pat O'Neill (Hurling).  
Photo: John



## Coiste Camogaiochta Thiobraid Arann

By Marion Ui Greachain

The year commenced on January 17th with our County Convention, attended by 17 clubs out of a possible 24. The following officers were elected:

Cathaoirleach: EAMON DE BRUN

Leas Cathaoirleach: LIAM O HOGAIN.

Runai: MARION UI GREACHAIN

Cisteoir: BRID MHIC PHILIP

Registrar: BRID MHIC PHILIP

P.R.O.: MARION UI GREACHAIN

Fixtures Committee: JULIA O'DWYER, CONOR RYAN, MARION GRAHAM, PADRAIG MULLINS, SALLY DUGGAN

Development Committee: LIAM HOGAN, MARTIN BOURKE, BERNIE O'DOWD, GEARLDINE RYAN MEAGHAIR

Intermediate Coach: JOHN KENNEDY

Intermediate Selectors: JOHN KENNEDY, BIDDY PHILIPS, MARTIN KENNEDY

Junior Coach: LIAM HOGAN

Junior Selectors: LIAM HOGAN, PADRAIG MULLINS, FR. PETER BRENNAN

Under-18 Coach: PADRAIG MULLINS

Under-18 Selectors: PADRAIG MULLINS, PATSY CARROLL, RICHARD HORGAN

Minor Coach: CONOR RYAN

Minor Selectors: CONOR RYAN, MAR-



Biddy Philips with her officials before the All-Ireland final. Back row (l. to r.): Marion Graham, Deirdre Hughes (umpires), Biddy Philips (referee), Sheila Delaney, Joan Harkin (umpires). Front row: The two line umpires from Dublin.

ION GRAHAM, BILLY KELLY CAMOGIE in the county is on a high note at the moment, an increase of four clubs for affiliation brought the number of affiliated clubs from twenty-four to twenty-eight for the 1993 season. From the above number of competitions played it was indeed a busy season.

Congratulations to all the eventual

winners and commiserations to the losers. Well done to all teams who took part. Winning is not everything-taking part, playing our game in a sporting manner and making friends is also very important.

1993 was a mixed year at inter-county level. After our successes last year we went into '93 with optimism. Our All-Ireland junior champions were defeated in the Junior League semi-final in Ballymacnabb, Armagh, in a fashion that would put a question mark over the standard of referees that some counties put forward as their inter-county referee. It was unfortunate that Tipperary were the victims of injustices in this aspect. However, that is water under the bridge and we lost by two points to Armagh, the eventual winners of the Junior League.

Tipperary then contested the Intermediate Championship, pitted against Down on August 2nd in Portaferry, Co. Down, when some players had a decision to make 'Feile' or 'Portaferry'. Thankfully, the latter won and Tipperary had a convincing win over our Northern friends.

The next outing saw us in St. Anne's Park, Tallaght, Dublin, against the senior Dublin side. Dublin had lost their first game in the senior open draw, and the structure of the intermediate competition is that the first round losers take part in the intermediate competition. Dublin proved too strong for our girls, as the experience they had at senior level was evident and we lost by seven points.

However, in the Munster intermediate competition we had accounted for

### COUNTY CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS-UP

Competition	Winners	Runners-up
U-12 'A' Championship	Toomevara	Drom-Inch
U-12 'B' Championship	Templemore	Fethard
U-14 'A' Championship	Drom-Inch	Toomevara
U-14 'B' Championship	Kilruane McDonaghs	Bansha
U-16 'A' Championship	Drom-inch	Fethard
U-16 'B' Championship	Thurles	Templemore
U-18 Championship	Toomevara	Drom-Inch
John Hogan Cup Junior League	Drom-Inch	Cashel
Jimmy Carroll Cup Intermediate League	Shannon Rovers	Portroe
Ann Frazer Cup Senior League	Toomevara	Cashel
Senior Championship	Toomevara	Cashel
Intermediate Championship	Roscrea	Knockavilla Kickhams
Junior Championship	Drom-Inch	Shannon Rovers
U-12 'A' League	Not completed	
U-12 'B' League	Not completed	
U-14 'A' League	Not completed	
U-14 'B' League	Not completed	



# TIOBRAID ÁRANN

Minor All-Ireland Camogie Champions 1993



Back Row: L to R - Conor Ryan (Coach), Emily Hayden, Michelle Larkin, Marie Harkins, Durcey Cullinton, Mary Looby, Mandy Quigley, Nicola Kennedy, Marie White, Caroline Buckley, Sharon Lawton, Clodagh Dunne, Jacqueline O'Connor, Marion Graham.(selector).  
Front Row L to R - Fiona Hanrahan, Miriam Maxwell, Ciara Gaynor, Treasa Brophy, Aine Ryan (Mascot) Joanne Horgan (Capt).  
Gillian O'Neill, Lisa McCormack, Susan Keneally, Anne Barry, Cathrion Fitzgerald, Olivia Hayden, Bridget Phelan.



# **TIOBRAID ÁRANN**

## **Minor All-Ireland Camogie Champions 1993**



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 Front Row (l-r): Fiona Hanrahan, Miriam Maxwell, Ciara Gaynor, Treasa Brophy, Aine Ryan (mascot), Joanne Horgan (capt.), Gillian O'Neill, Lisa McCormack, Susan Kenneally, Anne Barry, Cathrion Fitzgerald, Olivia Hayden, Bridget Phelan.

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Limerick in a convincing fashion, facing Clare in the final. Clare were hoping to press on this occasion as they were trying Dublin in the intermediate All-Ireland final. Our bunch decided after our defeat against Dublin that the inaugural Maire Ni Cheallachain Cup was waiting for the Premier County, and this they did. Tipperary took control from the row-in and ran home convincing winners, with twelve points to spare. Incidentally, Clare overcame the Dubs in the All-Ireland intermediate final by three points, so we can reflect on what might have been and look forward to next year with optimism.

At junior level a virtually new team headed for Glen Rovers pitch in Cork for their first outing in the championship. Some players were totally new to the inter-county scene and Cork came out on top. However, they turned the tables on Cork Kilcolman pitch in the first round of the 3/94 league and had three points to spare in the end.

At minor level Tipperary enjoyed another successful year. Being All-Ireland champions, the pressure was on to retain their title. Trials were held over a number of weeks in Durlas Og grounds, Thurles. One hundred girls attended on different Saturdays, so the selectors were a bit crowded at the end of the trials. By April a panel had been established and work commenced to improve their skills and fitness.

