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Twenty years of winning

TWENTY years after she first played Camogie, Cork and Glen Rovers camogie star Sandie Fitzgibbon continues to pick up the awards.

Yesterday at a reception in Dublin, sponsored by the National Irish Bank, Sandie was chosen as the camogie player of the year for 1995.

The award was presented by Mary Donohoe, Manager of the Donnybrook branch of the National Irish Bank. It is her second time winning this prestigious event. She also won it in 1992.

Last year she played a starring role as Cork lifted the O'Duffy Cup for the 17th time when they defeated arch rivals Kilkenny in a classic All-Ireland final at Croke Park.

1992 was the greatest year in her career when she captained Cork to the league and championship double; captained Munster to win the Gael-Linn interprovincial championship, and led Glen Rovers to county, Munster and All-Ireland club successes.



Sandie Fitzgibbon (right) being presented with her award by Mary Donohoe, Branch Manager, National Irish Bank and Dave Guiney.

Quarter final time for under the 18s

ON the playing front three-quarter finals of the under-18 championship are down for decision on Monday while on the same day Glen Rovers and Aghabullogue are in opposition in a first round u-18 championship game.

On Tuesday night Eire Og and Carrigaline will meet to decide the destination of the under-16 'B' league title for 1995.

In the first of the under-18 quarter-finals St. Finbarr's are at home to Kilbrittain and this promises to be a very close contest.

Both teams easily accounted for their opponents in their first round games but on this occasion the outcome is expected to be much closer.

Barrs are favoured with a home venue but players like Natasha Nash, Ellen Clifford, Barbara Ann Corcoran and Joanne Browne will really have to be at their best if they are to overcome what is expected to be a very strong Kilbrittain side.

Dillons make the journey to

CAMOGIE FOCUS

Ballinspittle to play the home side Courcy Rovers and here the city side who have fine performers in Sabrina Buckley, Sarah Mongan and Jackie O'Sullivan will be expected to have a slight edge on a Courcy side that will be looking mainly to players like Sarah Hayes, Claire Murphy and Rachel Moloney to carry them through.

Great

In the final quarter-final game Mayfield are at home to Barryroe. Mayfield have been showing great form of late and it certainly would be no surprise if they were to advance again on this occasion.

In the only other under-18 game listed Glen Rovers travel to Coachford to play the home team Aghabullogue and this could be a close affair.

On form Aghabullogue will be slightly favoured but they will certainly not get things easy

from a city side that can call on players like Karen Riordan and Tina King.

On Tuesday night the clash of Eire Og and Carrigaline in the under-16 'B' league final promises to be a great contest.

Both these sides met in the semi-final of the championship when it took two games to separate the sides and Tuesday's game is expected to be no different with another very close contest on the cards.

Carrigaline defeated by Ballygarvan in the championship final will no doubt be very anxious to make amends on this occasion and on form will probably be slightly favoured.

They have fine players in Emma Greene, Clodagh Fitzgerald, Donna Jones and Suzanne McCarthy and if these girls produce the goods they could have the edge on an Eire Og side that will look mainly to players like Deirdre Healy and Deirdre O'Sullivan to carry them through. What ever outcome it promises to be a great contest.

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Camogie World

by P.J. Fulham

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Annual Congress Takes Place



Ardruaí Síle De Bhallis

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SUCCESSFUL MONAGHAN CAMOGIE ANNUAL GALA BUFFET

The presence of National Camogie President, Belle O'Loughlin, Honorary Presidents, Mary Lynch and Bernadette Byrne, Chairperson of Ulster Council, Tom Monaghan, Chairperson of Monaghan GAA Board, Aidan Quigley and representatives from every camogie club in the county, all contributed to making the recent Annual Gala Buffet an unqualified success. Mention must immediately be made of Mrs Ann Driver and the staff of the Westerra Arms Hotel whose warm hospitality, personalised decor and delightful cuisine really impressed all those present.

In welcoming the National President to Monaghan, the Bean an Ti pointed out how, despite a very pressing schedule, Belle O'Loughlin has always made

herself available to meet, advise and help those involved in the promotion and development of camogie. "Accessibility must surely be the hallmark of her Presidency", it was stated. Tom Monaghan's quest to have a Provincial Development Plan draw up, together with Development Committees established in each county, was highlighted in his introduction and he was wished well as he embarks on this third term of office as Cathaoirleach Comhairle Uladh. During the course of the evening, the camogie careers of former National President Mary Lynch and Bernadette Byrne, Monaghan's Honorary Presidents, were documented. Both women played with UCD and earned Ashbourne Cup medals. In the early 1960's Mary Lynch devoted an enormous amount of time to reviving camogie in Monaghan. In addition to administering, playing, refereeing and helping out with the county teams, she also served on committees both at provincial and national level. She had the distinction of being the first camogie official to referee All-Ireland at 3 different grades - Senior, Junior and Minor. In 1977 she was deservedly credited with coming up with the winning formula that lifted the Ulster Junior title, beating Armagh in the final. That same year the Minor team which she had also helped manage, won the Ulster Minor Championship. In 1985 she became National Camogie President, a position she held until 1988. She continues to remain actively involved, primarily at national level, and is currently a Trustee of the Camogie Association. Bernadette Byrne had a very colourful playing career. She was chosen to represent her county on the first ever Ulster team, in the inaugural inter provincial match, against Leinster, played at Navan, County Meath in 1954. Although Ulster was defeated on this occasion the Meath GAA Board marked the significance of the occasion by presenting each team with a set of Senior Championship football medals. Thus Bernadette added a football medal to her growing collection of camogie medals! As well as her playing and refereeing career, Bernadette is also a former Chairperson of Ulster Council and served on several committees both at provincial and national level. She still gives of her time to referee underage camogie matches, but more importantly she has always been generous with her encouragement, advice and assistance, particularly in relation to the Monaghan Board. Quoting from Una Bn Uí Phuirséil in the 1971 edition of 'Camogie', the Bean an Ti outlined how Una stressed the need to have qualified coaches visiting the primary schools in order to nurture our national sports - particularly camogie. Aidan Quigley and Monaghan GAA Board's response to this plea, albeit 25 years later, would surely have delighted Una. Last summer Monaghan GAA in conjunction with FAS, initiated the Monaghan Development Committee, which currently has 14 coaches working in 60 schools. The committee co-ordinator, Michelle Murphy, was also welcomed to Saturday's function. In addition to the presentations made to the above mentioned guests, captains of the various winning teams received their trophies as follows: Michelle McConville, Castleblayney, winners of the Senior Blitz, All County League, Shield and Senior Championship. Catherine Mulligan, Castleblayney, winners of the Under 21 Championship. Marion Corrigan, Scotstown, winners of the Intermediate Championship. Ann-Marie Fee, Inniskeen, winners of the Junior Championship and Minor League. Orla Mulligan, Castleblayney, winners of the Under 18 and Minor Championship. Mackey Rooney received a presentation on behalf of his son Aonghus, who last year won the National Finals of CCD in the Instrumental Section. The final presentations were made to a number of camogie players who completed the Camogie Skills Foundation Coaching Course last summer. These girls will complete level 1 Coaching Course in June 1996.

The recipients were as follows: Mary Maguire, Fiona Brady, Sandra Treanor, Joan Sherry, Antoinette Maguire, Marietta Sherry and Majella Meehan, all from the Truagh club. Aoife Callan and Mary Deery from the Inniskeen club and Mary McCabe and Noeleen Crosby from the Naomh Eanna Club, were also honoured. The night concluded with a very lively, enjoyable disco courtesy of Fabian Murphy, Emyvale.



Members of the Cork U-18 panel pictured at a victory social in St. Vincent's GAA Club.

Enjoyable function

A VERY enjoyable function was held recently at St. Vincent's Club. The occasion was to celebrate Cork's success in last season's Munster and All-Ireland Championship and the Munster u-18 championship.

● The guests of honour on the night were the members of the Cork senior and under-18 teams as well as their respective coaches Tom Nott [Senior]; Jerry O'Shea [under-18] and selectors.

● The Cathaoirleach of the Cork Camogie Board Sheila Golden welcomed all present and praised the members of the victorious teams and their mentors on what was a very successful year for Cork camogie.

FIXTURES

Monday, April 8
Under-18 Championship - St. Finbarr's v Kilbrannigan at St. Finbarr's at 5 p.m. Ref. M. Byrne. Mayfield v Barryroe at Mayfield at 4 p.m. (Ref. L. Zinkant). Courcy Rovers v Brian Dillon's at Courcy Rovers at 3 o'clock. Ref. Mary McSweeney. Glen Rovers v Aghabullogue at Aghabullogue at 6 p.m. Ref. Inniscarra.

Tuesday, April 9
Under-16 'B' League Final 1995 - Eire Og v Carrigrohane

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Maguire Cup: Tyrone 3-4, Donegal 2-4.
Down 5-18; Monaghan 2-8. Antrim 2-9;
Derry 1-3. Ulster Minor League: Tyrone
7-4; Donegal 0-1. Antrim 2-0; Derry 1-2.
Down 4-8; Monaghan 2-3. Armagh 5-6;
Cavan 4-0. Pen Celtic Festival Finals
U16A: Burgess (Tipperary) 2-8; Toomevara
(Tipperary) 1-2. U16B: Salthill (Galway)
5-5; Croke Killinney (Limerick) 2-1. Senior
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Cork 3-2. Senior B: Craughwell (Galway)
5-9; Eire Og (Cork) 0-2.

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It was the night that the 'pocket rocket' was floored

By John Knox

IT WAS perhaps the only occasion in her illustrious career when heroine of heroines Angela Downey-Browne was completely out-foxed, and was left breathless by the cunning opposition.

It took a lot of luck to carry it off successfully. Dozens of people had to pull together just to get the idea off the grounds. But the ability of over 400 guests to keep a secret backfired somewhat, because over 600 turned up on the night.

Still, it all worked a treat, and when the seven months pregnant Mrs. Downey-Browne walked unsuspectingly into the Springhill hotel on Saturday she hadn't a clue.

She didn't even realise what was going on when she was handed the famous 'This Is Your Life' book with her name sprawled across the front. But when she was walked into a darkened main functions room and it lit up to the thunderous applause of 600 well wishers, reality dawned at last.

Boxer Wayne McCullough may be the current holder of the 'pocket rocket' crown, but

Kilkenny had the title before him. And the big hitting setter, a 12 times All-Ireland senior camogie medal winner, was floored on Saturday, metaphorically speaking, of course.

The queen

Perched in a red leather chair on a stage at the top of the room, perhaps the greatest player ever was, for once, in her camogie place, friends, colleagues and former competitive foes came to pay homage to the Queen of ancient game.

There were funny stories

and incidents galore. There were serious moments recalled too. And through it all the respect and admiration all and sundry had for the free scoring forward shone through.

Referee Mariam Higgins-Murphy captured the essence of the night with an amusing tale of what it was like trying to officiate at a game involving Angela and her twin, Ann Downey, who was one of the chief organisers of the event.

"It was like refereeing in stereo", Mrs. Higgins-Murphy recalled with a smile. "You were hearing it from Angela in one ear, and you were hearing it from Ann in the other. And whatever either of them missed, Shem (the girls' father) spotted".

Cork colleen, Mary McCarthy spoke about how delighted she was to be present at a function marking Angela Downey-Browne's retirement from the inter-county game.

No comeback

"This is great", she assured. And after taking a short, sharp breath she laughed: "Because not even Angela would have

the neck to make a comeback after a send off like this".

Thirteen times All-Ireland senior medal winner from Dublin, Una O'Connor was present, as were Mary O'Leary (Cork), Elsie Cody (Kilkenny and Wexford), Sean Silke and Joe Cooney (Galway), Camogie Association President, Belle O'Loughlin, Dublin's Ann Condon, who reckoned she would be three All-Ireland winners medals richer if it weren't for one Angela Downey and scores more from all corners of the country.

Philisity Lewis, who hails from John street, even flew in from London to pay her respects to a camogie genius she adored.

They came from far and near to worship at the altar of the great one, and MC Michéal O'Mhuirheartaigh displayed near magical versatility to keep the function bouncing along at a merry pace, and in an interesting fashion.

The priests, Frs. Donal Roberts and Frank Murphy who married Angela and Athea man, Ted Browne were

on hand. Indeed, Fr. Roberts recalled the night Angela landed his unsuspecting mother with a 30-strong party of camogie people from Maynooth University.

All wrong

"Don't you come from this area, sure we will stay in your house", Fr. Roberts recalled he was told the night planned accommodation in Cork went all wrong and the group had nowhere to stay. Downey sorted that one out in double quick time!

The Downey twins were born on June 1, 1957 to Shem and the late nurse Brigid Downey from Castle street, Ballyragget. They were the heaviest twins born in St. Luke's hospital up to that time.

The girls had a grá for the camán, and their hurling star dad was not low to provide camogie sticks. They received further encouragement from Mrs. Mary Ruth, mother of former Kilkenny star, Matt, while students at Ballyragget national school.

Angela started her secondary education in the Presentation convent, Castlecom-

er and she won a Leinster junior championship with the school.

Her two final years in secondary school were spent as a boarder in St. Brigid's college, Callan.

She narrowly missed winning an All-Ireland senior championship with the school, losing in the final against Athenry.

Further disappointment followed when Angela commenced her third level education at Maynooth University. Every Ashbourne Cup final she was involved in her team lost by one point.

Bag full

At club level Angela played with the famous St. Paul's, and gained a bag full of honours. On the inter-county stage she contested her first senior final in 1972, but Cork downed the Cats.

However, there was compensation in 1974 when Kilkenny registered their first Duffy Cup victory after a replay. The first chapter was written in one of the most remarkable success stories ever.

Angela met her future hus-

band, Ted Browne when she went to work at Thomastown vocational school, and they were married on August 7, 1984.

Once started, the Kilkenny camogie express was an unstoppable thoroughbred and trainers, Pierce Malone, Georgie Leahy, Brendan O'Sullivan and Tom Ryan guided the girls to a staggering succession of victories.

Angela Downey-Browne's take include - 12 senior All-Irelands, including 7 in-a-row between 1984 and '91; 7 All-Ireland club championships (6 with St. Paul's, one with Lisdowney); numerous county titles, Gael Linn and National League medals; Texaco award 1986; 5 Hotel Kilkenny - Kilkenny People monthly awards and two annual Supreme Awards; 5 Smithwick awards; 3 Gradam Tailte awards; RTE player of the match; 4 B & I player of the year awards; National Irish Bank player of year and Kilkenny Supporters Club awards.

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Travelled

Through her involvement in camogie, Angela has trav-

elled to many parts of the globe, including New York, San Francisco, Canada, England and the Isle of Man.

Members of the hard working committee who organised the function were Sheila Dowling (chairperson Camogie Board); Noelle O'Driscoll (secretary); Ann Downey; Ann Marie Hughes; Mary Fennelly; Mary McCorry; Pat Treacy (PRO); Barry Henriques, who scripted the 'This Is Your Life' book and Breda Ryan.

On behalf of the 'Board, Mrs. Downey-Browne was presented with a Waterford Crystal lamp. Building contractor, Pat McCorry helped sponsor the night, including a Mosses dinner service which was presented to Angela.

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Amazing Angela... Kilkenny's camogie superstar Angela Downey-Browne is overcome by amazement as she views the array of presents given to her by Kilkenny County Camogie Board during the 'This Is Your Life' celebrations in her honour at Springhill Court Hotel. Making the presentations is Sheila Dowling, Chairperson, Camogie Board.



They Made It Happen... members of the organising committee for Angela Downey-Browne's 'This Is Your Life' celebrations at Springhill Court Hotel (from left): Mary Fennelly, Noelle O'Driscoll, Ann Marie Hughes, Angela, Pat Treacy, Ann Downey, Mary McCorry, Breda Ryan.

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Sandie Fitzgibbon is presented with her trophy by Mary Donohoe, Manager, National Irish Bank, Donnybrook, Dublin while Handballer Peter McAuley displays his distinctive trophy as the Sports Player of the Year.

CAMOGIE

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HONOUR FOR SANDIE

Sandie Fitzgibbon, of Glen Rovers, Cork, received her second National Irish Bank Camogie Player of the Year Award at a function in Dublin. She was first honoured in 1992.

A star of the Cork team that won the All-Ireland title last year, Sandie began her career in the sport at school. She led Cork in 1992 to the All-Ireland and National Senior League titles and captained Munster to the Gael-Linn interprovincial championship. She was also on the Glen Rovers side that won the All-Ireland club championship that year.

Sandie, one of the finest players in camogie, told Gael Sport that she rates the 1992 win in the All-Ireland final, when she was captain, and last year's final victory over Kilkenny as the two chief highlights of her career.

Last year's final marked her first winning appearance in five finals against Kilkenny,

The National Senior and Junior Leagues resume this Sunday after a three week break to facilitate Congress, Easter and Pan Celtic.

The clash of Kilkenny and Cork in League or Championship always creates great interest. In the Senior League, the Cats play host to their old rivals. The home side have four points to their credit from their outings against Clare and Tipperary. Cork are the league holders and one can be sure that Tom Notts' charges will be going all out for the double again this year. Both sides will parade a host of stars on Sunday. Kilkenny's Sinead Millea, a student at University of Limerick has been steadily making a name for herself as a star forward. Cork's Lynn Dunlea seldom finishes without a large tally to her credit. The Rebels are also sure to be well served by Linda Mellerick, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Denise Cronin, goalie Kathleen Costine and their new captain, Therese O'Callaghan.

Kilkenny have experienced players in Ann Downey, Marina Downey, Gillian Dillon, Deirdre Mallon, Brigid Barnaville and Tracey Millea. It is sure to be a match that will produce great flair, skill and determination. While it will be hard to beat Kilkenny on home ground the champions may shade it.

Down have the venue against Armagh in what should be an entertaining tussle. Down have two points from their win over Dublin, they lost out to Galway. Armagh also have two points from their victory over Dublin, but they also lost to Galway. The sides seem to be evenly matched. They have good performers in Mairin McAleenan, Bonnie McGreevey, Jennifer Branniff, Coleen and Valerie Hynds. Armagh can parade Ursula McGivern, Mary Donnelly, Mary Black, Colette Byrnes and Donna McCusker. The experience of Armagh may see them through but Down is sure to fight all the way.

Wexford travel to Clare. They have two points from their only outing against Tipperary. This will be Clare's second match having lost to Kilkenny. However, Wexford, who reached the All-Ireland final in '94 have a good young squad and intend doing well this season. Clare are also a young team, winners of the Intermediate Championship last year. They just lost out by seven points to Kilkenny. They are a team that play with great confidence. Among their many stars are Patricia Moloney, Sylvia O'Brien, Catherine O'Loughlin, Frances Phelan and Moira McMahon.