Their first outing was against Clare on a wet, windy Sunday evening. A win over them had them in a Munster semi-final against Limerick and this game they took style as well. Cork were providing the position for a Munster final in The Ragg. Both teams were locked together at the final whistle and we had to wait a number of weeks until the exams were over to travel to Inniscarra in Cork for the replay. Tipperary played with fire and determination and the minor cup headed home in the capable hands of Joanne Horgan.

Our Northern friends, Down, travelled with us for the All-Ireland semi-final. They provided us with a runaway victory and we were on our way for the second All-Ireland final in a row. Luck was on our

side and we had a home venue for the final against Galway. On a wet and windy Sunday afternoon, July 25th, the scene was set, but the Tipp girls did not provide us with the style and skill we had enjoyed against Cork in the Munster final and we were lucky to come away with a draw. We travelled to Ballinasloe, Galway, for the replay and with ten minutes to go who would have said that we would be up five points when the referee blew the final whistle. But we were, and there were wild scenes of jubilation when Joanne Horgan was presented with the All-Ireland Cup by the President of the Association, Brid Uí Mhaolagáin.

Toomevara represented Tipperary in the Munster Club Championship. Due to the fact that they had to play four games, including the county final in the space of ten days, a tired bunch faced the Limerick champions, Grannagh-Ballingarry. Toomevara did not play up to the standard that we know and were defeated on this occasion. Hopefully, clubs will be more co-operative for next year's senior championship and the club representing our county will be able to go out and prepare for the Munster championship in the proper frame of mind and level of fitness that is required for this competition. Toomevara did us proud and were as gracious in defeat as they were in winning.

Drom-Inch represented the county at the national finals of the Feile na nGael in Galway, in Division 1. Even though they did not reach the final as they did last year, they accounted well for themselves and reached the semi-final, but were narrowly defeated in a thriller of a game by the eventual winners. They also had the distinction of receiving the award for the best banner.

Helena Campion (Clonoulty) was the representative for the skills final. Helena, still underage for next year, came in sixth out of nineteen competitors. This was Helena's second year representing Tipperary, so we hope next year it will be the case of 'third time lucky' for Helena.

A number of clubs took part in the All-Ireland seven-a-side competition in Kilmacud, Dublin, on the eve of the All-Ireland finals. They didn't bring home any trophies, but all clubs played well and

must be congratulated on the manner in which they took their defeats.

Biddy Philips, our County Treasurer, had the distinction of being the referee for the junior All-Ireland final in Croke Park this year, an honour bestowed on her that no other camogie person had achieved. The game ended in a draw and Biddy refereed the replay; both games she handled expertly and must be complimented on her achievement.

### DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMOGIE GROUNDS

Finally, the pitch in The Ragg is looking well. It took some time and maybe this was a blessing in disguise. It is well drained now, the grass is up, and hopefully we can commence the building of the dressing-rooms early in the spring. Funds are badly needed for this venture, so we will be appealing to all camogie clubs to come out and give some assistance in raising the necessary money to complete the dressing-rooms and have a pitch and facilities that we can be proud of.

The above achievements could not be had without the assistance of a number of people. Transport was needed to get the girls to training and sincere thanks to all the parents or the officials of the clubs who brought them. Thanks to the officers of Drom-Inch GAA club, we had all our training sessions for minors in the Drom field and all minor games in The Ragg. Thanks also to Durlas Og committee for their facilities for the minors' trials. Thanks also to Thurles Crokes athletic committee for the use of their facilities for training for the intermediate and junior teams. Sincere thanks also to Holycross/Ballycahill GAA club for the use of their facilities for numerous county finals and games. Thanks to all GAA clubs for giving their facilities to all camogie clubs throughout the year for training and matches. We are indebted to you all.

### SMYPATHY

Sincere sympathy to all those who suffered bereavements during the year. To their families and friends we extend our deepest sympathy. Ar dheis Dé go raibh n-anamacha.



Edna Hughes being presented with the Cidana Award for camogie by Mr.



Tipperary selectors in jubilant mood before the All-Ireland semi-final. Left



## MINOR CAMOGIE TEAM

# Our back-to-back title

By Marion Graham

**O**UR minors did us proud again this year when after some heart-stopping games they eventually took the ultimate—THE ALL-IRELAND TITLE.

It was obvious from our first game in Littleton on April 25th against Clare that the girls meant business when they had a convincing win by 6-5 to 0-2.

The Drom-Inch GAA grounds at The Ragg housed the final and, despite the terrible weather conditions, both teams craved up a fine hour's camogie, which failed to yield a result, with both teams locked together at 2-2.

In the replay Tipperary capitalised their chances and came out on top with the score Tipperary 3-10, Cork 3-6. Amid wild scenes of jubilation Joanne Horgan received the Munster Cup and Tipperary had once again conquered their Cork rivals.

Their next encounter was against our northern friends, Down, the following Sunday and again Tipperary had home advantage.

The game did not live up to expectations and Tipperary came out victorious over the Ulster champions by 7-9 to 2-5.

The scene was set for the All-Ireland

showdown against Galway on Sunday, July 25th. Tipperary were fortunate to have won the toss for a home venue. Again Drom-Inch came up trumps with their excellent pitch and facilities.

The game ended in a draw at 1-5 each. The replay was fixed for the August bank Holiday in Ballinasloe.

This was an occasion when all the spirit and commitment present in the team was called upon. With the half-time score Galway 2-3, Tipperary 0-4, something had to be done in the Tipperary camp. Mandy Quigley was introduced in the second half (she had starred in the Munster final and replay and the All-Ireland semi-final, but due to illness had missed the drawn game). This was to prove an inspired move as the team now received a great boost and panic signals were evident in the Galway team.

Still trailing by five points with seven minutes to go, Tipperary's revival started when from 30 yards out Ciara Gaynor blasted low and hard to beat the Galway defence for a goal. Tipperary's next score came from a line ball 25 yards out which was well struck by Nicola Kennedy. Anne Barry doubled on it and put it over the bar.

Hearts were pounding everywhere and

Sharon Lawton pointed from 50 yards out. The question on every Tipperary person's lips was: 'Will they do it?' The best score of the day came from a 30th when the ball was dropped by Ciara Gaynor into the goalmouth, connected on beautifully by Anne Barry into the Galway net. The last score of the day came from Ciara Gaynor with a point to wrap up the game and send the All-Ireland trophy back again to the Premier County. Joanne Horgan accepted the cup on behalf of the tea from the President of the Association, Bridin Uí Mhaolagáin.

The team were togged out beautifully on All-Ireland day with a set of jerseys sponsored by Maddens Milk, tee-shirts sponsored by Frank Mulcahy, The Anner Hotel, Thurles, and kit bags sponsored by Francis Glasheen, Bus Hire, Holycross.

Tipperary team: Susan Kineally, Sharon Lawton, Caroline Buckley, Marie White, Joanne Horgan (capt.), Theresa Brophy, Nicola Kennedy, Miriam Maxwell, Mary Looby, Ciara Gaynor, Anne Barry, Gillian O'Neill, Mandy Quigley, Emily Hayden, Marie Harkins, Lisa McCormack, Cathriona Fitzgerald, Jacqueline O'Connor, Durcey Culleton, Olivia Hayden, Bridget Phelan, Clodagh Dunne, Michelle Larkin, Fiona Hanrahan.



**ILRUANE U-14 'B' COUNTY CHAMPIONS.** Back row (l. to r.): Una Rourke, Denise Comerford, Sinead Gaynor, Hazel Keogh, Bernie Brennan, Catherine Killackey. Front row (l. to r.): Susan Williams, Ciara O'Brien, Debbie Carroll, Jane Quinlan, Donna O'Meara, Eileen Ryan.



**LANNON ROVERS,** Intermediate League winners, 1993, and runners-up in Junior Championship. Back row (l. to r.): Pat Brophy, Regina Darcy, Therese Burke, Ann Hogan, Helen Tierney, Annette Cahalan, Carol Brophy, Lettie Horan (capt.), Bridie Brophy, Helen Fox, Annette Fogarty, Ann Linn, Jamie Burke, Edward Brophy. Front row (l. to r.): Maura Cahalan, Eileen Quinlan, Olive Guest, Michelle Cahalan, Margaret Tierney, Claire Ryan, Cathriona Tierney, Mary Leenane, Teresa Burke. Kneeling: Rita Burke, Eile Sullivan, Linda Sullivan.



**TEMPLEMORE, u-12 'B' County Champions.** Back row (l. to r.): Joanne Carton, Michelle Murphy, Fiona Collins, Michelle Grimes, Martin Bourke (trainer), Eilish Meagher, Aine Keely, Linda Grogan, Elaine Ryan, Sorcha Loughman. Front row (l. to r.): Elizabeth Jones, Ciara O'Shea, Shauna Walsh, Helen Collier, Michelle Purcell (capt.), Norma Maher, Jemiel Devaney, Claire McBride, Laura Carton, Carol Heffernan. Missing from photograph: Edel McDermott.



**DROM-INCH, u-16 County Champions.** Front row (l. to r.): Alice Darcy, Jane Ryan, Louise Delaney, Siobhán Stapleton (capt.), Marie Harkin, Julie Delaney, Joanne Kinnane. Back row (l. to r.): Cathriona Hennessy, Sinead Ryan, Caroline O'Connor, Eileen Ryan, Kathleen Carey, Deirdre O'Connor, Catherine McGrath, Ann Barry, Jacqueline O'Connor, Mary Looby.



## The long road from junior to intermediate

By Martin Kennedy

**H**AVING reached the pinnacle of success in 1992 by winning the junior All-Ireland, we wondered what lay in store for us in the higher intermediate grade in the coming season.

Before the start of the championship we did well in the league with victories over Waterford, Cork, Carlow, Wexford and Limerick until we were beaten 5-8 to 6-6 by Armagh in the semi-final. This was the end of our league run and an easy win by Armagh over Dublin in the final only emphasised what might have been.

We had to wait until August 1st for our intermediate championship to start and the fact that we had to travel up North again, this time to Portaferry, was not greeted with enthusiasm. After a great victory over Down we were beaten by Dublin on a scoreline of 3-12 to 1-10 in the All-Ireland semi-final.

As a consolation we won the inaugural Munster intermediate championship, beating Limerick and Clare along the way. In the final against Clare we won by 4-11 to 1-7 after a great display by all involved.

For the players, trainer John Kennedy and selectors Biddy Phillips and Martin Kennedy it was a good year, keeping the momentum of winning going. This can only bring confidence to this young team.



**DROM-INCH U.14 County Champions and Tipperary Féile na nGael representatives.** Back row (l. to r.) Joanne Kinnane, Denise Ryan, Elizabeth O'Connor, Maureen Egan, Caroline O'Connor, Carriona Hennessy, Deirdre O'Connor, Catherine McGrath, Jacqueline O'Connor, Jennifer Hicks. Front row (l. to r.) Deirdre Delaney, Claire Hoare, Joanne Ryan, Niamh Harkin, Marie Harkin (capt.), Breda McGrath, Jane Ryan, Sara O'Brien.



**THURLES U.16 'B' COUNTY CHAMPIONS** Back (l. to r.) Bernie O'Dowd (trainer), Natalie Butler, Noreen Gooney, Denise Curtis, Lucy McLoughlin, Suzanne Dunne, Yvonne Kearney, Majella Millaney, Fiona O'Donovan, Carol Phillips, Flan Quigley (trainer). Front row (l. to r.) Ursula Ryan, Carriona Moore, Mary Kennedy, Gillian O'Neill (capt.), Reena Fogarty, Louise Curley, Michelle Twomey, Philomena O'Dwyer.



**TIPPERARY INTERMEDIATE TEAM, 1993 who reached the All Ireland semi final.** Back row (l. to r.) Biddy Phillips (selector), Theresa Burke, Maudie Stokes, Triona Bonnar, Ann Gleeson, Claire Madden, Suzanne Kelly, Ailish Delaney, Nora Dwan, Regina O'Meara, Cora Kennedy, Aileen Delaney, John Kennedy (coach). Front row (l. to r.): Martin Kennedy (selector) Deirdre Hughes, Anne Marie Fitzgerald, Marie Ryan, Ann Gleeson (capt.), Helen O'Leary, Noelle Kennedy, Helen Keady, Catherine Burke, Siobhan Cusack.



## Tipperary's four-in-a-row

By Marion Graham

**U**P until 1990 the name Tiobraid Arann had never appeared on the u-18 Munster Cup. From 1990, no other county has been a match for the blue and gold. This surely indicates that camogie in the county is on an upsurge and it will not be long before we are up with the elite of the senior counties.