Wexford will be looking to Esme Murphy, Geraldine Codd, Marian O'Leary, Geraldine O'Grady and Orla Hernan to collect their second brace of points.

In junior league, Cork and Kilkenny clash in a curtain raiser to the main event. Cork have two points from two outings while Kilkenny have yet to register a victory. A win here for Cork would keep them in contention for a place in the quarter-finals.

Down and Cavan face each other as curtain raiser to the senior. Both teams share the top of Zone C, BUT Cavan have played an extra time.

This should be an interesting encounter as neither can afford to lose as they are being chased by Carlow and Kildare. Cavan will be hoping for a good performance from Eimear Brennan, Majella Prior, Marie Prior, Rita Kiernan and Marie Brady to keep them in contention.

All-Ireland Junior champions Limerick have the venue against Tipperary. The Limerick girls have full points and

SENIOR AND JUNIOR LEAGUES RESUME

this is their last game. If Tipperary win they will be on level points, but neither can be sure of a place in the last eight, as there could be a play-off if Cork win their two remaining matches.

Dublin travel to Tyrone. Neither sides are going to make the quarter-finals. Dublin should take the points here.

The first round of the Munster Minor Championship was played at "Mary Immaculate" Grounds recently. Tipperary the holders, were convincing winners when they defeated Limerick on a score of 7-15 to 1-5.

Within twelve minutes Tipperary were 1-4 to 0-0 ahead, and were scoring at ease up to the interval when they led by 3-10 to 1-2.

At the start of the second half Limerick seemed to be coming into the game and shot five wides in succession, but the difference between the two teams was Tipperary's ability to score almost at will.

Tipperary scorers: Caitriona Hennessy 1-11, Eimear McDonnell 3-1, Sinead O'Sullivan and Joanne Ryan 1-1 each, Siobhan Ryan 1-0, B. Campion 0-1.

All-Ireland Colleges Finals

2.00 St Mary's, Magherafelt v FCJ Buncloody

3.15 St Raphael's, Loughrea v St Mary's, Charleville

St Mary's, Magherafelt have contested six All-Ireland finals - 3 Junior and 3 7-A-Side and lost all. Munster schools have proved to be their bogey but this year Magherafelt defeated St Patrick's, Cork in the semi-final so maybe their luck will change. It is twenty five years since an Ulster school (Sacred Heart, Newry) won an All-Ireland.

Magherafelt have some fine players - Simone Forbes, Maura McAuley, Claire Gormley, Martina McGuckin and Denise McCann, to name but a few.

FCJ Buncloody won their only All-Ireland in 1993 (Junior). They scored a two point win over Holy Rosary, Mountbellew in the semi-final. They have good players in Eileen Hanrick (All-Ireland Minor with Wexford), Elizabeth Ruth, Mairead O'Leary, Julie Kirwan and Annalee Murphy.

St Raphael's have a name second to none in colleges camogie. They are the most successful school ever. They have produced some of the most skilled players in the game. Their top players are Anne Hardiman, Gretta Maher, Aoife Lynskey, Ruth Cahalan, Michelle Maher and Esther Martyn.

Charleville have won everything except the All-Ireland Colleges senior title. They too have some excellent players in the Sheehan sisters, Deirdre and Vera, Breda O'Brien, Jean Cullinane, Eileen O'Brien and Muireann Harrington.

Charleville pipped St Raphael's last year with many of the same players in each side in the semi-final.

The attendance should be treated to two great games. The teams that can overcome their nerves and settle down earliest will come out on top.

APRIL

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League champs Cork face a tough opener

LEAGUE champions Cork have the toughest possible start to the defence of their title when they travel to Kilkenny on Sunday.

It's a repeat of last year's All-Ireland final, but the big difference this time is that there will be no Angela Downey to trouble Cork.

The Kilkenny star retired at the end of last season and despite her departure, they have won their opening two games of the league, beating both Clare and Tipperary.

The remarkable reign of

CAMOGIE By PJ FULHAM

Loughrea college St Raphael's should continue on Saturday when they take on Charleville in the All-Ireland final at Tullamore.

FIXTURES — Saturday — All-Ireland Colleges Finals — Junior: St Mary's Magherafelt v FCJ Buncloody, Tullamore, 2.0; Senior: St Raphael's Loughrea v St Mary's Charleville, Tullamore, 3.15.

Sunday — National Senior League: Kilkenny v Cork, O'Loughlin Park, 3.0; Down v Armagh, Drumrress, 6.0; Clare v Wexford, venue to be arranged. National Junior League: Kilkenny v Cork, O'Loughlin Park, 1.30; Down v Cavan, Drumrress, 2.0; Limerick v Tipperary, Mary I, 2.30.

Clare capture first points

CLARE..... 1-9 WEXFORD..... 1-7
RELIEVED Clare collected their first brace of points in the National Senior Camogie League when they got the better of a fancied Wexford side at Clarecastle yesterday.

It was a close tussle played in a down-pour. The sides were level 0-5 at the break. Wexford forged ahead with a goal by Geraldine Codd but Clare's Sylvia O'Brien struck back and The Banner notched up victory.

SCORERS — Clare: C O'Loughlin 0-5, S O'Brien 1-1, S O'Brien 0-3; Wexford: G Codd 1-3, B Shadd, E Murphy, O Henan, P Rankin 0-1 each.

Double header for Cork girls at Kilkenny

CORK senior and junior teams will be in action tomorrow when they take on Kilkenny in vital National League games.

This will be Cork's first competitive game at senior level since the All-Ireland final last September, and they will be anxious to start on a winning note.

While the selectors have not named their side, they expect to have a full panel available. The team should include, captain Therese O'Callaghan, Sandy Fitzgib-

bon, Kathleen Costine, Denise Cronin, Paula Gogins, Irene O'Keeffe and Lyn Dunlea.

Cork juniors who were beaten by Limerick, take on Kilkenny needing a win.

They are experimenting with some younger players and in their recent win over Tipperary, newcomers Orla Murphy and Claire Kirby did particularly well.

At local level there is an interesting double header at Redmonds GAA Grounds tomorrow evening, when both

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of the under-18 championship will be decided.

In the first game St. Finbarrs play St. Vincents at 3 p.m. followed by the clash of Brian Dillons and Barryroe at 4.15.

The first game promises to be a close affair. Both sides have had some close games in recent years and tomorrow's clash is expected to be no different.

Vincents will probably be

slight favourites. They have already defeated Bishoptown and Aghabullogue and looked strong in all sectors. They will be spearheaded by Cork u-18 captain Gillian Morrissey, Donna O'Leary and Orla O'Shea.

However, the Barrs are never easily defeated. They have fine players in Maria McCarthy, Barbara Ann Corcoran, Ellen Clifford, Linda O'Connell and Bernadine Maher.

In the second game Brian Dillons will be expected to

have the edge over Barryroe. Dillons defeated a fancied Inniscarra side in their first game and went on to defeat Courcy Rangers in a point in their quarter-final game.

They are a very young side but have fine players in Sarah Mongan, Sabrina Buckley, Jackie O'Sullivan and Therese Drummond.

However, Barryroe, with victories over Ballygarra and Mayfield behind them, will be facing Sunday's game with every confidence.

Camogie on centre stage

TOMORROW is a busy day on the camogie front with senior and junior national league and the Under 18 Championships semi-finals down for decision.

All Ireland champions Cork face their old rivals Kilkenny in the opening round of the Senior National League at O'Loughlin Park, Kilkenny.

The Kilkenny girls have already two games played to date in the league, whilst Cork's only fixture was postponed due to weather conditions. Kilkenny will hope to reverse the result of All-Ireland day when Cork, with a last minute spurt pipped them at the post.

In the junior encounter Cork, having already dropped two points to Limerick, need a win to stay in contention.

The Under 18 semi finals at Redmond's GAA pitch will see holders St. Vincent's put their title on the line against St. Redmond's whilst in the other semi final Brian Dillon's and Barryroe will meet at the same venue.

Tomorrow: Senior and Junior National Leagues: Cork v Kilkenny at O'Loughlin Park, Kilkenny, Junior 1.30 p.m. Senior 3.00 p.m.

Under 18 Championship semi final: St. Finbarr's v St. Vincent's at Redmond's GAA pitch 3.00 p.m.; Brian Dillons v Barryroe at Redmond's GAA pitch 4.15 p.m.

Wednesday 24 April: Senior League - Glen Rovers v Inniscarra at Ballynafeigh 7.15 p.m.

BRACK (Ballybrack, Co. Dublin)
April 13, 1996, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Sophia, aged 74 years, late of E.S.B. Head Office and Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael; deeply regretted by her loving brothers, sisters, aunt, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and a large circle of friends. Rest in peace. Removal this (Monday) evening from Carnegie's Funeral Home, 19 The Crescent, Monkstown to Church of SS. Alphonsus and Columba, Ballybrack, arriving 6 o'clock. Funeral tomorrow (Tuesday) after 10 o'clock. Mass to Dean's Grange Cemetery.

CAMOGIE: Legendary camogie player Sophia Brack (Dublin) died yesterday. Sophia won eight All-Ireland senior championship medals with Dublin between 1948-1955 and was captain on six successful occasions in a row. At the time of her death was registrar of Dublin County Board and Leinster Council. *Ar dheis de go raibh an anam.*

Sister act



The three sets of sisters who feature on the St Mary's camogie team who play in the all Ireland final tomorrow. From left: Caoimhe and Muireann Harrington, Vera and Deirdre Sheehan and Eileen and Breda O'Brien. See report page 38.

Picture: Kieran Clancy

Charleville school is aiming to strike gold in camogie showdown

St Mary's have a date with destiny



Diarmuid O'Flynn

TODAY in Birr, a team of girls from St Mary's Secondary School in Charleville will be attempting to create a bit of local history by winning the All-Ireland Senior Schools' Camogie title for the first time.

A milestone for the school, an enormous achievement even to reach this stage (their third tilt at the title), and yet, the sad thing is, the tragic thing is - apart from the school itself, and those immediately connected with the team - not too many in the immediate locality are even remotely aware of their endeavours.

That would hardly be the case if the local CBS were involved in the boys' equivalent. That's certain.

And that's sad.

A damning indictment of the prevailing attitude

to female sport. Sonia notwithstanding.

Should St Mary's prevail, it will be the culmination of many years of selfless dedication by all those involved - the many hours over many days of hard practice put in by this current panel, under the guidance of PE instructor Anne-Marie O'Keefe, assisted occasionally by Fr. Tim Hazlewood; the many years of often frustrating and fruitless endeavour by the pioneering spirits in the early years of Charleville camogie in the 80's.

But, as significant as any of these, it will be result of the efforts of one individual - Spanish teacher and camogie coach, Vincent Harrington.

Shivering at a squalid training session on a bitterly cold afternoon this week.

And watching a polished display of the complete range of hurling skills that would have graced any field, I fell into conversation with Anne, mother of St Mary's midfield star Jean Cullinane.

Anne is one of the Bruree O'Briens, known on camogie and hurling fields throughout the



St. Mary's Charleville in training for today's All-Ireland final.

Picture: Kieran Clancy.

country. And she told me: "I wish we had people like Vincent in some of the Limerick schools. To think that he comes all the way from Macroom for some of these sessions, sometimes arriving home at all hours, and all just for the love of the game..."

And Vincent is married, with two kids. He's not just sacrificing spare time - that's precious time.

The 90's have been one continuing success story for St Mary's - 6 Cork

County 1st year titles in succession, with almost a duplicate procession won by the Juniors and Seniors; 2 All-Ireland Junior successes from 3 attempts; several 7's titles at All-Ireland level, senior grade, but still, the trophy cupboard isn't complete.

Twice, St Mary's have tasted defeat in the biggest camogie prize of all - the senior All-Ireland. Most recent, and still fresh in the memory, is last year's loss to Pres of Kilkenny. This year,

there is a job to be done.

But, the obstacle is huge. St Raphael's of Loughrea are so successful, they're practically part-owners of the trophy.

Their most recent run lasted from 1983 to 1991. Eight-in-a-row All-Ireland champions in a competitive field.

Some achievement. Consider also that, in this mixed school of barely 500 total students, the boys last year won the All-Ireland senior colleges, and this year

were beaten only by an exceptionally strong St Colman's Fermoy side. If principal Cyril Farrell, that master motivator and coach of the successful Galway and Connacht sides of the 70's/80's has anything to do with it - and he does - the girls won't fall easily to another Cork side.

So, an enormous challenge for St Mary's, a terrific game in store. Last year's semi-final game - narrowly won by Charleville - won't count. Loughrea have been

strengthened by the arrival at the school of Aoife Lynskey, niece of Brendan, while Charleville lost three good players.

But if the quiet determination of defenders Breda O'Brien, Muireann Harrington and team captain Deirdre Sheehan is anything to go by; or if the silky skills of Vera Sheehan, Sinead O'Callaghan, and Eileen O'Brien are an indication, then St Mary's deserve a victory.

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Charleville girls hungry for first title

by Brendan Larkin

ST. MARY'S CONVENT, Charleville will bid for their first All-Ireland senior schools camogie title at Birr (note venue change) tomorrow when they take on the defending champions St. Raphaels (Loughrea) in this year's final.

Throw-in is now at 3.15 p.m. Beaten in the finals of 1987 by Loughrea, in 1993 by Callan and last year by Presentation (Kilkenny), St. Marys are hoping that next Sunday they can finally inscribe their name on the senior cup.

Their present side has plenty of experience of All-Ireland finals.

It consists of the majority of players who won back to back junior titles in 1994 and 1995, and they can also call on a number of Limerick's junior All-Ireland winning team of 1995.

On their way to tomorrow's final the North Cork girls beat Nenagh in the Munster final by nine points.

But had to pull out all the stops to get the better of Magherafelt in the All-Ireland semi-final where Eileen O'Brien bagged two late goals to give her side a one point victory.

Team coach Vincent Harrington is quietly confident his charges can finally break their senior duck.

"We have trained extremely hard playing a lot of very good challenge games, including one against Glen Rovers senior camogie side, and a number of youth's under-age teams in North

Cork. We are as ready as we will ever be for a final.

"Our team is well balanced and has a lot of experience of the big time.

"Unusually the team consists of three sets of sisters, in Breda and Eileen O'Brien, Caoimhe and Muireann Harrington and Vera and Deirdre Sheehan.

"And if we get the breaks, that much coveted senior All-Ireland title should be hours on Saturday", he said.

St. Marys have no fears of the Galway girls.

Last year they beat them in the semi-final 2-12 to 2-8 after being behind by eight points at one stage in that game.

However, the westerners have all their 1995 team on duty again and have literally steamrolled their way to tomorrow's final.

A crushing 7-9 to 0-2 victory over Mercy Convent (Roscommon) in the Connacht final was followed by an equally impressive 0-12 to 1-2 win over Enniscorthy in the All-Ireland semi-final.

And with a number of Galway inter-county seniors in their side, they will be very keen to atone for last year's semi-final defeat at the hands of St. Marys.

Their scorer-in-chief is Colette Nevin, who contributed 10 of those 12 semi-final points.

Aoife Lynskey leads their attack.

The Maher sisters Maria and Gretta make up a very formidable midfield partnership that won't be easily beaten and the team are quietly confident.



St. Mary's, Charleville coaches Vincent Harrington and Ann Marie O'Keefe watch over their team's preparations for tomorrow's All Ireland camogie final.

St Marys to lift the crown

THE girls from St. Mary's Convent in Charleville are determined to lift the All-Ireland senior schools camogie title for the first time when they face St. Raphael's from Loughrea in the final at Birr tomorrow.

They will have an old score to settle with the Connacht champions for it was Loughrea who beat St. Mary's when they made the final for the first time back in 1987.

Three years ago they were back in the senior final again only to suffer another defeat despite a good performance against Callan while last year they would again lose out to a Kilkenny side, this time Presentation College.

But that's all history and they will be hoping to benefit from past experience particularly last year's campaign in which they beat the Loughrea girls by four points in the semi-final before going under to Presentation.

The majority of the players were involved in the junior teams that won back to back All-Ireland titles in 1994 and 1995 and they have a number of last year's Limerick junior All-Ireland winning team to call on.

Blend

And if any team should blend together this one should for it consists of three sets of sisters in Breda and Eileen O'Brien, Caoimhe and Muireann Harrington and Vera and Deirdre Sheehan.

They are coached by Vincent Harrington.

"We have trained extremely hard; playing a lot of very good challenge games, including one against Glen Rovers senior team and a number of youth's under-age teams in North Cork. We are as ready as we will ever be."

They had nine points to spare over Nenagh in the Munster final but it took two late goals from Eileen O'Brien to snatch victory from Magherafelt in the All-Ireland semi-final.

"If we get the breaks the title will be ours," Harrington predicts.

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DO YOU KNOW . . .

- That only three schools have won all All-Ireland Colleges Championships - Senior, Junior and Sevens. They are St. Raphaels, Loughrea; Scoil Mhuire, Cashel and St. Marys, Nenagh.
- That World Champion, Sonia O'Sullivan played Camogie for her school in Cobh before concentrating on athletics
- That Vera Sheehan, St. Marys, Charleville was honoured with a Munster Youth Sports Award for her performances in 1995.
- That Liz Neary is the only player to captain her school to win the All-Ireland Colleges Senior Championship and to captain her county to win the All-Ireland Senior Championship. Liz lead Presentation, Kilkenny to success in 1970 and accepted the O'Duffy Cup on behalf of Kilkenny in 1981 and 1986.
- That Magherafelt coach, Rita Moran won an All-Ireland Senior medal with Antrim in the same year while her husband, Mickey Moran won a Railway Cup football medal with Ulster.
- That St. Raphaels, Loughrea won the All-Ireland Colleges Senior A Hurling Championship last season.
- Breda O'Brien and Vera Sheehan lined out with Limerick in the All-Ireland Junior Final in Croke Park last September. Deirdre Sheehan came on in the course of the game. All three St. Marys, Charleville players picked up winners medals.
- That St. Raphaels, Loughrea hold the highest number of All-Ireland Colleges titles. Their total is 14. In second place with 9 titles is St. Marys, Charleville. Presentation, Athenry (6) lie in third place while Scoil Mhuire, Cashel (5) are in fourth spot.
- That this year is the silver jubilee of Ulsters sole win in the All-Ireland Colleges Championships. Sacred Heart, Newry captured the senior crown in 1971. St. Marys, Magherafelt hope to celebrate the occasion in style.
- That St. Raphaels, Loughrea won eight All-Ireland Colleges Senior titles from 1985-1992.
- That four F. C. J. Bunclody girls, Stella Sinnott, Paula Rankin, Ann-Marie O'Connor and Esme Murphy played for Wexford in the 1994 All-Ireland Senior Championship final at Croke Park.
- That Eileen and Mairead Hanrick are sisters. Their brother Pat plays for Wexford.
- That there are three sets of sisters on the Charleville team - Deirdre and Vera Sheehan, Muireann and Caoimhe Harrington and the O'Briens, Breda and Eileen.
- That F. C. J. Bunclody coach, Rory Kinsella was a well-known inter-county player with Wexford.

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TODAY'S FINALISTS

ST. MARY'S, MAGHERAFELT

Camogie has been played in the school since the late sixties. The school was officially affiliated to the Ulster Schools Camogie League in 1968. The first Ulster trophy was won in 1974 by a seven-a-side team.

In 1989, St. Mary's won the Ulster First Year Competition. Since then the school has won fourteen Ulster titles at all levels including a record making five consecutive Junior titles. St. Mary's have now reached the All-Ireland Junior Final for the fourth time but so far they have failed to win it.

St. Mary's is a co-ed Grammar School in South Derry with approximately 1060 pupils on roll. The pupils are drawn from Antrim and Tyrone as well as Derry.

ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

St. Mary's make their forth successive appearance at All-Ireland Colleges Finals Day. St. Mary's have a very impressive record since camogie was introduced to the school in 1984. In addition to numerous Cork Colleges titles, St. Mary's have 22 Munster Colleges titles.

St. Mary's have nine All-Ireland Colleges titles to their credit. In 1986 they collected their first All-Ireland Colleges Junior Championship title and retained their crown in 1987. The Charleville girls again collected the Junior title in 1994 and 1995. They have enjoyed considerable success in the All-Ireland Sevens winning in 1987, 1988, 1993, 1994 and 1995.

F. C. J. BUNCLODY

F. C. J. Bunclody has a long tradition of involvement in Colleges Camogie. The School has dominated camogie in Co. Wexford from the early eighties. The F. C. J.'s have consistently won the honour of representing the county in Senior, Junior and Minor Provincial competitions. Five Minor Leinster titles, seven Junior titles and five Leinster Senior A titles in a row were won during this period.

The School has produced some fine inter-county players who have graced Croke Park in the colours of Co. Wexford. The strength of camogie in the school is reflected in the fact that at least one Leinster title has been won every year for the last 14 years.

Defeats in four All-Ireland finals and five All-Ireland semi-finals have not diminished their resolve to win their second All-Ireland Camogie title. They won the Junior All-Ireland title in 1993. PE teachers, Rory Kinsella and Caitriona Caulfield have been successfully coaching school teams since their arrival in F. C. J. Bunclody in 1981.

ST. RAPHAEL'S, LOUGHREA

St. Raphael's College, Loughrea are the most successful school in the history of the All-Ireland Colleges Championship. Since 1984, they have won eight All-Ireland Senior titles, winning Senior and Junior on the same day four times.

They have produced many notable players like sisters Deirdre and Olive Costello, Triona and Mary Dolpin, Emer and Deirdre Hardiman, Dymphna and Imelda Maher, Angela Cooney and Siobhan Keane. A number of today's team are destined to follow in their footsteps, as they bid to bring back the Cup to St. Raphael's once more.

**Best Wishes to the F. C. J. Bunclody Team
From Michael Kehoe, "Meadowlands", Bunclody**

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JUNIOR F. C. J. BUNCLODY

Maroon and White

(1)
Pamela Nolan
P. Ni Nuallain

(2)
Mairead Doyle
M. Ni Dhuill

(3)
Aine Mullins
A. Ni Mhaolain

(6)
Michelle Doyle
M. Ni Dhuill

(9)
Julie Kirwan
S. Ni Chiarubhain

(4)
Eileen Hanrick
E. Nic Andraic

(7)
Elizabeth Ruth
E. Ruit

(10)
Annalee Murphy
A. Ni Mhurchu

(12)
Martina Murray (Capt)
M. Ni Mhuiri

(5)
Lisa Freyne
E. de Freine

(8)
Mairead O'Leary
M. Ni Laoire

(11)
Mairead Hanrick
M. Nic Andraic

Subs: 13 Denise Kearns
14 Ailsing Treacy
15 Aoife Codd
16 Suzanne Murphy
17 Sinead Hanrahan
18 Colette Carton
19 Josephine Kehoe
20 Eimear O'Connor
21 Emma Meyler

Pen Pictures: F. C. J. BUNCLODY

Pamela Nolan (Kildavin) is the goalkeeper and is also the goalie with the senior squad. She has won U12, U14 and U16 County medals in Carlow and has 2 Leinster Colleges Junior Medals.

Mairead Doyle (Duffry Rovers) is a defender and a member of the famous Duffry Rovers Club. She has U14 County medal and 2 Leinster Colleges Junior medals.

Lisa Freyne (Duffry Rovers) is also a defender from Duffry Rovers and has won U14 County medal and 2 Leinster Colleges Junior medals.

Eileen Hanrick (Buncloody) is the centre-back and has won U12, U14 and U16 County medals. Has represented Wexford at U14 and U16 and won an All-Ireland minor medal. She has Leinster, All-Ireland Feile and Leinster Colleges medals.

Aine Mullins (Buncloody) has won U12, U14 and U16 County Championship medals. She also has 2 Leinster Colleges Junior medals.

Michelle Doyle (Buncloody) is a midfielder and has won 2 Leinster Colleges Junior medals.

Elizabeth Ruth (Kilrush) is a member of the senior squad. Has represented Wexford at U14 level and won a Leinster medal. She has an U14 County medal in Hurling and 2 Leinster Colleges Junior medals.

Mairead O'Leary (Buncloody) is a senior squad member and has won U12, U14 and U16 County medals. She has an All-Ireland U14 Feile medal and 2 Leinster Colleges Junior medals.

Julie Kirwan (Kildavin) is a forward and has won U12, U13 and U14 County medals. She has won 2 Leinster Colleges Junior medals and represented Carlow at U14. Won an All-Ireland Feile na nGael medal with Kildavin.

Martina Murray (Ferns) is the Captain and the team free taker. She is the winner of one Minor and 2 Junior Leinster Colleges medals. On senior squad.

Mairead Hanrick (Buncloody) is a forward who has won U12, U14 and U16 County medals. Has represented Wexford at U14. A senior squad member, she has 2 Leinster Colleges Junior and an All-Ireland Feile medal.

Annalee Murphy (Buncloody) is a member of the senior squad for three years and has won U12, U14 and U16 county medals. She has one minor and 2 Junior Leinster Colleges medals and an All-Ireland Feile medal.

Aoife Codd (Buncloody) is a back who has been injured lately. She has won a Leinster Colleges Junior medal.

Ailsing Treacy (Kildavin) has U12 and U14 County medals in Carlow and one Leinster Colleges Junior medal. Won All-Ireland Feile medal with Kildavin.

Denise Kearns (Duffry Rovers) is a defender and has won U14 County medal and a Junior Leinster medal.

Suzanne Murphy (Kildavin) is a centre-back and has won U12, U14 and U16 County medals in Carlow. She has two Leinster Colleges Junior medals.

Sinead Hanrahan (Duffry Rovers) is a First Year and has an U14 County medal with club.

Eimear O'Connor (Duffry Rovers) is a First Year and has U14 County medal.

Colleen Carton (Buncloody) is a First Year and plays in attack. Has U14 County medal.

Emma Meyler (Buncloody) is a First Year and has won U14 County medal with club.

Josephine Kehoe (Kildavin) has won Leinster Colleges Junior, 3 U12, one U13 and 4 U14 medals. Prominent member of Kildavin team which won All-Ireland Feile for Carlow.

*Wishing the F. C. J. every success
From Dinny and Catherine Finn, Market Square, Buncloody*

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Pen Pictures: ST. MARY'S, MAGHERAFELT

- Rowena Cassidy**, Age 14. Goalkeeper. Kilrea. 1 Ulster Junior Colleges medal.
- Martina McGuckin**, Age 15. Full-back. Ballinderry. 2 Ulster Junior Colleges medals.
- Eimear Totten**, Age 13. Right back. Creggan. 1 Ulster Junior Colleges medal.
- Maura McAuley**, Age 15. Centre back. Castledawson. 2 Ulster Junior Colleges medals. Derry Minor League medal.
- Sinead Heffron**, Age 15. Left back. Creggan. U14 Player of the year. 1 Ulster Colleges Junior medal.
- Bernadine Quinn**, Age 15. Right wing midfield. Ballinderry. 2 Ulster Colleges Junior medals. 1 Ulster Colleges Senior medal.
- Simone Forbes**, Captain. Age 15. Centre-field. Ardboe. 8 Ulster Colleges medals. 2 Minor and 1 U18 County Championship medals.
- Maoliosa Shivers**, Age 15. Left wing midfield. Castledawson. 2 Ulster Colleges Junior medals. Derry Minor League and 1 Ulster Colleges Senior medals.
- Claire Gormley**, Age 15. Right forward. Ballinascreen. 2 Ulster Colleges Junior medals.
- Denise McCann**, Age 14. Centre Forward. Lavey. 2 Ulster Colleges Junior medals.
- Amanda Kennedy**, Age 15. Left Forward. Ballinascreen. 5 Ulster Colleges medals. 1 Senior League medal.
- Marie Therese McCann**, Age 12. Full Forward. Creggan. 1 Ulster Colleges Junior medal. 1 Ulster Colleges First Year medal.
- Ursula Walls**, Age 14. Forward. Magherafelt. 1 Ulster Colleges Junior medal.
- Fiona Hughes**, Age 14. Defender. Bellaghy. 1 Ulster Colleges Junior medal.
- Paula Bateson**, Age 15. Forward. Ballinderry. 1 Ulster Colleges Junior medal.
- Aine O'Kane**, Age 12. Goalkeeper. Ballinascreen. 1 Ulster Colleges Junior medal. 1 Ulster Colleges First Year medal.
- Oonagh O'Neill**, Age 13. Midfield. Magherafelt. 1 Ulster Colleges Junior medal.
- Lorna Mulholland**, Age 12. Midfield. Castledawson. Minor League medal. 1 Ulster Colleges Junior medal. 1 Ulster Colleges First Year medal.
- Shauna Mulholland**, Age 12. Defender Castledawson. Minor League medal. 1 Ulster Colleges Junior medal. 1 Ulster Colleges First Year medal.
- Ciara O'Donnell**, Age 14. Forward Castledawson. Minor League Medal. 1 Ulster Colleges Junior medal.

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ST. MARY'S, MAGHERAFELT

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Maura McAuley
<i>M. Nic Amhlaigh</i> | (5)
Sinead Heffron
<i>S. Ni Eimhrin</i> |
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Bernadine Quinn
<i>B. Ni Chuinn</i> | (7)
Simone Forbes (Capt)
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Maoliosa Shivers
<i>M. Shivers</i> |
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Claire Gormley
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Denise McCann
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Amanda Kennedy
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All-Ireland Colleges Junior Championship

Year	Winners	Runners Up	Score	Winning Captain
1974	Pres. Athenry	North Pres. Cork	3-0 to 0-0	Bernie Duffy
1975	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	Pres. Terenure	4-0 to 1-0	Teresa O'Dwyer
1976	Pres. Athenry	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	4-2 to 3-2	Ann Delaney
1977	Pres. Athenry	Sacred Heart, Cork	4-1 to 1-3	Anne Burke
1978	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	Voc. Bawnboy	2-3 to 0-1	Eithne Bonnar
1979	Mercy, Roscommon	Scoil Pol, Kilfinane	1-2 to 0-1	Paulien O'Connor
1980	Maryfield, Dublin	Pres de la Salle Hos.	2-3 to 1-5	Siobhan Bryson
1981	St. John of God, Artane	St. Patricks, Cork	4-0 to 0-2	Michelle Sleator
1982	Maryfield, Dublin	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	3-9 to 4-0	Carmel O'Bryne
1983	Mercy, Roscommon	St. Pauls, Killea	7-1 to 1-3	Elizabeth Lee
1984	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	St. Patricks, Shannon	6-8 to 2-1	Deirdre Costello
1985	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	Col. Maure, Ennis	3-4 to 1-0	Mary Dolphin
1986	St. Marys, Charleville	FC.J. Buncloody	2-6 to 0-3	Frances Broderick
1987	St. Marys, Charleville	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	2-3 to 1-4	Maire O'Sullivan
1988	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	St. Marys, Macroom	5-7 to 1-0	Erner Hardiman
1989	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	St. Patricks, Maghera	5-0 to 0-1	Pamela Nevin
1990	St. Brigids, Callan	St. Patricks, Maghera	5-8 to 1-4	Sinead Millea
1991	St. Marys, Nenagh	St. Cuans, Castleblayney	3-9 to 1-10	Aine Hogan
1992	St. Marys, Nenagh	St. Marys, Magherafelt	2-6 to 0-8	Madeline Hayes
1993	FC.J. Buncloody	St. Marys, Charleville	2-7 to 1-4	Katherine Kinsella
1994	St. Marys, Charleville	St. Marys, Magherafelt	3-6 to 1-5	Jean Cullinane
1995	St. Marys, Charleville	St. Marys, Magherafelt	2-12 to 1-1	Laura Leslie

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All-Ireland Colleges Senior Championship

Year	Winners	Runners Up	Score	Winning Captain
1969	Pres. Kilkenny	St. Aloysius, Cork	3-2 to 1-2	Mary Tallis
1970	Pres. Kilkenny	Sacred Heart, Newry	2-3 to 1-1	Liz Neary
1971	Sacred Heart, Newry	Pres. Mountmellick	3-2 to 2-1	Anne McCone
1972	Pres. Oranmore	St. Louise, Killeel	6-1 to 4-4	Marie Murphy
1973	Pres. Mountmellick	Pres. Athenry	4-2 to 1-2	Carmel Cottrell
1974	Pres. Athenry	St. Louise, Killeel	3-1 to 1-0	Midge Poniard
1975	Pres. Athenry	St. Brigid's, Callan	7-4 to 2-4	Midge Poniard
1976	St. Aloysius, Cork	Pres. Athenry	2-2 to 0-2	Jacinta O'Brien
1977	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	Pres. Athenry	2-2 to 1-3	Cora Hennessy
1978	Pres. Athenry	Loreto, Coleraine	2-3 to 2-2	Anne Poniard
1979	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	Pres. Athenry	3-3 to 1-3	Majella Hallinan
1980	North Pres. Cork	Assumption, Walkinstown	4-7 to 1-1	Imelda Cronin
1981	St. Patricks, Cork	Assumption, Walkinstown	1-3 to 0-5	Ann O'Mahony
1982	St. Patricks, Shannon	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	1-7 to 1-4	Caroline O'Meara
1983	St. John of God, Artane	St. Patricks, Cork	2-6 to 2-1	Adele Campbell
1984	Maryfield, Dublin	North Pres. Cork	2-5 to 0-5	Roisin Brady
1985	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	St. Patricks, Cork	4-7 to 3-3	Deirdre Costello
1986	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	FC.J. Buncloody	3-5 to 0-4	Angela Cooney
1987	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	St. Marys, Charleville	3-8 to 0-4	Brid Stratford
1988	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	FC.J. Buncloody	2-13 to 1-5	Imelda Hobbins
1989	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	St. Patrick's, Keady	5-9 to 2-10	Triona Dolphin
1990	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	3-11 to 2-0	Imelda Maher
1991	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	Vocational, Thomastown	3-6 to 0-0	Siobhan Keane
1992	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	St. Brigids, Callan	7-7 to 2-4	Pamela Nevin
1993	St. Brigids, Callan	St. Marys, Charleville	3-7 to 1-2	Sinead Millea
1994	St. Marys, Nenagh	St. Patricks, Maghera	1-10 to 1-2	Noelle Kennedy
1995	Pres. Kilkenny	St. Marys, Charleville	3-4 to 2-4	Deirdre Phelan

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Lisa Moloney (Bruff) plays in goal having played there last year on the Junior team. Holds 2 All-Ireland Junior medals and 2 Munster Junior medals.

Katie O'Shea (Ballyagran) played midfield in the last two Junior Finals. Holds full set of Munster medals and 2 All-Ireland Junior and 2 Seven aside medals. Has represented her school in athletics.

Breda O'Brien (Granagh) an accomplished player who figures at fullback. Breda has won numerous Colleges medals. Played in goal for Limerick Junior team of 1995 and has represented Munster in Junior Gael-Linn.

Marie Foley (Ballyagran) Captained St. Mary's in last year's final and the Seven aside team of 1993. Has reverted to corner back this season.

Muireann Harrington (Newtownshandrum) is a fast reliable defender. Holds a full set of Munster medals. She has All-Ireland Junior medal and captained the Seven aside team of 1995.

Deirdre Sheehan (Granagh) is a player with great natural ability. Deirdre captains the team this year and has won an All-Ireland Junior medal with Limerick.

Jean Cullinane (Granagh) captained the Junior team of 1994 and has 3 All-Ireland Seven aside medals. Was a member of Limerick's successful panel in Croke Park last September.

Vera Sheehan (Granagh) Sister of Deirdre. She holds an All-Ireland Junior medal and 3 Seven aside medals with school. Played on the Limerick Team which won All-Ireland in 1995 and won Munster Youth Award for Camogie.

Sinead O'Callaghan (Ballyagran) a very skilful player. She holds 2 All-Ireland Junior medals and 2 Seven aside medals with her school.

Caoimhe Harrington (Newtownshandrum) is a sister of Muireann. Caoimhe plays with great heart and determination. She has 2 All-Ireland Junior medals and a Seven aside medal with her school.

Angela Sheehy (Ballyagran) played full-forward on last years Junior team and is very accomplished player. Holds 2 All-Ireland Junior medals.

Eileen O'Brien (Granagh) Sister of Breda. She has a Great range of skills and was one of the Key forwards on last years Junior team.

Marie O'Brien (Granagh) played fullback on last years Junior team. Holds 2 All-Ireland Junior medals and one All-Ireland Seven aside medal.

Laura Leslie (Granagh) captained last years Junior team from centre-back. Holds 2 All-Ireland Junior medals and one Seven aside.

Sharon Kelly (Croagh) played midfield on last years Junior team and has lots of skill and ability.

Karina Carroll (Newtownshandrum) played in the 2 All-Ireland Junior finals of 1993 and 1994 and won a medal playing centre back in 1994.

Kim Hickey (Newtownshandrum) played left wing back on last years winning Junior team and is a very accomplished defender.

Mairead Keane (Newtownshandrum) played in goal for last years Senior team but has lost out to Lisa this season. Holds one All-Ireland Junior medal and 2 Seven aside medals.

Pauline Lynch (Ballyagran) played midfield for last years Junior team and is a very committed players. Holds 2 All-Ireland Junior medals.