Padraig Mullins, Patsy Carroll and Richard Horgan were the charge hands this year with the u-18s. They found it very difficult to organise training, as all the players were either involved with the county intermediates, their respective clubs in the championship, or with their schools. However, all the girls were playing camogie at some level and were fit enough; all was needed was a get-together once a week for a 'pep' talk and some light training.

Their first outing was against Waterford in Tramore on September 18th. Waterford provided no challenge whatsoever and none of the Tipperary squad were tested. They came home on a convincing win by 5-18 to 0-0. Cork were their next conquest in the semi-final and this game was played in The Ragg on October 9th. In almost perfect conditions the Tipperary squad again conquered Cork at underage level.

Tipperary got off to a dream start and had 2-2 to their credit inside the opening ten minutes and led at the interval by 2-6 to 0-4. In the second half Cork showed that they never give up and tried tirelessly to penetrate the Tipperary defence and did at one stage come within three points of the Premier team. Tipperary prevailed and



Under-18 Munster champions, Tipperary. Back row (left to right): Padraig Mullins (coach), Ann Barry, Maura Cahalane, Lisa Carroll, Catherine Bourke, Suzanne Kelly, Collette Grace, Olivia Kennedy, Orla Crompton, Patsy Carroll (selector), Richard Horgan (selector). Front row (left to right): Michelle Bulfin, Claire Egan, Aine Hogan, Helen Kiely, Marie Ryan, Aileen Delaney, Noelle Kennedy (capt.), Lisa Breen, Fiona Butler, Dearbhla Quigney, Niamh Bonnar.

came out on top with a score of 3-10 to Cork's 1-9.

Clare provided the opposition for the final and again Drom-Inch provided the pitch and facilities. This game was played on November 7th. Clare had run Tipperary to two points in last year's final and the mentors knew that this Clare team would be no push-over.

On this occasion Tipperary proved much too strong for Clare and recorded their fourth successive title at this level. Superior in skill and sharper in their approach, they played with far greater determination than their subdued opponents. Tipperary had 1-2 clocked up before Clare got their name on the scoreboard. It was a very one-sided first

half and we led by 2-8 to 1-2 at the interval.

In the second half the Tipperary girls were never seriously threatened and never gave an inch. Clare failed to score in the second half where the rampant Tipperary girls added a further five points to their tally.

Team and substitutes: Michelle Bulfin, Aileen Delaney, Suzanne Kelly, Marie Ryan, Claire Egan, Ann Barry, Aine Hogan, Catherine Bourke, Helen Kiely, Lisa Carroll, Maura Cahalan, Ann McGivern, Dearbhla Quigney, Lisa Breen, Fiona Butler, Niamh Bonnar, Orla Crompton, Collette Grace, Olivia Kennedy, Theresa Brophy, Sheila Kyne and Noelle Kennedy (captain).



Toomevara u.12 team - County Championships 1993 (seventh title in a row).



# Toomevara Camogie Club, 1993- from strength to strength

By Deirdre Hughes



Toomevara senior camogie team—Ann Fraser Cup and County Championship winners, 1993. Front row (l. to r.): M. Ryan, N. Kennedy, M. Maxwell, A. Delaney, D. Hughes, A. Gleeson, B. Phelan, M. Stapleton, S. Maxwell. Back row (l. to r.): J. Kennedy (coach), J. Browne, A. Bergin, F. Murphy, R. O'Meara, C. Kennedy, N. Dwan, M. Maxwell, A. Ryan, F. Stead, S. Cusack. (Missing from photograph: Suzanne Kelly).

**L**OOKING back at 1992, it was hard to imagine that the same success could be repeated in 1993, but it was, and the Toomevara Camogie Club can be justified as one of the most successful in Tipperary.

The u-12 girls have certainly set some standard that any team would envy—a famous seventh county title in a row. They defeated Drom-Inch in another thrilling county final, section A. Well done, girls!

Our community games u-13½ team also won another county title, making it five-in-a-row. Those are certainly some

achievements by any standards. The u-14 and u-16 teams did not capture county titles but reached final and semi-final stages, respectively.

Strangely enough, our u-18 team was the one that started the club's activity in 1993 with a county final victory over Burgess back in January 10th. They are presently bidding for two-in-a-row, having already drawn in the final with Drom-Inch in a thrilling game.

## SENIOR GIRLS WIN DOUBLE

Of course, it is the top honour for any club—the senior championship—and it was a great occasion when the Toome' girls

won their second successive title.

Firstly, there was an Ann Fraser victory over Cashel and the question was: could this momentum be kept up? And so to the championship, where Toome' accounted for Cashel and Clonmel relatively easily only to go down to Burgess by a point. This set up a semi-final clash with Burgess on August 29th which saw another relatively easy victory over Burgess. So, it was only three days later, on September 1st, when Toomevara deservedly won their second successive county title, defeating Cashel by a point in what had to be one of the best games of the year.



Toomevara Community Games Team: County Champions 1993



TOOMEVARA U-18 COUNTY CHAMPIONS: County final played on January 10th, 1993. Front row (l. to r.): M. Ryan, S. Kelly, N. Kennedy, T. Young, T. McCormack, A. Delaney, L. Hassett. Back row (l. to r.): J. Kennedy, N. Ryan, M. Maxwell, B. Phelan, S. Sheppard, A. O'Leary, A. Ryan, M. Maxwell, F. Murphy.



## Drom-Inch Camogie Club

By Martin Flynn, P.R.O.

**D**ROM-INCH camogie club was formed in 1967.

The first competition of 1993 was the junior league, which commenced at the end of March in Thurles, who also provided the opposition. A comprehensive victory on this occasion set in motion a winning pattern and further victories over Kilruane-McDonagh and Templemore qualified us for the final against Cashel on the 2nd of May in Cashel. This was a very good game of camogie and Drom-Inch emerged winners by 4-5 to 2-2. Captain Aileen Looby was presented with the John Hogan Cup and after this victory the team set its sights firmly on the junior championship.

Team: Margaret Looby, Catherine McGrath, Caroline O'Connor, Alice Darcy, Sheila Delaney, Ann Barry, Julie Delaney, Aileen Looby (captain), Marie Harkin, Noreen Delaney, Mary Looby, Sinead Ryan, Jacqueline O'Connor, Helen Kiely, Angela Hoban, Deirdre O'Connor, Kathleen Carey, Eileen Ryan, Mary Kinnane.