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SENIOR SCOIL NAOMH MUIRE, RATHLÚIRC ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

Navy and Blue

(1)
Lisa Moloney
L. Ni Mhaolchatha

(2)
Breda O'Brien
B. Ni Bhriain

(3)
Marie Foley
M. Ni Fhoghlú

(4)
Muireann Harrington
M. Nic Arrachtain

(5)
Katie O'Shea
C. Ni Shé

(6)
Vera Sheehan
V. Ni Shiochain

(7)
Jean Cullinane
S. Ni Chuilleanain

(8)
Deirdre Sheehan (Capt)
D. Ni Shiochain

(9)
Angela Sheehy
A. Ni Shitigh

(10)
Sinead O'Callaghan
S. Ni Cheallachain

(11)
Caoimhe Harrington
C. Nic Arrachtain

(12)
Eileen O'Brien
E. Ni Bhriain

Subs: 13 Laura Leslie
14 Marie O'Brien
15 Kim Hickey
16 Mairead Keane
17 Karina Carroll
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Aoife Connolly (Craughwell) Goalkeeper. She is a versatile player who played in defence in Croke Park with Ballymana N.S. representing Galway in Mini Sevens. Has 2 Connacht Schools and Pan Celtic medals.

Ruth Cahalan (Mullagh) A great defender who holds 3 All-Ireland Vocational Schools Junior medals. She has also represented Galway at Junior level winning one All-Ireland medal.

Norena Healy (Shamrocks) A solid defender and good marker. She has won 2 Connacht Colleges medals.

Michelle Maher (Shamrocks) Although Michelle is wing back today she also plays in midfield for her club. She has won U14 Feile na nGael All-Ireland and also holds 2 Junior and 2 Senior Connacht Colleges medals.

Therese Maher (Shamrocks) Therese's talent on the Camogie field has helped her Club to win U14 Feile na nGael All-Ireland medal. She has played for Galway minors.

Anne Hardiman (Mullagh) She is a very skilful player and holds 4 Connacht and 2 All-Ireland Senior Colleges medals. Also has 2 All-Ireland Colleges Seven aside medals. She has a Gael-Linn Junior medal.

Gretta Maher (Shamrocks) Captain. A sister of Therese, she holds 1 Junior and 1 minor All-Ireland medals. Has a Feile na nGael All-Ireland medal. Is a strong and skilful midfield player.

Esther Martyn (Craughwell) An extremely versatile player. She has won Minor and Junior All-Ireland medals for Galway and a Gael-Linn Junior medal. She holds 1 Pan Celtic and 2 Connacht Colleges Senior medals.

Esther Maher (Shamrocks) A sister to wing back Michelle. She has won 2 Junior and 2 Senior Connacht Colleges medals. Also has All-Ireland Feile na nGael with her Club.

Emer Finn (Davitts) A niece of Cyril Farrell, the great Galway Manager. She holds an All-Ireland Feile na nGael medal. Has 2 Junior and 2 Senior Connacht Colleges medals.

Aoife Lynskey (Ardrahan) She won an All-Ireland Community Games medal with her club in 1992 and Feile na nGael All-Ireland in 1993. She was honoured with Player of the Match. She represented Galway with successful minors.

Colette Nevin (Cappataggle) A sister of Pam. Colette has been playing Camogie since she was seven. To date she has won 1 Minor All-Ireland medal, 1 Pan Celtic, 1 Junior and 2 Senior Connacht Colleges medals.

Michelle Donnellan (Cappataggle) A good defender. She has won 1 Pan Celtic with her club and 2 Junior and 2 Senior Connacht Colleges medals.

Ailish Connolly (Craughwell) A twin sister of goalkeeper Aoife. A very determined player, she has represented her club at U12, U14 and U16 and Galway in Croke Park for Mini Sevens. Has Pan Celtic and Colleges medals.

Clare Spellman (Shamrocks) sub goalie. It will be a great experience for her as a First Year in St. Raphael's.

Mary Spellman (Shamrocks) A sister of Clare. Very strong defender. She has 1 Junior and 2 Senior Connacht Colleges medals.

Paula Winters (Shamrocks) She is always so faithful to training. She holds 2 Junior and 2 Senior Connacht Colleges titles.

Bernadette Burke (Davitts) A tenacious defender. She won an All-Ireland Feile na nGael medal with her club in 1992. Has 2 Senior and 2 Junior Connacht Colleges medals.

Aidenn Glynn (Craughwell) She has good defensive qualities. Has won 2 Junior and 2 Senior Connacht Colleges titles.

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SENIOR SCOIL SAN RAFAEL, BAILE LOCHA RIACH

ST. RAPHAEL'S COLLEGE, LOUGHREA

Red and Black

(1)

Aoife Connolly
A. Ni Chonghaile

(2)

Ruth Cahalan
R. Ni Chathalain

(4)

Therese Maher
T. Ni Mheachair

(7)

Gretta Maher (Capt)
G. Ni Mheachair

(10)

Aoife Lynskey
A. Ni Loingsigh

(12)

Colette Nevin
C. Ni Naothain

(5)

Norena Healy
N. Ni hEalaí

(8)

Anne Hardiman
A. Ni Airgeadain

(11)

Esther Maher
E. Ni Mheachair

(3)
Michelle Maher
M. Ni Mheachair

(6)
Emer Finn
E. Ni Fhinn

(9)
Esther Martyn
E. Ni Mhairtín

Subs: 13 Clare Spellman
14 Mary Spellman
15 Michelle Donlon
16 Bernadette Burke
17 Ailish Connolly
18 Paula Winters
19 Aideen Glynn

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JUNIOR FINALISTS - F. C. J. BUNCLODY



SENIOR FINALISTS - ST. RAPHAEL'S, LOUGHREA

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FOCAL Ó UACHTARÁN

A Chairde na gColáistí,

Is le fonn a cuirim fáilte roimh chách go Tulach Mhór ar ócáid Chluichí Ceannais na n-iarbhunscoileanna sa chamógaíocht. Fearaim fáilte ar leith roimh na ceithre foirne agus na scoileanna inniu. Tá mé cinnte go mbeidh cluichí an-mhaith ann.

The 4 Provinces are represented today in our finals reflecting the solid work done by our schools throughout Ireland and the widespread interest in our game. Indeed the standard within our schools continues to rise due to the increased emphasis on skill and match play and the tactical game displayed in our finals in recent years has been very interesting.

Camogie remains the top traditional sport for our Irish youth and our Council is proud that the competitions in Junior and Senior this year have run so smoothly and successfully.

We were happy with the media attention via press and television at our All Ireland Semi-Final between Magherafelt and Charleville. Generally it is pleasing to see so many schools participating and achieving at Post-Primary level.

We remain greatly indebted to the Tullamore GAA for the first class facilities offered to us. As usual Miriam O'Callaghan has worked extremely efficiently in order to ensure a successful day. Go Raibh maith agat, a Mhíriam.

Good luck to all our finalists today. We look forward to two highly competitive and sporting games. Thanks to all the Provincial Colleges, Committees and schools for their unrelenting interest and efforts.

Go mbeidh lá maith againn uilig.

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**Best Wishes to
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All-Ireland Colleges Sevens

1987 St. Marys, Charleville	4-0 to 1-4	St. Raphaels, Loughrea
1988 St. Marys, Charleville	3-6 to 1-3	St. Raphaels, Loughrea
1989 St. Raphaels, Loughrea	6-10 to 1-5	St. Patricks, Keady
1990 Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	1-4 to 1-3	St. Raphaels, Loughrea
1991 St. Raphaels, Loughrea	1-6 to 0-3	St. Brigids, Callan
1992 St. Marys, Nenagh	5-5 to 3-0	Scariff Community College
1993 St. Marys, Charleville	4-3 to 1-1	St. Marys, Magherafelt
1994 St. Marys, Charleville	12-8 to 1-5	St. Marys, Magherafelt
1995 St. Marys, Charleville	4-3 to 1-5	St. Marys, Magherafelt

1996 All-Ireland Colleges Championships

Junior Semi-finals

St. Marys, Magherafelt	3-3	St. Patricks, Cork	0-5
F. C. J. Bunclody	2-5	Holy Rosary, Mountbellew	1-6

Senior Semi-finals:

St. Raphaels, Loughrea	0-12	Mercy, Enniscorthy	1-2
St. Marys, Charleville	2-6	St. Marys, Magherafelt	1-8

Todays Referees

Jane Beatty is a very experienced referee. She has officiated at three Senior All-Ireland Finals in Croke Park. In her playing days, she wore the colours of U.C.G., Galway and Connacht with distinction.

Fiona McKenna is one of the newer referees on the inter-county circuit. She is quickly making a name for herself with some very competent performances.

Fiona Nic Cionnaith/Uí Ghráda

Fiona is a playing member of Clan na Gael, Lurgan. She has extensive refereeing experience at club, county and provincial level. Last year her official engagements included:

- The Ulster Club Championship Final;
- The Ulster Junior Championship Final;
- The All-Ireland Club Semi Final;
- The Inter Provincials.



Fiona travels throughout the native county Ard Mhacha directing and giving courses to aspiring referees. Fiona, a civil servant now lives in County Antrim and recently married a County Down man, but in Camogie circles is still known as Fiona McKenna.

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The St Mary's team who are challenging for the All-Ireland senior colleges camogie title at Tullamore this Saturday. Front row (from left): Sinéad O'Dallaghan, Angela Sheehy, Muireann Harrington, Eileen O'Brien, Marie O'Brien, Caoimhe Harrington, Katie O'Shea. Back row: Laura Leslie, Jeane Cullinane, Kim Hickey, Breda O'Brien, Sharon O'Kelly, Pauline Lynch, Mairéad Keane, Kaina Carroll, Lisa Moloney. Missing from picture are Vera and Deirdre Sheehan and Marie Foley.

(Pic: Patrick Casey)

Charleville girls hope to savour All-Ireland glory

AFTER years of waiting, Saturday may well be the day when the girls of St Mary's Convent of Mercy, Secondary School, Charleville, finally savour the joy of senior success in All-Ireland Colleges camogie final at Tullamore (3.15pm).

One of, if not arguably the most successful school at Junior level (under 15%) over the past three years, St Mary's have been more than a mite unfortunate in the senior competition.

Last year, St Mary's lost to a Presentation Convent side from Kilkenny that included many 18 and 19 year olds doing secretarial courses at the school. It was, as one observer put it, "girls playing against women".

That St Mary's have bounced back from that defeat to contest their third senior All-Ireland is a great achievement—that they are doing so just 12 years after taking up the sport is an even more remarkable feat.

Although many of the girls attending the 500 plus school played camogie with their local clubs such as Newtownshandrum, Grenagh and Ballygran, it was until 1984 that the school first fielded a camogie team.

Although current trainer, Vincent Harrington was involved, he generously reveals that the main credit for getting camogie on to the school's sporting curriculum lies with others.

"The main credit for starting the camogie here really

goes to Fr Liam Kelleher from Donoughmore—he was curate in Dromina at the time and Sr Margaret O'Keefe from Newmarket—they were the real driving forces," he said.

Within two years, St Mary's had won their first Junior All-Ireland, beating Buncloody of Wexford, and a year later they retained their title when they defeated their opponents on Saturday, St Raphael's of Loughrea.

While Loughrea gained revenge in the senior final that year—to follow on from their eight-in-a-row success up to 1983—St Mary's continued to flourish at junior level and in the All-Ireland U16 7-a-sides.

"We've been in the last three junior All-Ireland finals—we lost to Buncloody in 1993, but we won in 1994 and 1995, beating Magherafelt on both occasions," recalls Vincent, who hails from Carrigrohoid.

"We've also completed a three-in-a-row of 7-a-sides, winning it in 1993, 1994 and 1995—it's those successful junior and 7-a-side teams that backbone our current senior side," he adds.

The proud winners of 9 All-Ireland titles, 22 Munster titles and 21 Cork Colleges titles, St Mary's will nonetheless be bidding for their first senior success when they run out on to pitch at Tullamore on Saturday.

"We were beaten by Pres



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entation Convent, Kilkenny last year by four points and in 1993 Callan from Kilkenny beat us by about three goals, but we've suffered from the junior and senior finals being both on the same day.

"The junior final is on at 2pm and the senior final at 3.15pm—last year, we had two of our junior players, Sinéad O'Callaghan and Caoimhe Harrington both playing on the senior team.

"That meant that five minutes after playing with the juniors they had to go back out on the pitch and play with the seniors—in 1993, we had four players overlapping—it's a crazy situation," says Vincent.

But this year St Mary's are not in the junior final, so Vincent and fellow selectors, PE teacher, Anne Marie O'Keefe and school chaplain, Fr Tim Hazelwood from Castletownroche, will have no such unfortunate diversions.

Backbone by four of the Limerick team that won last year's All-Ireland Junior ti

tle, St Mary's also include Sinéad O'Callaghan from Charleville, who played with Cork juniors last year.

"Generally, I would think we are a very balanced side—the girls are very young, but they're all very skilful—nine of them played in last year's final so they're quite experienced," says Vincent.

"That said, Loughrea have all of their team from last year—we beat them in the semi-final by 2-12 to 2-8, but there really was very little in it so realistically, it's very hard to call Saturday's game."

Nonetheless, Vincent admits that preparations have gone well with the school having begun training last September and kept it up right throughout the winter months.

"Our preparations have gone well and we've got great support both from the parents—they organised flag days to raise money for buses—and local firms such as Kavanaghs and Golden Vale—the entire community in fact.

"We've played 20 matches including games against UCC and the Cork juniors—we beat both of them—and the Glen Seniors. We've put in a lot of work and we have no injury worries, so hopefully it will go well on Saturday."

Certainly it should, for if St Mary's can match St Raphael's in terms of hurling skill then it may well come down to mental strength—a quality the Charleville girls showed plenty of en route to the final.

"We were trailing Magherafelt by five points in the semi-final at the end of normal time, but young Eileen O'Brien—she's just 13—shot home two goals in injury time and we won by a point—it was a great comeback."

With that sort of self-belief plus the experienced gleaned from recent junior successes, St Mary's of Charleville look well poised to win an historic first All-Ireland Colleges Senior Camogie title.

The game starts at 3.15pm.

St Mary's: Lisa Moloney, Breda O'Brien, Mairéad Keane, Kate O'Shea, Muireann Harrington, Vera Sheehan, Jean Cullinane, Deirdre Sheehan, Sinéad O'Callaghan, Caoimhe Harrington, Eileen O'Brien, Angela Sheehy. Subs: Mairéad Keane, Kim Hickey, Laura Leslie, Marie O'Brien, Kaina Carroll, Sharon Kelly, Pauline Lynch.

St Mary's turn on style

St Mary's, Charleville
St Raphael's, Loughrea

1-15
3-3

EILEEN O'BRIEN (13) from Granagh pointed the way to All-Ireland Colleges Senior Camogie glory for St. Mary's, Charleville, with a devastating display of accuracy at Birr on Saturday, when her ten points, all from placed balls, deflated goal-hungry St. Raphael's of Loughrea, Galway in a tense and dramatic decider.

O'Brien, whose two goal strike after she was introduced as a late substitute, saw off Maher's in the semis, was very much the heroine.

She gave her team a perfect start with four points on the trot inside the opening eight minutes and when a cool head was called for in the closing stages when Raphael's were

just a goal in arrears, she responded again with another brace while setting up a third for Deirdre Sheehan.

There were some amazing scenes at the final whistle with a ten minute delay before a proud captain, Deirdre Sheehan, broke from the throngs to rush to the rostrum and claim the trophy for the North Cork school for the first time.

It was a victory richly deserved as a six point winning margin hardly reflected their overall superiority throughout the field, but against that backdrop there were moments when they looked insecure on the scoreboard.

They recorded nine scores to three for their opponents in the first-half, yet were just two points in front at the break, 0-9 to 2-1. That was narrowed to

one in 43 minutes when Esther Maher cracked in Raphael's third goal but a grandstand finish inspired by Caoimhe Harrington's green flag 60 seconds later ended the Galway challenge.

St. Mary's played with real fire, met every challenge head on and when pegged back by those goals, two of which were gifted, had the tenacity to lift their charge again and put the pressure on their opponents.

They refused to bow heads after Colette Nevin had the game's first goal to bring the sides level 1-1 to 0-4 and when three further points from Jean Cullinane, Sinead O'Callaghan and Eileen O'Brien were cancelled out by another Nevin goal, they still kept the fight going for O'Callaghan and O'Brien to give them the initia-

tive at the break. By the 42nd minute Mary's had opened a four points gap for the first time. St. Raphael's were not finished yet though and Esther Maher doubled on a free which landed in the goalmouth to leave it 0-12 to 3-2.

With time closing Caoimhe Harrington was nicely positioned to deliver the killer goal. Eileen O'Brien did the rest.

Scorers for St. Mary's: E. O'Brien 0-10; C. Harrington 1-0; B. O'Brien, D. Sheehan, J. Cullinane, A. Sheehy and S. O'Callaghan 0-1 each.

St. Raphael's: C. Nevin 2-3; E. Maher 1-0. St. Mary's - I. Moloney, B. O'Brien, M. Foley, M. Harrington, K. O'Shea, V. Sheehan, J. Cullinane, D. Sheehan, A. Sheehy, S. O'Callaghan, C. Harrington, E. O'Brien.

ST. RAPHAEL'S - A. Connolly, R. Catalano, M. Maher, T. Maher, N. Healy, E. Finn, G. Maher, (Capt.), A. Hardiman, E. Martyn, G. Lynskey, E. Maher, C. Nevin, Sub: Aileen Glynn for M. Maher.

Referee: F. McKenna (Armagh).



Clash of the ash . . . Under a dropping ball in the All-Ireland senior colleges camogie final at Birr on Sunday are Muireann Harrington and Katie O'Shea of St Mary's.



St Mary's, Charleville, captain, Deirdre Sheehan, and Vera Sheehan (No 8) are carried on the shoulders of supporters after their team's victory in the All-Ireland senior colleges camogie final at Birr on Sunday.

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The history-makers from St Mary's, Charleville. Front row (from left): Eileen O'Brien, Caoimhe Harrington, Angela Sheehy, Vera Sheehan, Muireann Harrington, Lisa Moloney. Back row: Jean Cullinane, Breda O'Brien, Marie Foley, Katie O'Shea, Sinéad O'Callaghan, Deirdre Sheehan (capt).

Charleville girls are All-Ireland champions

CHARLEVILLE ... 1-15
LOUGHREA 3-3
PRODUCING a display of star quality, St Mary's, Charleville, became All-Ireland senior camogie champions for the first time by defeating the kingpins of the competition St Raphael's, of Loughrea, at Birr on Saturday.

St Raphael's went into the game with a big reputation and were fortified by the knowledge that their school had won the All-Ireland title eight times, but they came up against girls who were just too good for them.

St Mary's showed determination, skill and courage that would have adorned any stage.