In the u-14 county championship wins over Bansha, Cashel and Toomevara on a home and away league left us on top of the group and another final meeting with runners-up, Toomevara. The final was played in Borrisoleigh on July 14th and for the second year running the championship returned to Drom-Inch. Marie Harkin received the cup on behalf of the team.

Final team (u-14): Maureen Egan, Denise Ryan, Marie Harkin (capt.), Claire

Hoare, Jane Ryan, Jennifer Hicks, Jacqueline O'Connor, Catherine McGrath, Deirdre O'Connor, Caroline O'Connor, Catriona Hennessy, Joanne Ryan, Joanne Kinnane, Niamh Harkin, Brid McGrath, Sarah O'Brien, Deirdre Delaney, Elizabeth O'Connor.

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The juniors, having won the league earlier in the year, set their sights on the championship and completing the double. This they duly did and on route to the final we overcame Kilruane-McDonagh, Lorrha, Shannon Rovers and Cashel in a replay. In a very keenly contested game against Shannon Rovers in Borrisoleigh we emerged victors by 3-6 to 2-3. Captain Aileen Looby again collected the cup.

Final team: Sheila Delaney, Margaret Looby, Marie Harkin, Aileen Looby, Noreen Delaney, Ann Barry, Mary Kinnane, Sinead Ryan, Alice D'Arcy, Helen Kiely, Jacqueline O'Connor, Mary Looby, Angela Hoban, Kathleen Carey, Siobhan Stapleton, Julie Delaney, Catherine McGrath, Deirdre O'Connor, Catriona Hennessy, Eileen Ryan, Helen Kennedy.

Under-16s: After many fine performances against Kilruane, Roscrea, Toomevara, and a win over Cashel in the semi-final, we faced Fethard in the final in Ballycahill. They showed all their true qualities, winning by 4-11 to 1-3. Siobhan Stapleton was the proud captain of this team.

After Tipperary's defeat of Galway in the All-Ireland minor final there is little

doubt but the standard is very high in this category throughout the county. Four players from the club were part of that victorious All-Ireland team—Mary Looby, Ann Barry, Jacqueline O'Connor and Marie Harkin.

Final team: Deirdre O'Connor, Kathleen Carey, Jane Ryan, Siobhan Stapleton, Marie Harkin, Alice D'Arcy, Anne Barry, Sinead Ryan, Jacqueline O'Connor, Julie Delaney, Catriona Hennessy, Mary Looby, Catherine McGrath, Louise Delaney, Eileen Ryan, Joanne Kinnane.

Our participation in the u-18 championship started in Thurles on the 2nd of October. This was run on a knockout system and we eliminated Thurles, Templemore and Fethard. Again we faced Toomevara in the final on October 31st in The Ragg, a draw being a fair result on the day in a tough entertaining game, later described by the Co. Chairman, Eamonn Browne, "as the best game he had seen in years". The replay is due for November 13th and is eagerly awaited by all. Noreen Delaney has been the captain of this team throughout the year. Helen Kiely was a member of the Tipperary team that won the Munster u-18 final this year.

Team: Deirdre O'Connor, Noreen Delaney, Helen Kennedy, Aileen Looby, Marie Harkin, Sinead Ryan, Alice D'Arcy, Ann Barry, Jacqueline O'Connor, Julie Delaney, Helen Kiely, Mary Looby, Catherine McGrath, Mary Kinnane, Angela Hoban, Catriona Hennessy, Jane Ryan, Kathleen Carey, Eileen Ryan, Siobhan Stapleton.



Drom-Inch, Junior Champions and League winners, 1993. Back row (l. to r.): Catriona Hennessy, Mary Kinnane, Sheila Delaney, Sinead Ryan, Deirdre O'Connor, Eileen Ryan, Kathleen Carey, Caroline O'Connor, Catherine McGrath, Anne Barry, Jacqueline O'Connor, Mary Looby. Front row (l. to r.): Jane Ryan, Margaret Looby, Angela Hoban, Alice Darcy, Aileen Looby (capt.), Siobhan Stapleton, Julie Delaney, Marie Harkin, Noreen Delaney, Joanne Kinnane, Louise Delaney. Missing from photograph: Helen Kiely, Helen Kennedy.



# Schools Camogie

By Martin Quirke

**T**HE year 1993 was another step forward in the growth of camogie in our schools. Presentation/Patrician School, Fethard, were the winners of the u-16 championship, defeating Presentation, Thurles, in the final.

Dinny Burke has done great work with these girls and it will not be long until they put their name on a Munster trophy. Padraig Carroll will be hoping to go one step further with Presentation, Thurles, in 1994.

In the u-14 blitz held in May, St. Joseph's of Borrisoleigh marked their first year in schools camogie with victory in the B section. This is a school that a lot more will be heard about in the future and I am sure Olivia Kennedy will be hoping for a good run in the u-16 championship. In section A of the u-14 competition Our Lady's, Templemore, defeated the Ursuline School of Thurles. Here again Teresa Brennan is doing great work and the future looks very promising. Ann Kenny of the Ursuline, Thurles, had a fine u-14 team and with a bit more experience her girls will add their name to one of our trophies.

As secretary of the school's board, I would like at this stage to thank all the teachers in all the schools that participated for the great work they are doing. Our motto is 'participation' and the attitude of all schools that take part reflects this motto. Thanks also to our referees, but we need more. The camogie county board has given its full backing to the promotion of camogie in the schools and their support is appreciated. GAA clubs and divisional boards have given support through donations and provision of fields and this is also a great help.

What of 1994—the omens are good. We have sixteen schools involved for '94. Along with our u-14 and u-16 competitions we are beginning a senior competition. New schools are joining all the time and the standard of the other schools is rising. For example, of the last eight teams through to the Munster senior schools championship this year, four of them are Tipperary schools. A sure sign of growth.

The future looks bright, but the work has only just begun. We must keep our emphasis on skills and with this in mind I strongly encourage all schools to get a few copies of the new coaching manual—it is excellent. We must also tackle the problem of scarcity of referees. Here all schools can help by putting two girls' names forward for training as referees.

The best of luck to all schools participating in our 1994 competitions. You are doing great work.



Our Lady's Secondary School, Templemore, Munster U-15 'B' Champions, 1993. Front (l. to r.): Grace Ormond, Paula Stapleton, Bernadette Ryan, Maria Harkin, Jackie Carroll, Eileen Ryan, Caroline Ormond, Paula Stapleton, Bernadette Ryan, Maria Harkin, Jackie Carroll, Eileen Ryan, Caroline Ormond. Back (l. to r.): Teresa Brennan (coach), Jackie O'Connor, Tara Hegan, Maria O'Connor, Deirdre Foy. Back (l. to r.): Teresa Brennan (coach), Jackie O'Connor, Tara Hegan, Maria O'Connor, Deirdre Foy. Back (l. to r.): Teresa Brennan (coach), Jackie O'Connor, Tara Hegan, Maria O'Connor, Deirdre Foy. Back (l. to r.): Teresa Brennan (coach), Jackie O'Connor, Tara Hegan, Maria O'Connor, Deirdre Foy.



Patrician Presentation, Fethard, winners of u-16 schools championship. Back row (l. to r.): Denis Burke (trainer), Deirdre O'Meara, Ann-Marie Murphy, Leanne Burke, Noelle Murphy, Marie Morrissey, Jennifer Fogarty, Emily Sayers, Ailish Sheehan, Kay Spillane, Elaine O'Connell. Front row (l. to r.): Bernice Horgan, Annette McCarthy, Linn McCarthy, Sharon Lawson (capt.), Olivia Phelan, Gwen Cooke, Caroline Fitzgerald.



St. Joseph's College, Borrisoleigh, winners of u-14 camogie competition. Back row (l. to r.): Principal, Padraig O'Shea, Marguerite Ryan, Mary Kelly, Sinead Ryan, Julie Delaney, Christine Ryan, Siobhan Maxwell, Joanne Kinane, Carol Walsh, Jennifer Hicks, Olivia Kennedy (teacher). Front row (l. to r.): Caitriona Maxwell, Marie O'Meara, Mary Looby, Mairead Kennedy, Ailish Kennedy.



Our Lady's Secondary School, Templemore, u-14 'A' winners. Back row (l. to r.): Caroline O'Connor, Maria Bourke, Jane Collins, Helen Grogan, Paula Butler, Niamh Buckley, Jackie O'Connor, Catherine Deran, Laura Bohan. Front row (l. to r.): Deirdre Foy, Monica O'Reilly, Deirdre O'Connor, Paula Stapleton (capt.), Eileen Ryan, Maria Harkin, Grace Ormond, Catherine Cahill.



## SANDY FITZGIBBON

THE  
CORK INSPIRATIONBy MARY  
NEWMAN McCARTHY

ON being asked to compile an article on Sandie Fitzgibbon it seemed an easy task, but when I came to do it! Well, what can one say about Sandie that has not already been said. An outstanding sportsperson who, to me, would indeed be worthy of the tag "Supreme Sportsperson". Indeed Sandie is a lady, a great club member and most of all, a friend.

Sandie began her camogie career when her older sister, Cecilia, introduced her to Glen Rovers. Cecilia gave many years of service to the club winning the U-18 championship as well as representing the county at minor level. At the very young age of 9 years Sandie's potential was spotted and club chairperson, Nora Newman recalls "The very first match she played with the club I knew a star was born. The game was versus Na Piarsaigh and it was in the U-18 grade. Sandie was quite small, yet her ability was very plain to be seen, she was playing at corner forward and had even then an ability to read the game".

Féile na nGael 1976 was held in Cork and here Sandie came to prominence when she played with Glen Rovers, whilst not winning as they were defeated by Buffer's Alley in the semi-final, Sandie caught the eye of the club's senior selectors and was drafted on to their panel for the following season.

The club was in the process of rebuilding, having gone through lean times following their great exploits of the 60s. In 1978 Sandie made her debut with the senior side, when she came on as a substitute in a championship game. Since then she has been a regular and has helped Glen Rovers to many honours.

Sandie holds 7 Cork Senior County

Championship medals, the first won in 1983, when the club made their big breakthrough with victory after a lapse of 15 years. The holder of 3 All-Ireland club championship medals won in '86, '90 and '92, she also holds 6 Munster club honours.

Sandie has also given outstanding service to the county and is the holder of All-Ireland medals at minor and senior level. History was made in 1980 when Sandie Fitzgibbon became the first player to win 3 All-Ireland minor medals, won in '78, '79 and '80. Progression to the senior panel was inevitable and in 1982 Sandie Fitzgibbon won the first of her 4 All-Ireland senior medals, won in '82, '83, '92 and '93. After being, on the winning sides of '82 and '83 and then having being on the receiving end of so many defeats at the hands of Kilkenny, it was surely very fitting that Sandie Fitzgibbon led Cork back onto the victory rostrum when the 1992 All-Ireland title was won in such splendid fashion.

A great captain and leader, Sandie turned in a magnificent display to help her team take the title, indeed such was her display that she was honoured as National Irish Bank Camogie player of the year, added to that was the Jury's Sports award for September, all fitting tributes to a player who gave her all.

Sandie also led Cork to National League honours in 1992, the first time that the National League and All-Ireland double has been achieved by a Cork side. Many Gael-Linn honours with Munster are also amongst her vast collection, however captaining the province to victory in 1992 must have been very special.

Sandie Fitzgibbon is not alone a camogie

player, she is also an international basketball player and has won many honours with her club. A member of the Lee Strand club, Tralee, Sandie travels regularly to games and training sessions. Previously having played with Blarney she had the honour of captaining the club to National League honours and also led the club the year they won the big four. To have managed to excel at one sport is hard, but the achievement of Sandie, who manages to play camogie and basketball at the top level, is unique.

Sandie's commitment to Glen Rovers and Lee Strand is 100%. She attends every game and training session and indeed has often played an important game in both codes on the one day without as much as a break in stride. In 1990 Sandie travelled to Swatragh, Co. Derry to play with Glen Rovers in the All-Ireland club semi-final. On the way up, she stopper over in Galway to play an important basketball game. After the camogie game she flew to the U.S.A. and was on international basketball duty for 10 days, arriving back in Cork on Thursday, she lined out for her basketball club in a local game and on the Sunday helped Glen Rovers to one of their most historic victories in the All-Ireland club final, versus St. Paul's, Kilkenny, played at Nowlan Park where she gave another breathtaking performance.