The outstanding feature of the game was the ability of the Charleville girls to score points when the chips were down. And were it not for the two first-half goals scored by the Loughrea full-forward, Colette Nevin, the winning margin would have been much wider.

Those two goals were scored against the run of play and kept St Raphael's in serious contention.

But the ability of St Mary's to reply to these hammer blows was impressive, to say the least.

Furthermore, the ability of Eileen O'Brien to punish consistent Loughrea fouling with some outstanding free-taking was crucial.

She had scored three points from placed balls inside the first four minutes and she had a tally of six points by the interval.

Sinéad O'Callaghan, Deirdre Sheehan and Joan



The joyous scene as St Mary's captain, Deirdre Sheehan, holds aloft the All-Ireland camogie trophy, Corn Sceilge, after receiving it from the President of the Camogie Colleges Association, Cailín Uí Einrí.

(Pics: P Cotter Photography, Birr)

Cullinane added three inspiring scores from play, to leave the half-time score at 0-9 to 2-1 in favour of St Mary's.

Into the second half and St Mary's heroically protected their lead. The game was at fever pitch with 10 minutes remaining, but when Caoimhe Harrington rattled the net for the only Charleville goal there was going to be only one result.

Breda O'Brien added a

marvellous long-range free and further points from Eileen O'Brien and Angela Sheehy clinched a glorious Charleville victory.

Scenes of great jubilation were witnessed at the final whistle and a considerable amount of time elapsed before the proud captain, Deirdre Sheehan, could be presented with Corn Sceilge.

It was a wonderful Char

leville performance and even the Loughrea girls had to concede that they lost to superior opposition.

St Mary's made no mistakes on the day and the victory more than compensated for recent disappointments at this level.

On the day, every single player was a hero and will be remembered as such in time to come.

St Mary's: Lisa Moloney, Breda O'Brien, Marie Foley, Muireann Harrington, Katie O'Shea, Vera Sheehan, Jean Cullinane, Deirdre Sheehan, captain, Angela Sheehy, Sinéad O'Callaghan, Caoimhe Harrington, Eileen O'Brien. Subs.: Mairead Keane, Kim Hickey, Karina Carroll, Marie O'Brien, Laura Leslie, Sharon O'Kelly and Pauline Lynch.

St. Mary's bask in title glory

BY JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

St. Mary's, Charleville.....1-15
St. Raphael's, Loughrea.....3-03

TEN Limerick girls entered the record books at Birr last Saturday, when they brought All-Ireland colleges senior camogie medals to their county, albeit wearing the colours of St. Mary's, Charleville.

There was a very strong south and west Limerick presence at the Offaly venue, for this national final against the Cyril Farrell managed St. Raphael's, Loughrea, one that was in the balance until five minutes from the finish, when wonder girl, 13 year-old Eileen O'Brien, sent over two crucial points, and, in between, carved another for Angela Sheehy.

Eileen, whose sister Breda was in the last line of defence, was the one they all sought to congratulate at the final whistle; not surprising really, in that she claimed 10 of her side's 15 points.

Amidst the excitement, it was suggested that Eileen, whose three late strikes saw off Magherafelt in the semi-finals and that, after she had come on as a substitute might have been the youngest senior player ever to walk to the winners enclosure.

No words of mine could do justice to the reception accorded to St. Mary's, when referee, Fiona McKenna of Armagh, sounded the final whistle. Parents, friends, supporters, teachers and admirers invaded the pitch to celebrate a wonderful achievement, the first for the north Cork school at this level.

Such was the frenzy of excitement that the official

pre-arranged trophy presentation was abandoned. The four counties concerned have promised to meet at full strength for the final of the O'Connell Cup, which is to be played on Sunday, at 7-15. The trophy is scheduled to be presented to the winners at 7-30. The trophy is to be presented to the winners at 7-30. The trophy is to be presented to the winners at 7-30.



Eileen O'Brien shows off the trophy

just three between them, their tails were up and no way were they going to be caught.

The wonder of it all, of course, was that they had not killed off St. Raphael's, eight times winners of the trophy in recent years, much earlier. In the first half, they recorded nine scores, to three, and yet were a mere two points ahead.

Again, on the change of ends, they pinned the Galway girls in their own half, but, just when it looked they were ready to pull away, Esther Maher beat Lisa Moloney for a third time, and once more there was a solitary point between them.

For all their skills and they were quite definitely a better team-St. Mary's and their supporters with jangled nerves. Coach Vincent Harrington, from Macroom, summed it up at the finish: "We gave away goals and that kept Loughrea in it. Yes, we were made to sweat it out, but it was worth it all-they are a great bunch, and I am very proud of them."

Looking towards Eileen O'Brien, surrounded by just about everybody, he added: "For a 13 year-old she is marvellous...did you see the way she took her 10 points...like a veteran."

It was by no means a one-girl show. All 12 performed heroics on the day. When experience was called for, Breda O'Brien, Muireann Harrington, Katie O'Shea, Jean Cullinane, Vera Sheehan and Caoimhe Harrington fractionally stood out above the rest, and it was due to their never-say-die spirit that the opportunities were created for Eileen O'Brien.

St. Raphael's, physically stronger, seldom matched them in speed, finesse and fitness. What they did have though was stubbornness, and a defence that gave protection to keeper Moloney, whose 40th minute save from Deirdre Sheehan was a highlight.

When Eileen O'Brien sent over four points inside the opening eight minutes, Cyril Farrell was heard to remark: "This lot are far superior to those we beat in the semi-finals-I don't know how we are going to close them down."

With his side unable to match St. Mary's for points-they had only one in the first half-he realised the only salvation for them would be to get goals. There was also a difference in styles. St. Raphael's one-touch game was in contrast to St. Mary's catch and run and, unable to stop them on their march, the losers con-

ceded close-in frees, 10 of which were translated into minors by O'Brien, who was wide of the target from two others, and on another occasion, was cute enough to set up the better placed Deirdre Sheehan.

O'Brien's opposite number Colette Nevin, also had her moments, and her personal contribution of 2-3 was noteworthy. St. Raphael's captain Gretta Maher led by example, and when moved to midfield, Esther Maher posed quite a few problems. Leading 0-4 to 0-1 in eight minutes, St. Mary's were on their way. But then a lapse in concentration at the back allowed Nevin in for her first goal, and the sides were level.

Jean Cullinane and Sinead O'Callaghan opened a two points gap, but Nevin slipped in for a second goal, and the Charleville girls knew they had to tighten up. Loughrea were unable to take full advantage of their lead, and a series of points from O'Brien left them trailing 0-9 to 2-1 at the interval.

O'Brien and Noonan traded further scores on the changeover, and the former, assisted by sister Breda, opened a four points gap by the 42nd minute, 0-12 to 2-2. Esther Maher's goal took

the gloss from them again, but once Caoimhe Harrington eased the tension with a golden strike, St. Mary's never looked back.

St. Mary's: Lisa Moloney (Bruff); Breda O'Brien (Granagh), 0-1; Marie Foley (Ballyagran); Muireann Harrington (Newtownshandrum); Katie O'Shea (Ballyagran); Vera Sheehan (Granagh); Jean Cullinane (Granagh), 0-1; Deirdre Sheehan (capt), (Granagh), 0-1; Angela Sheehy (Ballyagran), 0-1; Sinead O'Callaghan (Ballyagran), 0-1; Caoimhe Harrington (Newtownshandrum), 1-0; Eileen O'Brien (Granagh), 0-10.

St. Raphael's: Aoife Connolly; Ruth Cahalan; Michelle Maher, Theresa Maher, Norena Healy; Emer Finn, Gretta Maher, Anne Hardiman; Esther Martyn, Aoife Lynskey, Esther Maher 1-0; Colette Nevin 2-3; Sub. A. Glynn for M. Maher.

Referee: Fiona McKenna (Armagh).

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CAMOGIE: St. Marys (Macroom) 2-3 St. Josephs (Tulla) 1-4; ST. Marys Secondary School in Macroom captured the Munster colleges intermediate camogie championship title when they had a narrow victory over St. Josephs in an exciting replay at Charleville.

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Bunclody girls lose out in All-Ireland

St. Mary's, Magherafelt.....1-10
FCJ Bunclody.....0-4

A startling display from St. Mary's of Magherafelt stole the All-Ireland Schools junior camogie dream of FCJ Bunclody when they suffered a nine point defeat at Birr on Saturday last in an entertaining final.

The Derry contingent were appearing in their third final in a row, while their opponents were hoping to make amends for their loss at the same stage in 1993.

But, the bigger and more skilful St. Mary's side were inspired to a fine victory by captain, Simone Forbes, who possesses eight Ulster colleges titles.

After trailing by 0-3 to 1-5 at half-time, Bunclody came more into the game on the resumption.

It seemed as if a Julie Kirwan goal had handed the losers a lifeline with ten minutes remaining, but the referee disallowed the score as Bunclody's dreams evaporated.

FCJ Bunclody - Pamela Nolan (Kildavin), Mairead Doyle (Duffry Rovers), Aine Mullins (Bunclody), Lisa Frayne (Duffry Rovers), Eileen Hanrick (Bunclody, 0-3), Michelle Doyle (Bunclody), Elizabeth Ruth (Kilrush), Mairead O'Leary (Bunclody), Annalee Murphy (Bunclody), Julie Kirwan (Kildavin), Martina Murphy (Ferns St. Aidan's, captain), Mairead Hanrick (Bunclody, 0-1).

Deirdre Sheehan, captain of St Mary's, Charleville, Co. Cork, who beat St Raphael's, Loughrea, received the All-Ireland trophy from Catherine Loughlan, President of the Camogie Association.

Camogie season is in full swing

CORK Camogie Seniors will make a third attempt to play their first game of the National League when they take on Wexford as part of a double header at Carrigtwohill, today.

The games against Clare and Kilkenny were both cancelled due to weather conditions and today's game will be a welcome return to activity. Wex-

ford were the only team to beat Cork in last year's National League and this time out the All-Ireland champions will be anxious to reverse the result. Captained by Glen Rovers' Terese O'Callaghan the team will include Irene O'Keefe, Denise Cronin, and Vivienne Harris.

The Cork juniors take on Wexford in the Junior National League and here a win is a must to

stay in serious contention for the play off stages of the league.

The Under 18 Championship Semi Finals are down for decision on Sunday with Brian Dillons fancied to advance over Barryroe.

Holders St. Vincent's face a tough outing against St. Finbarrs.

The Under 16 League Final takes place this weekend.

Eire Og will have to be

in top form to hold Carrigaline who will look to Emma Greene to spear head their title chase.

Fixtures: Saturday 27 April: Senior and Junior National League - Cork v Wexford at Carrigtwohill, Senior Match 3.00 p.m., Junior 4.45 p.m. Sunday 28 April: Under 18 Championship Semi Finals - St Finbarrs v St. Vincent's at Ballygarvan 11.45 a.m. and Brian Dillons v Barryroe at Ballygarvan 1.00 p.m. Under 16 B League Final: Carrigaline v Eire Og at Redmonds GAA Pitch 5.30 p.m.

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St Mary's School are All-Ireland senior camogie champions

ST MARY'S School, Charleville, captured their first All-Ireland senior camogie title when they defeated Connaught champions St Raphaels, Loughrea on a scoreline of 1-15 to 3-3 in the final of the championship at Birr on Sunday.

The Charleville girls opened the scoring with three points from frees, scored by Eileen O'Brien who was to prove their star sharp-shooter over the course of the game.

The Loughrea girls replied with a minor score followed by a Charleville point from team captain Deirdre Sheehan to stretch the Charleville lead. But Loughrea struck with a goal a minute later to level the scores.

Jean Cullinane, Limerick's camogie player of the year, regained the lead for St Mary's with a point and Sinead O'Cal-

laghan put them two ahead before the Loughrea forwards again breached the Charleville defence to slot home the rebound after Charleville goalkeeper Lisa Moloney's brilliant save to give the Galway girls a brief lead.

However, the sides were level again when Eileen O'Brien pointed from a free and Sinead O'Callaghan's point regained the lead for Charleville.

Eileen O'Brien was on target again with a point in the 24th minute to leave the half time score 0-9 to 2-1.

Eileen O'Brien opened the scoring of the second half as she did in the first, with a point from a free.

There followed great passages of play before Loughrea pointed from a free in the twelfth minute. Further points from Eileen

O'Brien and Breda O'Brien edged Charleville further in front. However, Loughrea were not finished yet and hit back with a goal in the 20th minute.

Caoimhe Harrington lifted Charleville hearts when she broke through for her side's early goal in the 22nd minute of the half.

Loughrea got another point from a free, but two points from Eileen O'Brien and one from Angela Sheehy gave St Mary's a deserved victory over tough opponents to bring the first All-Ireland senior camogie championship to Charleville.

A special word of congratulations to all the team members, their coaches, Vincent Harrington, Anne Marie O'Keeffe and Fr Tim Hazelwood for the hard work in preparing the team during the season.



Ann O'Keeffe (Selector) and Vincent Harrington (coach) pictured with the victorious St Mary's Secondary School Senior Camogie team following their return to Charleville with the All Ireland Championship Cup.

ST. MARY'S ARE CHAMPIONS

ST. MARY'S WIN ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CAMOGIE TITLE

St. Mary's, Charleville.....1-15
St. Raphaels, Loughrea.....3-3
Making their third appearance in the last 4 years, this time St. Mary's made no mistake in winning the All-Ireland Senior Camogie championship for the first time ever. They were crowned champions in style, showing themselves to be a very polished outfit, at Birr, Co. Offaly on Saturday last.

St. Mary's play throughout the field was superior to their Galway opponents and were it not for the two first half goals scored by St. Raphaels, full forward Collette Nevin, Charleville would have enjoyed a much wider winning margin. But these 2 goals proved crucial and scored as they were against the run of play, they lead to a very balanced looking scoreboard. The accuracy of the Charleville free taker, Eileen O'Brien who scored nine points in all, added to St. Mary's ability to pick off points at vital times from play. These were surely telling factors in the final outcome, as was the dominance exerted at midfield by

Jean Cullinane and the Sheehan sisters. The Charleville girls had a 2 point lead at the interval on a scoreline of 0-9 to 2-1. 6 of these points came from the stick of Eileen O'Brien, who proved herself deadly accurate on the day. The contribution of corner forward, Caoimhe Harrington in this half was very noteworthy as she won much vital possession causing the Loughrea defense major headaches. Great scores from play from Sinead O'Callaghan, Deirdre Sheehan and Jean Cullinane were a great boost to the side. The second half was a nerve wracking affair and even though Charleville appeared

to have the upper hand, it was not until the last 5 minutes that the gap opened on the score board. Fantastic defending by all 5 defenders curbed many a Loughrea attack and when Caoimhe Harrington raised the green flag St. Mary's were unstoppable. Sinead O'Callaghan with her second point, Angela Sheehy, a marvellous long distance free from full back, Breda O'Brien added to 3 other placed balls from Eileen O'Brien left St. Mary's Charleville with a score of 1-15 at the final whistle. It will be remembered as a fabulous game of camogie.

Skill, excitement, determination, commitment and fitness were very much in evidence at O'Connor Park in Birr where the finals were staged for the first time. It was a day when every Charleville player without exception fought for her life, a team performance in the truest sense of the word, a day when all the sacrifices paid off. The scenes at the final whistle were euphoric and when Deirdre Sheehan, who proved herself an outstanding Captain, raised the cup, it was the best moment ever for camogie in St. Mary's. The welcome received on the

St. Mary's, Charleville

WISHES TO THANK THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES FOR THEIR GENEROUS SPONSORSHIP OF THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE ALL IRELAND SENIOR CAMOGIE FINAL:
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return to Charleville was one surely worthy of All-Ireland champions. The support of the school and town was very much in evidence as it was in Birr. As for the victory, surely a job well done.
Team: Lisa Moloney (Bruff), Breda O'Brien 0-1 (Granagh), Marie Foley (Ballyagran), Muireann Harrington (Newtown), Katie O'Shea (Ballyagran), Vera Sheehan, Jean Cullinane 0-1, Deirdre Sheehan 0-1 (Granagh), Angela Sheehy (Ballyagran) 0-1, Sinead O'Callaghan (Ballyagran) 0-

2. Caoimhe Harrington (Newtown) 1-0, Eileen O'Brien 0-9. Subs: Laura Leslie, Marie O'Brien (Granagh), Kim Hickey, Mairead Keane, Karina Carroll (Newtown), Sharon O'Kelly (Croagh), Pauline Lynch (Ballyagran), Loughrea: Aoife Connolly, Ruth Cahalan, Norena Healy, Michelle Maher, Therese Maher, Anne Hardiman, Greta Maher, Esther Martyn 1-0, Esther Maher, Emer Finn, Aoife Lynskey, Colette Nevin 2-3. Referee: Fiona McKenna (Armagh).



Ann O'Keeffe, Deirdre Sheehan and Vincent Harrington pictured during the post match reception.



Deirdre Sheehan receiving the All Ireland Senior Camogie Cup.



Eileen O'Brien scoring one of her nine points in the Ireland final.



Representation of set of hurleys by AIB Bank, Charleville, to St. Mary's, Charleville, on the occasion of their victory in the All Ireland Senior Camogie Championships on Saturday. L/R: Leo Haughney, AIB Bank, Pauline Lynch, Caoimhe Harrington, Mairead Keane, Eileen O'Brien, Laura Leslie, Muireann Harrington, Breda O'Brien, Jean Cullinane, Sinead O'Callaghan, Marie O'Keeffe, Selector, Jerry Kennedy, AIB Bank, Deirdre Sheehan, team captain, Vincent Harrington, team coach, Anne Foley, AIB Bank and Jim O'Callaghan, AIB Bank.

Camogie World

by P.J. Fulham

The news of the death of Sophia Brack, Dublin, which occurred at St. Vincents Hospital on Saturday April 13th caused widespread regret. Sophia was a camogie legend, having won eight All-Ireland senior championship medals with Dublin from 1948 to 1955, and was captain on six of those occasions, which is a record. Sophia's last inter-county match was the 1956 All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-final defeat against Antrim which ended Dublin's great run.

A surprise function was held in Sophia's honour last year when many of her friends and former team-mates gathered to celebrate. As Sophia went forward to collect her presentation, she pointed to her blue attire, saying, "I'll always be proud to wear the blue".

In her early years she played with C.I.E., Sliabh Bloom, Austin Stacks and she later joined Kilmacud Crokes. Sophia was one of the most skilful forwards the game of camogie has produced. At full forward she was a genius. Few full backs could curb her ability to pick off scores, left or right.

Sophia always had a keen eye for a good player and spent many years as a Dublin selector; she acted in the same capacity for Leinster. She was a tireless worker and over the years had accumulated a priceless collection of records, not only on Camogie but also on many other sports.