As somebody who has been close to Sandie over a number of years as a club selector, and officer at club and county level, I sometimes look at her and feel tired, she has an abundance of energy and her level of fitness is a credit to her dedication.

One of her neighbours recently told me that Sandie is never seen without either a hurley and/or a gear bag, as she is constantly on the go to matches and training. Sandie plays at centre-back for Glen Rovers and she plays as an attacking defender, frequently turning defence into attack with one sweeping movement. To quote a paragraph from the "Evening Echo" report of last year's All-Ireland club camogie final "Sandie Fitzgibbon performed like a ballerina across the muddy pitch, plucking balls out of the air and driving the Rathmore girls back time and time again with her lengthy clearances".

The support Sandie receives from her mother Kathleen, her 6 sisters and brother, Michael, is a great help to her. Her late father, Paddy, was also a keen sportsman, having played soccer and was also a great fan of his daughters, Cecilia and Sandie, when they commenced their camogie careers.

Sandie Fitzgibbon's dedication to sport and in particular to her club and county are to be applauded and she is an example to all aspiring youngsters.



## MARY MORAN ... ON A

# SIDEBOARD FULL OF SILVERWARE

**N**INETEEN-NINETY-TWO was always going to be a hard act to follow. The sideboard full of silverware at the end of the season included the O'Duffy Cup, the National Senior League Cup, the Gael-Linn Cup and the All-Ireland Club championship trophy.

Coach Joe McGrath and selectors Miriam Murphy, Marie Ryan and Marion Sweeney were returned en bloc with a mission of achieving back to back titles with the senior side. The experimental format of fifteen aside teams on a full sized GAA pitch was in operation for the National League.

With the exception of Therese O'Callaghan, who was recovering from a broken leg, Cork had a full panel of players available and quickly settled into their stride. In the opening game of the League, Cork registered a facile win over a Wexford side which was experiencing difficulty in coming to grips with the disappointments of the previous season.

Dublin suffered a 4-24 to 0-3 hiding at the hands of Cork in the second round of the National League. The margin of victory leads me to believe that the experimental game favours the stronger side. A weaker team would appear to have a better chance of containing the opposition on the standard sized camogie pitch.



Kilkenny showed little interest when Cork travelled for the last game in their group to Ballyraggett. A number of Kilkenny players opted for club games rather than face the Rebel County. However, with two teams to qualify from the group the result was academic. Fiona O'Driscoll, Linda Mellerick, Colette O'Mahony and Irene O'Keefe scored some great points in Cork's 2-20 to 2-5 win.

Down proved to be no obstacle in the semi-final. The mood was very different when Cork returned to Ballyraggett for the League Final. With the exception of exam-tied Sinead Millea, all the Kilkenny players were on duty. They played with great flair, determination and will-to-win and deservedly recaptured the League title.

The opening rounds of the All-Ireland Senior Championship went on predictable lines. Kilkenny named Nowlan Park as the venue for the eagerly awaited showdown with Cork at the semi-final stage. The large crowd enjoyed a keenly contested first half with some excellent scores from both sides. But all the drama was contained in the second period. Time and again it looked as if Kilkenny were about to draw away from Cork. But

● **CORK CAPTAIN**, Linda Mellerick, proudly holds aloft the All-Ireland trophy after leading her team to victory in the '92 senior camogie final.



● **Glen Rivers** - Cork County and All-Ireland Club Champions 1993. Back row (left to right): Anne Delaney (selector), Mary Newman (selector), Deirdre Coleman (treasurer), Mary Carrid, Linda Mellerick, Claire McCarthy, Helena Mullin (selector), Ann Lornegan, Lynn Dundee, Deirdre McCarthy, Yvonne McCarthy, Mairead O'Leary, Noel Lynnam, (coach), Nora Newman, (chairman). Front row (left to right): Mary Ring, Trisha Murphy, Denise Cronin, Fiamh Twomey, Therese O'Callaghan, Diane Deane, Gee McCarthy, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Una Horgan, Marie Deane and Mandy Kenefick.



# CORK YEARBOOK



●CORK:- 1993 All-Ireland Senior Champions. Front: Colette O'Mahony, Irene O'Keefe, Denise Cronin, Linda Mellerick (Capt.), Paula Grogan, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Mags Finn and Fiona O'Driscoll. Back: Rose Desmond, Patricia Murphy, Breda Kenny, Therese O'Callaghan, Kathleen Cantine, Lyn Dunlea, Stephanie Dunlea, Liz O'Neill and Liz Towler.

each time they edged a few points clear, Cork's Colette O'Mahony hauled them back with an excellent display of close-range free taking. One might have expected Colette to try for a goal on one occasion but never three times. But without any sign of nerves she faced a crowded Kilkenny goal and drilled the ball to the back of the net to score three goals.

With minutes ticking away, indications were that Kilkenny's top class display of point scoring would win the day. In the last minute of play, substitute Lyn Dunlea gained possession some yards from the Kilkenny goal, she was immediately surrounded by Kilkenny defenders and shepherded away from goal. Somehow she got in her shot and the ball flew beyond Marie Fitzpatrick to the Kilkenny net. The finest game of camogie seen at the venue for many a day ended Cork 5-10 Kilkenny 2-18.

Half an hour after the final whistle, the players were still on the pitch. The Cork girls savoured the moment while the Kilkenny squad stood in shock. It was a particularly sweet victory for Cork who had been pipped at the post by Kilkenny so often in the past.



A youthful Galway side with an average age of twenty-three, overcame Wexford in the second semi-final to qualify for their first final in thirty-two years. The majority of the Galway side were former college stars at St. Raphael's, Loughrea. Their school coach, Cyril Farrell, had taken over the county team and instilled great confidence in the side.

Against the backdrop of a partially demolished Cusack Stand, Galway were far from overawed by the occasion. Showing enthusiasm and skill, they kept in step with Cork for three-quarters of the match. However, the vast experience of Sandie Fitzgibbon, Colette O'Mahony, Linda Mellerick, Liz Towler, Breda Kenny and Therese O'Callaghan was seen to good effect as Cork drew clear.

Lyn Dunlea rounded off a tremendous three month spell by helping herself to 2-1 in her first senior final. In a short space of time, Lyn collected Cork senior, Munster junior and All-Ireland senior medals. In doing so, the twenty-year-old scored three vital goals for the seniors and a bag full of scores for the junior side before being upgraded.