Sophia was aged 74 years, the eldest of a family of 13. She was a former employee at E.S.B. Head Office. At the time of her death she had been Registrar of Leinster Council for the previous 26 years.

She will be missed by her family and colleagues throughout the country. The large attendance at her removal and funeral to Deansgrange Cemetery was a sign of the high esteem in which she was held.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam.

On Sunday next the national leagues continue. At Senior level, Galway, who have full points to date and are sure of a place in the semi-finals, travel to take on Dublin. The metropolitan side did not take part in this competition last year. They seem to be in the process of team-building, and they have failed to collect any points so far. It looks like the top-form Galway side will continue in their winning ways.

The title holders, Cork, host Wexford in what should be a hard-fought tussle. The Slaneysiders will find it hard to snatch two points from the banks of the Lee.



The late Sophia Brack who passed away this month

Clare and Tipperary clash at a Clare venue in a repeat of last year's All-Ireland Intermediate final when Clare gained victory by the minimum score. Again, this should be an entertaining affair with little separating the sides at the finish.

It is the last round of the junior league. Zone D table toppers Roscommon are playing away to the League champions, Galway.

This game should produce plenty of fire power. If Roscommon win they are through. If Galway win, both teams will be. In the same division Offaly travel to Clare. The Faithful County are fancied to take the points here and will be chasing Galway and Roscommon. It could end up in a three way play-off.

Wexford face Cork in the curtain-raiser to the main event. Limerick are already through in this zone.

Carlow and Down battle it out at a Carlow venue in what should be a closely-contested affair.

Kildare host Armagh and the Lilywhites will be hoping for a win here. Antrim take on Monaghan, and should go through with Derry in Zone B.

RESULTS:

Maguire Cup:

Tyrone 3-4 Donegal 2-4
Down 5-18 Monaghan 2-8
Antrim 2-3 Derry 1-4

Ulster Minor League:

Tyrone 7-4 Donegal 0-1
Antrim 2-0 Derry 1-2
Down 4-8 Monaghan 2-3
Armagh 5-6 Cavan 1-1

Leinster Minor C'ship:

Laois 4-8 Offaly 1-1

The Death Of A Camogie Legend



Claire and Claire Murphy at the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants annual dinner.

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The Cork minor camogie panel who recently defeated Kilkenny

Cork Minors Prepare

THE Cork minor camogie panel have been preparing diligently for the forthcoming Munster semi-final against the girls from Waterford, due to take place on Monday, 6 May in Waterford. The overall panel of twenty three has eight players from the Muskerry region with Siobhan O'

Leary, Criona Harte and Louise Murphy from last seasons panel accompanied by Sinead A Buckley, Shelia Crowley, Mary Ennaguess, Sinead C Buckley and Ger Casey.

The girls have recently defeated Kilkenny in a challenge game and under the guidance of selectors

Joan O Leary, Ted Roche and coach Rob Lott are hoping to repeat last years corresponding result when Cork defeated the Waterford side. The winners of that semi-final meet Clare or Tipperary (victors for the past four years) in the final fixed for Sunday 19 May.

U-18s semis get go ahead

AT Club level the Under 18 Championship semi-finals, postponed last Sunday because of the weather, will now go ahead this Sunday at Ballygarvan. The first game involving St. Finbarr's and St. Vincent's is scheduled for 11.45 a.m. and this will be followed by the clash of Brian Dillons and Barryroe at 1 p.m.

Reigning champions, St. Vincent's, will be hoping to go a step nearer to retaining their Under 18 title, when they clash with St. Finbarr's, in what should be a close contest.

On form St. Vincent's will probably be slightly favoured to advance. They appear strong in all sectors and, with victories over Bishopstown and Aghabullogue behind them, will be formidable opponents. They will be spearheaded by Cork Under 18 Captain, Gillian Morrissey, and have other fine performers in Carol Lynch, Donna O'Leary, Sandra Ricken and Orla O'Shea, and if these girls produce the goods they could make things difficult for their Southside opponents.

However, the Barrs are never

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easily defeated. They have had great success at Under 14 and Under 16 level in recent months and, while they are a very young side, they will certainly be difficult to overcome. They will look mainly to players like Linda O'Connell, Ellen Clifford, Aoife Fitzpatrick, Bernadine Maher and Maria McCarthy to carry them through and if these girls play to form, they must be in there with every chance of success.

In the second game Brian Dillons will start as favourites to overcome Barryroe. They looked strong in their victories over a fancied Inniscarra side and Courcy Rovers, and on this occasion, will be expected to have the edge over Barryroe.

Dillons can call on three of the present Cork Minor panel in Sabrina Buckley, Jackie O'Sullivan and Therese Drummond and these, together with Cork Under 18 player, Sarah Mongan, must surely form the nucleus of a strong outfit.

Nice double header

CARRIGTWOHILL is the venue this Saturday for an interesting double header, which will see both the Cork Senior and Junior camogie teams in action against Wexford, in vital National League games.

This will be the Seniors third at-

tempt this season to play a National League game, so, no doubt, they will be very anxious that this game will go ahead. Their last competitive game was against Kilkenny in last year's All-Ireland Final in September and this long lay-off is certainly no

help as they prepare for the forthcoming championship, which will see them travel to Armagh on July 14.

They have increased their training considerably in recent weeks and will be facing Saturday's game with every confidence.

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Magherafelt triumph is Ulster's glor



TRAIL-BLAZERS... The St Mary's college camogie team which has become the first Ulster side to win the All-Ireland camogie championship. Also pictured are college principal Una O'Kane and PE teachers Rita Moran and Patricia Cooney.

like Ardara and Creggan to this school victory.

The biggest undoubtedly came from coach Rita Moran, who achieved much as a player for Creggan and Antrim. An All-Ireland senior medalist herself, she has long believed there is no reason why all Ulster sides cannot compete against the best.

The win on Saturday has rubber-stamped her achievements as a coach. When she moved a little over five years ago to her alma mater she found a lot of talent ready to realise its potential. Success followed immediately with the school's first Ulster title and with a bit of luck she could have had even both All-Ireland titles at the weekend.

The school's senior side came so agonisingly close to reaching their first All-Ireland final when they led Charleville by 1-8 to 0-6 with three minutes of injury time gone. Charleville not only pulled off a floundering act but then went on to easily win Saturday's final 1-15 to 3-3 against St. Raphael's Loughrea.

that you and your team have a right to compete at this level.

There is of course the element of luck in some of these games but expect Ulster sides from now on to hold their own in the All-Ireland arena.

Congratulations to St. Mary's and they do not need reminding that this victory has been gestating for several years.

In last year's final their young side were very much the underdogs. With eight of the team available again this year, hopes were high of going the whole way.

They did and won each match easily. With perhaps their biggest score coming in the league qualifiers before Christmas, when neighbours St. Patrick's Maghera drew with them and then went down by a point in the return game.

That says something for the standard of underage camogie in Derry, although there was a big input by clubs

Camogie: The St Mary's girls have blazed a path to All-Ireland success which should inspire other teams

Few other results will lift so many people involved in Ulster camogie than that achieved by a group of 15-year-olds from St. Mary's Magherafelt.

Their victory in the All-Ireland Colleges' Junior final on Saturday meant as much outside the northern shores of Lough Neagh. It has the same significance to Ulster camogie as Down's All-Ireland football win in 1991 had to Ulster football.

New Rita Moran, Patricia Cooney and the team which feuded against PCJ Bundoo have produced evidence for those who believed all along that Ulster's youngsters are among the best.

What seemed to be lacking was confidence - that ingredient which comes from the knowledge that other teams have done it in the past, and

St. Mary's make history in U15 final

ST. MARY'S, Magherafelt made history on Saturday by becoming the first Ulster school to lift the All-Ireland Junior U15 Colleges' Championship.

The result was never in doubt as St. Mary's powered their way to a 1-10 to 0-4 victory. After a late switch in venue the game was played in Birt and St. Mary's got off to a flying start when Simone Forbes powered forward for the first point. St. Mary's then gave away a simple free and Eileen Henderson levelled for Bunclody.

Simone again surged forward and pointed again, but Bunclody were awarded a second free which they pointed.

Denise McCann, Bernadine Quinn and Simone again hammered over points in succession before Denise McCann sealed through for a brilliant goal.

Bunclody added another pointed free before half-time to leave the score 1-5 to 0-3. On the resumption St. Mary's again took control and added points from Bernadine Quinn, Amanda Kennedy, Denise McCann and Simone Forbes (2). Bunclody could only manage a point in the closing minutes as St. Mary's defended resolutely any time danger threatened.

This was a good team performance from St. Mary's. Rowena Cassidy in goals was never really tested, but coped with any loose ball that came her way.

Martina McGuckin, Eimear Totten, Maura McAuley and Sinead Heffron proved to be a rock solid defence. No Bunclody player

scored from play. The midfield line of Maoliosa Shivers, Simone Forbes and Bernadine Quinn dominated the game from start to finish, and despite numerous attempts at switching players, Bunclody never looked like containing them.

The forward line of Amanda Kennedy, Denise McCann, Clare Gormley and Marie Therese McCann were a constant threat and were unlucky not to add a few more scores. Only Mairead Handrick, the Bunclody number 11, threatened to disrupt the St. Mary's defence, but she never really made any significant impression in spite of several switches.

St. Mary's will long savour this victory after so many disappointments in the last few years.

All the local schools will take heart from St. Mary's victory, and hopefully more all-Irelanders will follow in the coming years.



All Ireland champions - the St. Mary's Grammar School Junior Camogie team with coaches Patricia Cooney and Rita Moran.

ALL IRELAND JUNIOR COLLEGES CAMOGIE FINAL

All Ireland title for St. Mary's

St. Mary's 1-10 :: FCJ Bunclody 0-4

St. Mary's Grammar School, Magherafelt, are the proud holders this week of an All Ireland Colleges Camogie Title after years of being the competition's bridesmaids. A superb team performance at last broke the All Ireland hoodoo and brought the coveted title North for only the second time ever.

Last month in Cork, the Magherafelt women swept aside the challenge of the Munster champions and took their place in the final. Since then they have made their preparations for the big day and what dividends they have now reaped!

The game itself was played in Birt, a last minute change from the expected venue of Tullamore. A cavalcade of traffic left Derry and Antrim for the contest, hoping that the All Ireland duck could at last be broken. Bunclody had been beaten by the Magherafelt school last year in the semi-final but "old enemies" Charleville spoilt the party then, winning the decider. The fact that the Cork side were out of the competition was a huge boost to the St. Mary's cause and, in reality, they were never going to get beaten this time.

SIMONE POINTS THE WAY

The weather was reasonably kind, staying dry for the game

and the pitch was immaculate. Simone Forbes the star of the Ulster Final and the player who stemmed the flow against St. Mary's in the semi-final once again got the St. Mary's bandwagon moving with the opening point. Bunclody replied in kind and the game continued in this tit-for-tat fashion for much of the first half.

Lavey woman Denise McCann, another star of the Ulster Final and the scorer of a great point against St. Patrick's Cork, got a point to keep the pressure on the Leinster Champions. Simone Forbes led by example, powering through the Bunclody midfield and sending point after point over the Munster side's bar. The Ardboe star was ably assisted by Denise McCann who settled the Magherafelt nerves with a great goal which helped take her side into a 5 point first half lead.

DETERMINATION

At the back, Castledawson's

superb Maura McAuley marshalled the St. Mary's defence with grim determination. Martina McGuckin of Ballinderry and the Creggan pair Sinead Heffron and Eimear Totten broke down every Bunclody attack, denying them access at any time to goalie Rowena Cassidy. Eimear Totten, carrying an injury which had threatened to keep her out of the game, tied the Bunclody attackers in knots and together the defence fed the ball out to the talented midfielders.

At the other end, Marie Theresa McCann stuck rigidly to her task, refusing to be drawn out of the 15 yard area. Inside it she hassled and harried the Bunclody defenders, forcing them to rush clearances and present chances to the other St. Mary's players.

Amanda Kennedy got her name on the scoresheet in the second half and the ever-improving Bernadine Quinn from Ballinderry capped a tremendous personal performance with 2 great points.

As the game progressed it was quite clear that Bunclody didn't have the firepower to seriously threaten the Magherafelt women.

Clare Gormley, who had performed heroically throughout, was withdrawn from the action close to the end and Lorna Mulholland got the chance to taste the atmosphere. However, no doubt remembering the Senior semi-final which was lost as the result of a 2 goal injury time blitz, the players kept the pressure up until the Wexford official brought matters to a close with St. Mary's comfortably in control 1-10 to 0-4.

The end of a very long road then for the Magherafelt girls as, for the first time in their history, they took the All Ireland trophy. It would be impossible to praise the players and coaches too highly. Rita Moran produced a perfectly disciplined side who carried out her instructions to the let-

ter. The bitter lesson of Ballymaguigan had been learned and the foot never came off the throttle until the final whistle signalled the start of celebrations which will continue for quite a while.

Unfortunately the recently installed St. Mary's principal, Mrs. Una O'Kane, was unable to attend the match and so regrettably missed the greatest moment in the history of St. Mary's and Derry school camogie. No doubt she will give her All Ireland conquering heroines the red light treatment on their return to the hallowed halls of St. Mary's, Magherafelt.

St. Mary's (Magherafelt): Rowena Cassidy (Kilreal).

Martina McGuckin (Ballinderry), Eimear Totten (Creggan), Maire McAul (Castledawson), Sinead Heffron (Creggan), Bernadine Quinn (Ballinderry), Simone Forbes (Ardboe), Maoliosa Shivers (Castledawson), Clare Gormley (Ballinascreen), Denise McCann (Lavey), Amanda Kennedy (Ballinascreen), Marie Theresa McCann (Creggan), Ursula Walls (Magherafelt), Patricia Bateson (Ballinderry), Ai O'Kane (Ballinascreen), Patricia Bateson (Ballinderry), Lorna Mulholland (Castledawson), Shauna Mulholland (Castledawson), Ciara O'Donnell (Castledawson), Fio Hughes (Bellaghy) and U O'Neill.

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Camogie World

by P.J. Fulham

The rain acted as a spoilsport in recent times with many fixtures having to be called off in the National Leagues. Cork's first two fixtures against Clare on March 24th and against Kilkenny on April 21st were cancelled because of pitches being waterlogged.

The semi-finals of the senior league which were down for decision for May 19th will be put back to accommodate outstanding fixtures.

Galway have full points in their zone and are sure of a place in the semi-finals. Kilkenny head the table in Division 2 with four points from two outings.

Clare collected their first brace of points in the National senior league when they got the better of a fancied Wexford side at Clarecastle. It was a closely contested tussle played in a downpour. The sides were level at 0-5 each at the break. Wexford forged ahead in the second half with a goal by Geraldine Codd and some well taken points from Orla Hernana and Esme Murphy.

Back came Clare's Sylvia O'Brien with a well taken goal, and "The Banner County" notched some long range points to give them a two point win. Final Score: Clare 1-9 Wexford 1-7.

Scorers: Clare-Catherine O'Loughlin 0-5, Sylvia O'Brien 1-1, Sinead O'Brien 0-3, Wexford: Geraldine Codd 1-3, Barbara Sludds, Esme Murphy, Orla Hernan and Paula Rankin 0-1 each. Referee: Jane Beatty, Galway.

Meanwhile, Dublin got the better of Tyrone in a Nation junior league tie played at

Eskagh. This game was played in torrential rain and was a close tussle all the way. Tyrone led 0-5 to 0-2 at the break. Goals by Una Ward and Louise O'Hara set Dublin up for victory on a scoreline of 2-8 to 1-8.

Scorers: Dublin: Louise O'Hara 1-1, Una Ward 1-0, Valerie Reaney 0-3, Darelle Dolan, Mary Nevin, Marie Byrne, and Irene Kirwan 0-1 each.

Tyrone: Jennifer Laggan 1-2, Catherine Finnegan 0-2, Grainne Small, Breda Burke, Colette Darcy and Lorraine Darcy 0-1 each.

Down collected two valuable points when they overcame Cavan in a closely contested Junior league encounter played at Drumgath. By virtue of this win Down have made it to the quarter-finals. It was a hard fought tussle all the way and at the end of the first half the winners led 0-6 to 1-2.

Marie Prior notched off some nice points for Cavan, but Down's Jennifer Branniff was in great scoring form and pushed her side into a two point lead in the closing stages to run out winners on a score of 0-11 to 1-6.

Scorers: Down: Jennifer Branniff 0-6, Coleen Hynds 0-3, Mairin McAleenan and Claire Mulholland 0-1 each.

Cavan: Majella Prior 1-2, Marie Prior 0-3, Claire McGovern 0-1.

ALL IRELAND COLLEGE FINALS

St Mary's, Charleville collected their first ever All-Ireland Senior

Colleges title when they got the better of St Raphael's, Loughrea in this final played at Birr. The opening half was evenly contested with 13 year old Eileen O'Brien, Charleville's scoring ace sending over some well taken points. Colette Nevin crashed home two goals for St.Raphael's leaving the half time score Charleville 0-9 Loughrea 2-1.

The winners produced lots of fire power in the second half, and a goal by Caoimhe Harrington put them on the path to victory on a score of: St Marys 1-15 St Raphael's 3-3.

Scorers: St Mary's: Eileen O'Brien 0-10, Caoimhe Harrington 1-0, Sinead O'Callaghan 0-2, Jean Cullinane, Deirdre Sheehan and Agnes Sheehy 0-1 each.

St.Raphaels: Colette Nevin 2-3, Triona Maher 1-0.

Referee: Fiona McKenna, Armagh.

St Mary's, Magherafelt made history when they defeated F.C.J. Bunclody in the All-Ireland Junior Colleges final also played at Birr. It is the first All-Ireland Colleges title to go to Ulster in 25 years. The winners were dominant from the start. Bunclody produced some fine defensive work but lacked scoring power. Half time score Magherafelt 1-5, Bunclody 0-3. Final Score: Magherafelt 1-10 Bunclody 0-4.

Scorers: Magherafelt: Simone Forbes 0-5, Denise McCann 1-2, Brid Quinn 0-2, Ann Kennedy 0-1. Bunclody: Eileen Hanrick 0-2, Marie Hanrick and Margaret Murray 0-1 each. Referee: Jane Beatty, Galway.

On Sunday next there is one National Senior League game down for decision. This is the re-fixtured of Clare and Cork at the latter venue. Clare will be confident after their victory over Wexford. Nevertheless, the "Rebel County" should be masters on home ground.

Bad Weather Upsets Fixtures

Exciting weekend for camogie supporters

THE camogie calendar is full this weekend, with the Cork minor team taking the first step towards the Munster title and the senior team taking on Clare in the National League.

Then for good measure there is the Cork U-18 County Championship final, and the U-16 B League Final.

Included on the Cork team are Jackie O'Sullivan, Catherine Barrett, Sinead Buckley and Karen Riordan who is in her third year in the Minor team. Cork will be confident of victory having defeated the same opposition comprehensively in last years opening round. However, Waterford are anxious to improve their under age camogie and will be going all out for victory.

In an interesting clash the All Ireland senior champions Cork take on the All-Ireland intermediate champions Clare when they meet in the senior National League at Mayfield tonight.

FIXTURES: Today, Senior National League — Cork v Clare at Mayfield at 7.00 p.m.
Tomorrow, U-18 County Championship Final — St. Finbarr's v Barryroe at Barryroe at 3.00 (venue to be confirmed).
Monday: Munster Minor Championship — Waterford v Cork at Dunhill, Co. Waterford at 3.00 p.m.
Wednesday: U-16 B League Final replay — Eire Og v Carrigaline at Redmond GAA Pitch at 7.00 p.m.

Fixtures backlog hits the league semi-finals

A FIXTURES backlog has forced the postponement of the semi-finals of the National Camogie League.

The matches were due to take place on May 19, but they have now been deferred after heavy showers played havoc with the fixtures list.

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By PJ FULHAM

At the moment Galway are the only team assured of a place in the last four, while Cork, Kilkenny, Wexford and Clare are battling it out for the remaining places.

Cork only got their campaign underway last Sunday when they beat Wexford and have a lot of catching up to do over the next few weeks. They are at home to Clare in this weekend's only senior league match.

Junior League quarter-finals draw — A: Down v Antrim or Dublin. B: Kildare v Derry. C: Galway v Cork or Tipperary. D: Offaly or Roscommon v Limerick. Semi-finals: E v G and F v H.

UCC honours its stars

GAA stars Frank Lohan, Mark O'Sullivan and Seamus Moyrchan were among a group of athletes honoured at a function last night as UCC celebrated its most successful sporting season ever.

Lohan, who starred on the college's Fitzgibbon Cup winning team as well as the Clare side which won last year's All-Ireland senior hurling final, received the Guinness/Jurys/UCC hurling award.

O'Sullivan and Moyrchan, of Cork and Kerry respectively, were honoured for their footballing feats throughout the past year.

Also selected were: Freda Davoren and Kieran Lambe (athletics), Stephanie Dunlea (camogie), Michelle O'Sullivan (ladies hockey), Paul Lombard (mens hockey), Dominic Crotty (rugby) and Sinead Twomey (table tennis).

Both the men's and ladies' hockey teams retained their inter-varsity crowns. Michelle O'Sullivan was picked for the Munster and Irish team, while Fiona Connery, Eimer O'Brien and Nora O'Connell made the Munster U-21 team. Paul Lombard and Killian Deasy, meanwhile, made the Combined Universities and Munster men's teams.

In rugby, University College Cork won the intervarsity Dudley Cup, gained promotion to Division Two of the All-Ireland Insurance Corporation League, while the U-20s finished top of the Munster league. The senior team also made up seven of the Irish Universities panel, with Rob Laffan, Stephen McCormack, Tim O'Connell, John Fitzgerald, Frank Sheahan, John Kelly and Dominic Crotty all featuring. Crotty indeed was called up to the Munster and Irish panel.

The College was also without equal in other sports, among them athletics, badminton, bridge, camogie, handball, basketball and canoe polo, while intervarsity honours in other grades were achieved by the gaelic football, table tennis and soccer teams in several competitions.

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Cork minors off on the trail

ON Monday at Dunhill the Cork Minors Team open their Munster Championship campaign when they take on the home county Waterford in the first round of the Munster championship at 3pm.

The present panel has been together since last November under coach Bob Lott and he certainly has put in a lot of work with the side. They have played a number of challenge games and both the coach and selectors are confident that they have put together a side capable of bringing All Ireland

honours to Cork this season.

While the team is not officially named the likely team is expected to see last year's keeper Sandra Ricken from St Vincents between the posts. The full back line should include Emer O'Sullivan from Kilbrittain, Sinead Buckley, Aghabullogue and Siobhan O'Leary from Inniscarra.

Catherine Barrett from Mayfield is expected to move from her more familiar position in the forward line to centre back while the midfield positions will most likely go to Karen

Riordan (Glen Rovers), Elaine Burke, (Valley Rovers) and Mary B. Eneguss, (Aghabullogue).

Brian Dillons player Sabrina Buckley will almost definitely be at centre forward while the full forward line should see Courcey Rovers pair Sarah Hayes and Rachel Moloney in the corners with Criona Harte from Inniscarra at full forward.

The Cork team is a relatively new look side with only three remaining from last year's team which were narrowly defeated by Tipperary.

Delight for the Pres girls

WELL done to Presentation Secondary School, Ballyphehane, who, on Thursday last, defeated Christ the King Secondary School, Turners Cross, to take the Cork Colleges Intermediate "A" Championship.

It was a very exciting match particularly in the first half with both sides playing well.

Presentation Secondary School were the stronger side but missed a number of scoring opportunities in the first half.

However, they made up for this in the second half with scores at will. Natasha Nash (Capt) had a fantastic game at full forward with a scoring tally of 5-6 points and April Dawson scored a goal and a point.

Others to impress for Ballyphehane were Maria McCarthy, Linda O'Connell, Gillian O'Sullivan and Barbara Ann Corcoran. Veronica Nash in goal made some fine saves during the game.

It was a marvelous team display and each member of the winning team contributed to a very impressive victory. Christ the King girls though outplayed in the second half gave a very spirited performance.

Team: V. Nash, K. O'Shea, S. Crowley, B. O'Connell, L. O'Connell, B. Myers, G. O'Sullivan, M. McCarthy, B.A. Corcoran, A. Dawson, B. Maher, N. Nash.

Subs: A. McGregor, C. McCarthy, J.A. O'Neill, S. Harrington.



Ellen Clifford, St. Finbarrs.



Geraldine Collins, Barryroe.

U-18 final tomorrow

THE stage is now set for the final of the U18 championship and tomorrow at Cloughduv at 3.30.

St Finbarrs and Barryroe will battle it out for honours.

At the start of the campaign few would have forecasted Sundays finalists, but both sides are there on merit and we should have a great contest in store.

Barryroe have certainly been the surprise package of this championship but going on their performance, to date in the championship will no doubt be formidable opponents.

Their path to the final included victories over Ballygarvan, Mayfield and Brian Dillons.

During these games, they played with great determination and certainly left no stone unturned to ensure victory.

They have fine performers in Clare Keohane, Linda McCarthy, Fiona Collins and in

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particular wing forward Geraldine Collins, who has been their top scorer to date and if these girls play to form they will no doubt make things very difficult for their city opponents.

St Finbarrs path to the final included victories over St Fana-hans, Kilbrittain after extra time and St Vincents. Their semi final clash with St Vincents on Sunday last was certainly a close one and they were forced to withstand great pressure before eventually coming out on top.

The 'Barrs are a rela-

tively young side but never appear to be overawed by the big occasion and they will be going into the game hopeful of success.

They have already won the Under 14 "A" and Under "16" League titles and a win at the Under 18 level would certainly crown what has been a very successful season.

The 'Barrs will be captained by Deirdre Harrington and they have other very experienced performers in Aoife Fitzpatrick, Maria McCarthy and Bernadine Maher and if they produce the goods, they must be in with every chance of success.

U-16 league replay

ON Wednesday night next at Redmonds, Carrigaline and Eire Og will battle it out again to decide the destination of the Under 16 "B" League title for the 1995 season.

Last Sunday night the sides met, but at the end of 50 minutes of very competitive play, the sides were again dead locked and next Wednesday's replay is expected to be another very close game and it is very difficult to predict who will come out on top.

Tipperary and Cork in final

Tipperary 1-10
Clare 0-10

A GOAL by Caitriona Hennessy after 10 minutes was decisive as Tipperary qualified for the Munster Minor Camogie final at the Ragg yesterday when they edged out a gallant Clare side in a thriller.

There was nothing between the sides all through. Hennessy's 10th minute goal had Tipperary on terms at the interval 1-3 to 0-6 after Clare had enjoyed slightly the better of the exchanges in the first half.

Tipperary, however, got on top in the second half and with Hennessy and Emer McDonnell to the fore Tipp claimed a narrow victory.

Scorers — Tipperary: C. Hennessy (1-4); E. McDonnell (0-3); J. Ryan (0-2); S. Sullivan (0-1).
Clare: D. Murphy (0-4); M. Littleton (0-3); E. Minogue (0-2); M. McNamara (0-1).

TIPPERARY: N. Dwyer; H. Frawley; E. Hayden; S. Howard; N. Connolly; S. Sullivan; S. Collins; J. Fahay; E. McDonnell; L. Brennan; J. Ryan; C. Hennessy.

CLARE: D. Corcoran; C. Lynch; S. Treacy; S. Crowe; C. McGrath; S. Walsh; M. McNamara; C. Allis; A. O'Connell; D. Murphy; E. Minogue; M. Littleton.

Referee: Mary Carney - Cork.

Cork 4-11
Waterford 0-3

CORK scored a decisive win over Waterford in the other semi-final at Dunhill, Co. Waterford yesterday. Having led at the break 3-7 to 0-1 the Leesiders continued to dominate throughout the second half despite the best efforts of a young Waterford side. Cork now contest the Munster final on May 18 against Tipperary.

Barryroe best

BARRYROE were crowned 1995 under 18 Cork Camogie champions at Cloughduv when they secured a hard earned 4-4 to 2-9 win over St. Finbarr's.

Behind at half-time 1-1 to 0-5 the winners scored 3-3 in the second half to run out champions.

Cork win well

CORK score a comprehensive 5-17 to 0-8 victory over Clare in the senior camogie national League played at Mayfield on Saturday night. An opening goal from Lynn Dunlea after only 30 seconds laid the foundations for a Cork victory. And with the score at half-time 4-10 to 0-4 the result was never in doubt.

Scorers: Cork L. Dunlea 3-8 (4 points from free), L. Mellerick 0-1, L. O'Keefe 1-1, T. O'Callaghan 1-1, F. O'Driscoll 0-2, M. Deasy 0-1, M. O'Connor 0-1, S. Fitzgibbon 0-2.
Clare: E. Arthur 0-4, S. O'Brien 0-2, C. O'Loughlin and N. Cummins 0-1 each.
Ref J. Morrissey, Tipperary.

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Camogie World

by P.J. Fulham

Owing to the recent bad weather many National League fixtures had to be postponed, and as a result the semi-finals of the senior league which were down for decision on May 19th and the junior league quarter-finals scheduled for May 12th have been put back.

In senior fare Galway are the only county through to the semi-final. They will be joined by either Armagh or Down from division one. In division two Kilkenny and Clare share the top of the table. Cork had their first game on Saturday April 27th when they gained victory over Wexford 5-14 to 2-6. "The Rebel County" have a lot of catching up to do over the next few weeks.

Galway continued their unbeaten record in the national senior league and grasped a place in the semi-final when they coasted to victory over Dublin at Loughrea. The winners led 4-5 to 0-8 at the break.

Final score: Galway 6-13 Dublin 0-9

Scorers: Galway: Sharon Glynn 0-8, Veronica Curtin 1-3, Denise Gilligan and Martina Harkin 2-0 each, Imelda Hobbins 1-1, Carmel Hannon 0-1.

Dublin: Geraldine Dunne 0-4, Germaine Noonan 0-2, Valerie Reaney, Miriam Carty and Irene Kirwan 0-1 each.

Referee: Liam Davitt, Westmeath.

Clare collected their second brace of points in the senior league when they got the better of Tipperary by the minimum score in a closely contested tie played at

Newmarket-on-Fergus. The "Banner county" led by 1-7 to 1-0 at the break. Tipperary had the better of the second half, but were just pipped by the whistle on a score of Clare 1-11 Tipperary 3-4.

Scorers: Clare: Sylvia O'Brien 1-3, Sinead O'Brien 0-5, Edel Arthur 0-2, Noelle Cummins 0-1.

Tipperary: Teresa Burke and Helan Kiely 1-2 each, Noelle Kennedy 1-0.

Referee: Bernie O'Dea, Limerick.

In the National Junior league, Galway collected a valuable brace of points, when they got the better of table toppers Roscommon at Loughrea. Galway's super sub, Martina Haverty who was introduced in the second half destroyed Roscommon's chances when she banged home two goals.

Galway led 0-8 to 0-5 at the break and ended on a score of Galway 2-7 Roscommon 0-10.

Scorers: Galway: Martina Haverty 2-0, Colette Nevin 0-4, Miriam Lynch, Triona Maher and Denise Nevin 0-1 each.

Roscommon: Liz Hanley 0-6, Geraldine Carr and Emer Manning 0-2 each.

Referee: Theresa Bates, Louth.

Carlow failed against table toppers Down at Bagnalstown and will not figure in the quarter-finals. It was an entertaining affair. Down led 2-8 to 1-2 at the break and continued to dominate. Final Score: Down 5-15 Carlow 2-10

Scorers: Down: Coleen Hynds 3-6, Mairin McAleenan 1-4, Sinead McGovern 1-2, Jennifer Branniff 0-2, Monica McCartan 0-1.

Carlow: Valerie Crean 0-9, Mary

Coady 1-1, Marie Sheehan 1-0. Referee: Paddy Brady, Meath.

Offaly had a 3-12 to 1-2 win over Clare at Newmarket-on-Fergus to leave then in a play off situation for a place in the quarter-finals.

There is just one junior game outstanding between Kilkenny and Cork. This is being refixed for May 19th.

In zone 'D' league champions Galway Offaly and Roscommon ended all square. As only two come out of each division to the quarter-final, Galway got the Bye and Offaly and Roscommon must contest a play-off.

The following are the quarter final draws:

- (E) Down V Antrim or Dublin,
- (F) Kildare V Derry.
- (G) Galway V Cork or Tipperary,
- (H) Offaly or

Roscommon V Limerick.

Semi-final draws:

- (E) V (G)..... (F) V (H).

On Sunday next Roscommon and Offaly meet in the play off. Whichever gets the venue will have a slight advantage in what should be a close and entertaining tussle. When the sides met in the early stages of the league Roscommon has an easy win. However, Offaly got a great boost when they had six points to spare over the title holders Galway and have not lost a game since. Their tails are up and they will prove no easy team to dispose of. They parade players such as Geraldine Mahon, Dymphna Whyte, Michelle Davis, and Maggie Lynch.

Roscommon are the All-Ireland Junior Championship finalists of last year and are a team that has made great strides in the past two years. They have stars in Maeve Healy, Karina Jones, Geraldine Carr and Mary Gannon.

They too will be hard to overcome. It should go down to the wire.

Weather Causing Fixture Congestion

Muskerry girls take the honours

IN the inaugural Cork Colleges Camogie first year blitz played at Mayfield, the Muskerry Camogie Academy defeated St. Aidan's, St. Als' and Clonakilty in a marvellous tournament. The Coachford side had excellent performers in Maria Noonan, Maeve O'Connell, Claire McCarthy and Brid O'Connell.

Carrigaline end their 40-year wait

Carrigaline 1-6
Eire Og 1-4

CARRIGALINE won their first major camogie trophy in over 40 years when they defeated Eire Og in the Under-16 B League Final replay at Redmonds last night.

Scorers: Carrigaline E. Greene 0-2, A. Cooney 0-4, C. Fitzgerald 1-0, Eire Og D. O'Sullivan 1-0, D. Healy 0-1, E. McKevney 0-1.
Ref: M. Burns, Na Piarasigh.

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Cork U-12 League: Erina Own 2-0, Glen Rovers 'A' 0, Ballinhassig 0-0, Carrigaline 0, Mayfield 5-1, Blackrock 1-0, Watergrasshill 2-0, Na Piarasigh 0, Ballygarvan 4-3, Slieve Rue 0, Douglas 5-0, St. Finbarrs 1-1, Watergrasshill 3-0, Glen Rovers 'B' 0, Senior League: Glen Rovers 5-10, Inniscarra 3-4, St. Finbarrs 0-11, Sandfields 0-1, U-14 'A' League: Bishopstown 2-2, St. Finbarrs 1-1, Ballinhassig 5-3, Glen Rovers 3-1, Ballygarvan 4-12, Aghabullogue 0-1, Glen Rovers 0-1, Bishopstown 0-1.

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National Sen League — Galway 6-13 Dublin 0-9, Cork 5-14, Wexford 2-6, Clare 1-11 Tipperary 3-4, National Jun League — Cork 4-7, Wexford 3-7, Offaly 3-12, Clare 1-4, Down 5-15, Carlow 2-10, Kildare 2-8, Armagh 0-0, Galway 2-7 Roscommon 0-10.

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NATIONAL SENIOR LEAGUE
Kilkenny 5-14, Wexford 0-3.
NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE
Quarter-final — Derry 3-5, Kildare 0-5, Playoff: Offaly 2-11, Roscommon 1-4.
LEINSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP
Semi-finals — Wexford 2-8, Kilkenny 1-8, Dublin 1-10, Laois 1-9.

Cork and Tipp girls meet

CORK Seniors play their third national camogie league game in consecutive weeks when they face Tipperary this evening. A win here will see Cork through to the play off stages of the league with victories over Clare and Wexford under their belt. The team will be expected to include the experienced Irene O'Keeffe, Denise Cronin, and last weekend's top scorer Lynn Dunlea who had 3-8 to her credit.

Tipperary are anxious to make strides and with Toomevara stars Deirdre Youth and Noel Kennedy in their side will be hoping to eclipse Cork. Cork v Tipperary at Golden, Co Tipperary (7.00 p.m.)

St Mary's Secondary School are Munster camogie champions

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CONGRATULATIONS to St Mary's Secondary School, Macroom who defeated Tullow, Co Clare in the Munster Schools Senior Camogie final at Charleville last week.

In the opening half, the Tullow girls were the first to register a score, a point from a placed ball, and the Clare girls followed this up with a second point from play just after Macroom missed two valuable scoring chances. St Mary's then came into the game with a great point from play courtesy of Clare O'Donoghue and Hilda Dunlea scored a goal from a free to put her side two points in front. On the stroke of half time, the same player scored a point to give her side a goal lead at the interval.

On the restart Macroom's Clare O'Donoghue was on hand to register the first score, a point from play while Tullow followed this up with a point also from play. Then Clare O'Donoghue's sister Una scored a great goal from play. It now looked as if Macroom would run out easy winners. However, the Clare girls had other ideas and had the ball buried safely in the net to leave three points between the sides. With time running out the Banner county tried hard and were rewarded with another point. However, this was to be the last score of the game and amid great scenes of jubilation, Macroom's captain Anita O'Brien accepted the cup on behalf of her team. The final score was 2-3 to 1-4.