From the time Finbarr O'Neill took over the Cork junior team things started to improve. They strung a few wins together to qualify for the play-off stages of the National Junior League. However, Galway, with Claire Lynch in devastating form put an end to their gallop.



Cork clicked in the first round of the Munster Championship when they overran a Limerick side coached by Eamonn Cregan, by 6-13 to 2-8. Tipperary and Clare, who field their second strings in this competition, were next to fall as Cork regained the Munster title last held in 1989.

Galway travelled to Ballincollig for the All-Ireland Junior semi-final. Both counties had lost their top scorer, Lyn Dunlea (Cork) and Claire Lynch (Galway) to their senior teams. In a low scoring game, Cork struggled to put scores on the board and had no answer when Martina Harkin found the Cork net.

Fielding ten newcomers, the Cork Minors made a bright start against Wexford in the Munster Championship and advanced comfortably by 8-12 to 0-1. Next on the list was a meeting with All-Ireland champions, Tipperary at The Ragg. A torrential downpour made conditions extremely difficult but the players made a tremendous effort and finished all square.

The Junior Certificate disrupted training and the momentum was lost. Cork failed to regain the momentum they reached in the drawn game and conceded by 4-10 to 3-6. However, the team included many names to watch out for in the future including Viv Harris, Mary O'Connor, Gill Hannon, Patricia Doyle, Linda O'Sullivan, Ellen Clifford and Nicola O'Leary.



Glen Rovers won their nineteenth Cork Senior Championship in style. They gave a flawless display against luckless Na Piarsaigh in the county final. Totally in control throughout the field, the talented Glen side turned the contest into an exhibition.

The Glen had an equally easy victory over Mullagh of Galway in the All-Ireland Club Championship, the highlight being Lyn Dunlea's feat of scoring 3 goals in a five minute spell.

1993 holds happy memories for Brian Dillons who won the Intermediate Championship and gained senior status, Kilbrittain, the under 18 champions and Inniscarra, Under 16 champions. Cork RTC collected the Meagher Shield, Aghabullogue won the Cork Feile and Sinead Crowley represented Cork in the National Feile Skills.



# Fiona O'Driscoll

CORK  
CAMOGIE  
STAR



and  
a  
Committed  
Pioneer

**1992** proved a year of glittering triumph for Cork camogie. The success of the senior team in the championship decider ended a barren nine year spell. Cork had suffered most at the hands of a wonderful Kilkenny team who dominated the All Ireland series during the past ten years. However, all good things come to an end and in the most recent championship campaign, Kilkenny came a cropper against Cork in the opening round. This signalled a change in the destination of

the O'Duffy Cup. Cork's All Ireland winning team featured a number of experienced campaigners who combined with a number of new young starlets. One such prodigy is 20 year old Fiona O'Driscoll from the Fr O'Neill's Camogie club in the parish of Ballymacoda/Ladysbridge, in East Cork. Fiona's exceptional talent was first noticed at underage level and her ability had prompted many observers to predict that one day she would become a Cork Senior star. Few though would have

expected that just a few short months after her twentieth birthday, Fiona would star on the greatest stage of them all - Croke Park on All-Ireland final day.

## Introduction to Camogie

As a pupil in second class at Kilcredan National School, Fiona was first introduced to the game of camogie by her teacher Aileen Barry. Originally selected as a goalkeeper with her club, Fiona was switched to centrefield when the game was swinging against her team



in a local championship tie. The transformation was amazing and the journey from Junior club action to all Ireland Senior success was underway. In 1985, Fiona was the star performer in the club's County Junior triumph and within two years the elevation had followed to senior ranks. The club success led to greater exposure for individual players, many of whom were now coming under the microscope of County selectors. In this period Fiona won three successive Munster titles with the County Minor team and actually captained the side in 1988. A year on, she played on the Cork Junior side and also won provincial honours with Munster.

Whilst all this hectic action was happening on the field, Fiona was also preparing to sit her examinations at St Mary's High School, Middleton. The school team, helped by Fiona's massive contribution of two goals and six points in the final, won the Munster title in 1991. With the completion of her leaving certificate exam, it was off across the county bounds to Thomond College in Limerick and the pursuit of her studies in PE.

### Taking the Pledge

During all this sporting success, Fiona still managed to spend much of her spare

time in the company of her parents, Sean and Joan, and her three younger brothers at home in Knochadoon near Ballymacoda. The area features a very tightly knit community and has a number of local groups and organisations. Having taken the Probationer's pledge at Confirmation, Fiona became impressed with the activities of the local Pioneer group and in particular, the leadership qualities of individuals such as Carmel Shanahan.

At sixteen, Fiona became a full pioneer and since then has played an active and vibrant role in the activities of her local organisation. Social activities, quizzes, and trips to such places as Trabolgan Holiday Centre and Cork Opera House are regular occurrences. No doubt the example shown by her mother Joan, who has a silver pioneer pin, made a striking impression on Fiona!

### Make Your Mind Up

So, what about the pressures associated with social nights out and the temptation to break the pledge? Fiona says, "everybody should make up their own mind, I've decided not to drink and I want to stick to it.

Being involved with teams tends to prompt people not to pressure me to

drink. Colette O'Mahony, my colleague on the Cork team, is another Pioneer".

### Treasured Moments

As a new season dawns on the camogie fields, Fiona looks back on the past year which provided her with her most treasured moments. The wonderful advice passed on earlier in her career by club officials Aidan Swayne, Patrick O'Donoghue, Anne Marie and Dan Griffin were vital assets as Fiona set out to emulate the feats of her favourite players, Kilkenny's Angela Downey and Cork's Sandy Fitzgibbon. Antrim, like Kilkenny, were beaten by Cork en route to the All-Ireland decider with Wexford which was a very special occasion for Fiona's family and indeed all associated with her home club. Fiona's excellent display against the Slaneysiders was further proof of her outstanding ability and she now looks set to command a regular place on the county team for many years to come.

### A Fairytale Year

The fairytale of last year is now firmly in the shade and thoughts are again turning to retaining the O'Duffy Cup. "It would be great to make it two in a row for Cork and I would also dearly like to help Fr O'Neill's win the county championship", says Fiona. Success breeds success and Fiona's achievements in 1992 could well be the springboard to a wonderful career.

With her total dedication, extreme by modest and realistic attitude, Fiona is certainly well equipped to reap many more rewards, not alone on the camogie field but in all aspects of life.



Fiona O'Driscoll in action.

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