Macroom scorers: Hilda Dunlea 1-1, Una O'Donoghue 1-0, Clare O'Donoghue 1-2.

Team: Brid Scanlon, Yvonne Corkery, Elaine Linehan, Deirdre Healy, Anita O'Brien, Hilda Dunlea, Caroline McSullivan, Alfie Buckley, Una O'Donoghue, Clare O'Donoghue, Deirdre O'Sullivan.

St Mary's camogie team takes another All-Ireland trophy

THE all conquering camogie players of St Mary's School, Charleville, confirmed their status as kingpins of colleges hurling when they brushed aside the challenge of successive teams from around the country to add the All-Ireland Sevens championship to their senior title on last Saturday.

The sevens blitz was played in Dublin's Phoenix Park and involved camogie teams from schools and colleges from Ulster, Connaught, Leinster and Munster in the knockout series.

The northern side Maghera were unlucky to be drawn against the Charleville girls in their opening game of four. The St Mary's forward division could do no wrong on the day with Caoimhe Harrington notching up five goals, Sinéad O'Callaghan 1-2, Eileen O'Brien 1-2, Angela Sheehy 1-2 and Pauline Lynch 0-1 to give them a total of 8-7 to 0-2 for the hapless Derry side.

The Cuans team from Galway were next to fall to the rampant St Mary's who had another facile win on a scoreline of 6-5 to 0-1. In this game Sinéad O'Callaghan was the top scorer with 5-1 and Lisa O'Mahony scored 1-1 and the O'Briens, Marie and Eileen had points and Angela Sheehy also had a point.

Leinster champions Presentation Kilkenny provided the opposition in the semi-final and again the Charleville side proved too strong and easily overcame their challenge, winning by 3-3 to 0-1. Caoimhe Harrington was again on target scoring 2 goals, Sinéad O'Callaghan had a goal and the points came from Eileen O'Brien, Pauline Lynch and Angela Sheehy.

And so the final game against old rivals St Raphaels of Loughrea whom St Mary's beat to take their first All-Ireland senior championship a few weeks ago.

St Raphaels girls were out to revenge this defeat but the Cork side had other ideas and proceeded to confirm their superiority over the Cyril Farrell trained westerners by inflicting another crushing defeat when they ran out convincing winners on a score of 5-4 to 0-2.

The scores came from Sinéad O'Callaghan 3-0, Caoimhe Harrington 2-0 and Eileen O'Brien 0-4, killed off the challenge of St Raphaels to give the Charleville school another fine victory.

Their latest All-Ireland victory crowns a magnificent year in camogie for St Mary's and their coaches Vincent Harrington and Ann-Marie O'Keeffe who have been in charge of the team for many years and Fr Tim Hazlewood who has been involved with the school since he came to Charleville, deserve the highest of praise for preparing their charges so well.

Credit must also go to the girls in individual clubs in Co Limerick and North Cork for the input they have had in the success of the team in reaching the pinnacle of success at

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ST MARYS Secondary School, Macroom completed the double when they defeated St Aidans, Dublin Hill in the final of the Cork Colleges Senior B camogie championship at Ballycollig last week. The final score was 2-8 to 1-3.

In the opening quarter the Macroom girls were well on top. Hilda Dunlea opened the scoring with a point from a free in the fifth minute and after a number of misses at both ends, the same player increased Macroom's lead with another point. Then, the city girls registered their opening score from a close range free. This settled St Aidans and the girls came more into the game but it was Macroom who provided the firepower when Deirdre O'Sullivan rattled the net with a cracking goal. A Hilda Dunlea free created an opening in St Aidans defence, which allowed Macroom's claim their second goal, registering 2-2 for St Marys. This was the final score of the first half.

On the re-start it was St Aidans who took the initiative. Seconds after missing a chance to score from a free they had the ball in the Macroom net, leaving St Mary's ahead 2-2 to 1-1. However, Macroom fought back and the outstanding Deirdre O'Sullivan supplied the sliotar to Clare O'Donoghue who promptly sent it over the bar and with Macroom now firmly in the driving seat, it was the same duo who combined again for a further point from play following great tackling by Deirdre O'Sullivan. Una O'Donoghue added a further point before, late in the game, O'Donoghue combined with Aoife Buckley, and she sent over another point to close the scoring, giving Macroom a great victory.

Macroom team: Brid Scanlon, Yvonne Corkery, Ciara Cronin, Elaine Linehan, Deirdre Healy, Anita O'Brien, Hilda Dunlea, Caroline McSullivan, Una O'Donoghue, Aoife Buckley, Claire O'Donoghue, Deirdre O'Sullivan.

Cork aiming to end Tipperary's run of success

CORK Minors take on Tipperary in the Munster camogie championship final at Sempie Stadium this evening.

Tipperary, having won the last four Munster titles, will be anxious to extend their reign but Cork make no secret of their desire to win the title.

Survivors from last season's victorious Tipperary side are Emily Hayden, Catherine Hennessy and Deirdre O'Connor.

Cork have put in excellent preparation for the championship this season with the team being together since late September under the guidance of Sars/Glanmire GAA stalwart Rob Letty.

Karen Riordan who is in her third year on the minor team will line out at centre field. Other key players for Cork are Sabrina Buckley, Catherine Barrett and Sinéad Buckley.

In the senior and junior national league, Cork will once again make the journey to Kilkenny for games cancelled due to bad weather four weeks ago.

With the senior sides both qualified for the semi-finals the game is being played to determine their placings in the semi-finals, whilst the Cork Juniors will have to win to ensure a quarter-finals spot.

Féile Na nGael will take place on Saturday and Sunday throughout the county.

Sunday: Munster Minor Final - Cork v Tipperary Sempie Stadium 3.00 p.m. Sunday: Senior and Junior National Leagues Dunsfort, Co. Kilkenny Junior 1.30 p.m. and Senior 3 p.m.

Two old rivals meet in minor championship

BIG game on the Camogie front this coming weekend will be the Munster Minor Championship which will see Cork and Tipperary in opposition tomorrow at Semple Stadium, Thurles at 3 p.m.

On Sunday both the Cork Senior and Junior teams will be in action when they take on Kilkenny in the National Senior and Junior Leagues. The Junior game is timed for 1.30 while the senior game is scheduled for 3 p.m. both at Danesfort, Co. Kilkenny.

At local level the Feile Na nGael competition will be run off on a Blitz basis at eight different venues tomorrow and Sunday.

Tipperary are the Munster Minor champions for the past four years and no doubt they will be hoping they can maintain their very impressive record of recent years and go on to take their fifth title in a row.

Tipperary will go into the game as slight favourites to take the honours but on this occasion they can expect a very strong challenge from Cork.

Cork have been together since last November and under coach Rob Lott and selectors Joan O'Leary and Ted Roche have put a huge effort into preparing for the game. They have played a number of challenge games and the mentors are hopeful that they have put together a side capable of bringing honours to Cork this season.

Cork have not won a Munster Minor title since 1991 and all involved are certainly very conscious of the fact that this is far too long for Cork to be without an underage title.

As a result we should see a very determined and eager Cork side taking the field in Semple Stadium.

However Cork are certainly under no illusions as to the task confronting them and they are very much aware that it will take a mighty effort if they are to dethrone Tipperary.

The selectors have named the same side that comprehensively defeated Waterford in their first outing and this will see Sandra Ricken from St. Vincents in goal.

Sinead "A" Buckley from Aghabullogue will be at full back and will also captain the side while Emer O'Sullivan, Kilbrittain and Siobhan O'Leary from Inniscarra will fill the wing back positions.

Catherine Barrett from Mayfield will be at centre back with the mid-field positions going to Karen O'Riordan, Glen Rovers, Elaine Burke, Valley Rovers and Mary B. Eneguss, Aghabullogue.

Sabrina Buckley from Brian Dillons will be at centre forward with the Courcy Rovers pair Rachel Moloney and Sarah Hayes and Criona Harte from Inniscarra completing the full forward line.

On Sunday both the Cork Senior and Junior teams will travel to Kilkenny to play the home county in both the National Senior and Junior League.

The Cork Senior team have already qualified for the semi final stages as have Kilkenny so Sunday's clash between the sides will just determine first or second placing and their opponents in the semi finals.

However Cork will want to maintain their unbeaten record to date in the League and will be naming a full strength side for the game. While the team is not announced it will include regulars Therese O'Callaghan, Kathleen Costine, Mags Finn, Fiona O'Driscoll, Sandy Fitzgibbon and Paula Goggins.

Tipperary Minors in Munster final

THE Tipperary Minor Camogie players take on Cork this Saturday in Semple Stadium at 3 p.m. and will be bidding to make it 6 in a row for the Premier county of Munster titles.

The girls are in a very determined mood for the final and have prepared very well under the tutelage of Conor Ryan (Nenagh) Noel Hennessey (Drom/Inch) and Marian Graham (Moycarkey).

In the last five years Tipperary have won three all-Irelands and were beaten by Galway in the all-Ireland semi-final in 1994 and again by the Galway girls in the final of '94.

The team has been dented by the loss of Holecross player Siobhan Ryan who suffered a broken arm recently and is ruled out. They will be looking though to Cathriona Hennessey, Joanne Ryan, Eimer McDonnell, Siobhan Sullivan, Jacinta Fahy, Niamh O'Dwyer, Shena Howard and Niamh Connolly to inspire the Tipperary team to victory but success will not come easily as Cork are highly fancied having beaten Waterford in the semi-final

by 4-10 to 0-3.

Tipperary Camogie SENIOR LEAGUE:

Tipperary Intermediate team played Cork in Golden on Saturday evening last in their final game in the Senior Camogie League.

Tipperary were out of the running in this League having already been beaten by Wexford, Kilkenny and Clare, but accounted very well for themselves.

Cork opened their account after one minute with a point from play, and added another after four minutes. Triona Bonnar had their first score from a 30 mtr. free after five minutes. Cork scored another great point in the seventh minute. Tipperary had another Triona Bonnar point from a free to leave the score Cork 0-3 Tipperary 0-2.

Cork then had their most productive period scoring 2-2 to go 2-5 to 0-2 ahead with twenty minutes gone.

Tipperary struck back with a Noelle Kennedy goal and a Triona Bonnar point to a Cork point to leave the score Cork 2-6 Tipperary 1-3 at half time.

The second half saw Tipperary score 1-3 without reply to draw level after ten minutes. Cork replied with a point. Tipperary then went ahead for the first

time with three great points one from Triona Bonnar and two from Deirdre Hughes.

This left the score Cork 2-7 Tipperary 2-9 with only ten minutes remaining. However, Cork had an easy goal in the 21st minute, and then added another in the 25th minute.

Try as they might Tipperary were unlucky not to score again, as Cork added a further two points. Final score Cork 4-9 Tipperary 2-9.

Tipperary were best served by Triona Bonnar 0-7 (0-6 frees) and Deirdre Hughes 1-2 up front, and Paula Bulfin and Claire Madden in defence. Other scorers for Tipperary Noelle Kennedy 1 goal.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Our Junior team play Clare next Sunday in the first round of the Junior Championship at a Tipperary venue.

MINOR MUNSTER FINAL

Our Minors take on old rivals Cork in Semple Stadium on Saturday Next May 18th at 3 p.m. in the Munster final.

CLUB RESULTS

Anne Frazer Cup: Cashel 3-12, Kilruane 1-10. Cashel now play Toomevara to decide who will play Drom-Inch in the final.

Tipperary clinch camogie thriller

Tipperary 4-15
Cork 3-10

Tipperary retained their grip on the Munster Minor Camogie title when they defeated Cork 4-15 to 3-10 on Saturday evening at Semple Stadium. The victory was a thrilling one, with Tipperary leading 3-10 to 2-7 at the interval.

Cork made the early running, but were boosted by a Criona Harte goal in the 11th minute to lead 0-2.

However, Tipperary soon found their feet and goals by Eimer McDonnell and Triona Hennessey had them leading 1-6 at the interval.

Cork started the second half with goals from Karen O'Riordan and Rachel Moloney but Tipperary never lost their composure and a goal from Cathriona Hennessey's 25th minute goal finally killed off the brave Cork side.

Tipperary Scorers: C. Hennessey 2-7, J. Ryan 1-1 each, S. O'Sullivan 0-4, E. McDonnell 1-1, P. Bulfin 1-0.

Cork: C. Harte 1-5, K. O'Riordan 1-2, S. Bulfin 1-0, R. Moloney 1-0.

TIPPERARY: N. O'Dwyer, K. Frawley, E. Harte, J. Ryan, S. O'Sullivan, E. McDonnell, C. Hennessey, S. Bulfin, N. Coffey for Collins.

CORK: S. Ricken, S. Buckley, E. O'Sullivan, C. Bulfin, K. O'Riordan, E. Bulfin, E. Harte, S. Bulfin, S. Hayes, C. Harte, R. Moloney, S. Bulfin, T. Drummond for Hayes, J. Ryan for Moloney.

Referee: B. N. O'Sullivan, Limerick.

BORRISOLEIGH CAMOGIE CLUB



FIRST EVER FOR PARISH

On Tuesday evening, the 14th May, the first ever camogie trophy came to the parish, thanks to the girls of the junior team. In a well contested final with some good camogie from both sides, Borris girls finished the stronger and won out the first ever final on a scoreline of 1-7 to Borrisoleigh and 1-1 to Clonakenny.

Well done girls and also a word of congratulations to their trainer Vincent O'Connor and to all the camogie club committee.

The team was: Deirdre O'Connor, Marian Finn, Christine Ryan, Pauline Kennedy, Mary Kelly, Elizabeth O'Connor, Mairead Kennedy, Helen Carroll, Caroline O'Connor, Marie Cowan, Jacinta Fahy and Tracy Grooms. Subs: Michelle Maher, Brid Ryan,

Margeurite Ryan.

A word of congratulations to two of our team members, namely Jacinta Fahy and Pauline Kennedy, on being members of the victorious Tipperary minor camogie team who won the Munster final for the fifth year in a row, and to wish them the best of luck for the forthcoming all-Ireland semi-final at Derry.

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Tipperary thrill in five-in-a-row

Tipperary..... 4-15
Cork..... 3-10

AFTER a searching test of their character, Tipperary's minor camogie team came through with flying colours to record a fifth successive Munster title when beating Cork in a high-scoring thriller at Semple Stadium on Saturday last.

An eight point winning margin flattered the Tipperary girls who had many anxious moments in an

time, Cathriona Hennessy grabbed an Emily Hayden free and scored a smashing goal to put Tipperary 2-8 to 1-6 ahead at the break and looking good.

CORK GOALS

The game underwent a radical change in the third minute of the second half when Cork slapped in two goals and then hit the front with a point. Tipperary were struggling but good defensive work prevented Cork from consolidating their position and in the 16th minute, Joanne Ryan rounded off a bout of sustained Tipperary pressure with a goal that restored the lead.

For the next ten minutes the game was on a knife-edge with Tipperary enjoying a slender two points lead but Cork were pressing strongly all the time. Then came Cathriona Hennessy's crucial goal for Tipperary in the 25th minute, as her shot was partly stopped by Cork goalkeeper Sandra Ricken but fell behind the line.

That score broke Cork resistance and in the closing minutes Tipperary added a further three points for a decisive victory that thrilled their supporters.

Emily Hayden, who was winning her fifth Munster medal, and Cathriona Hennessy were the stars of this Tipperary win but all round the team played well with Joanne Ryan. Sinead O'Sullivan, Sheena Howard also the fore.

Cork battled bravely but had to give way at the finish. They had excellent players in Catherine Barrett, Karen O'Riordan, Elaine Bourke, Crionna Harte and Sabrina Buckley.

Tipperary scorers - C.



Captain of the Tipperary minor camogie team, Cathriona Hennessy, holds the Moran Cup aloft after Tipperary's victory over Cork in the Munster final at Semple Stadium on Saturday last. It was Tipperary's fifth successive Munster final victory.

Hennessy 2-7; J. Ryan, E. McDonnell 1-1 each; S. O'Sullivan 0-4; E. Hayden 0-2.

Cork scorers - C. Harte 1-5; K. O'Riordan 1-2; R. Molony 1-0; S. Buckley 0-3.

Tipperary - Niamh O'Dwyer (Thurles); Helena Frawley (Burgess); Emily Hayden (Cashel); Sheena Howard (Burgess); Niamh Connolly (Templemore); Jacintha Fahey (Borrisoleigh); Sinead Collins (Burgess); Helen Campion (Knockavilla); Joanne Ryan (Drom-Inch); Sinead O'Sullivan (Lorsha); Eimear McDonnell (Burgess); Cathriona Hennessy (Drom-Inch).

Substitutes - Norma Coffey (Cashel) for Collins. Substitutes not used -

Louise Ryan (Holycross); Louise Brennan (Shannon Rovers); Pauline Kennedy (Borrisoleigh); Helen Collier (Templemore); Denise Manton (Cashel); Catherine Tiernan (Shannon Rovers); Louise Maxwell (Toomevara); Lena Woods (Toomevara); Martina Moloney (Newport); Jackie Cahill (Killenaule); Marcella Crampton (Clonakenny); Siobhan Ryan (Holycross).

Cork - S. Richey; S. Buckley; E. O'Sullivan; S. O'Leary; C. Barrett; K. O'Riordan; E. Bourke; M. B. Ennequess; S. Buckley; S. Hayes; C. Harte; R. Moloney.

Substitutes - T. Drummond for Hayes; J. Sheehan for Moloney.

Referee - B. Ni Dheá, Limerick.

Cork lose out after a lot of tireless work

Coachford/Aghabullogue Rylane

THOUGH it was a thriller, which closed with an eight point margin for Tipperary, this Munster minor camogie final, played last Saturday evening, was disappointing in consideration of the tireless work put into the preparation by the selectors; Mr Bob Lotty, science teacher at Coachford Community College, leading trainer/coach not only of the community college camogie teams; but who is also the principal figure in the Cork county selection committee. Other members of the selection committee are Ted Roche of Coachford, and Joan O'Leary, Inniscarra.

In preparation for this year's minor camogie championship, Bob Lotty and his co-selectors placed the spotlight on every promising young player throughout the county and eventually produced the following panel:

Sinead A Buckley, (Aghabullogue); Eimear O'Sullivan (Kilbreitain); Sheila Crowley (Aghabullogue); Aine Burke (Valley Rovers); Valerie O'Keeffe (Kilbreitain); Louise Murphy (Aghabullogue); Sinead C Buckley (Cloughduv); Mary Ennequess (Aghabullogue); Sandra Ricken (St Vincents); Geraldine Casey (Inniscarra); Catherine Barrett (Mayfield); Siobhan O'Leary (Inniscarra); Bernadine Maher (St Finbarrs); Karen O'Riordan (Glen Rovers); Criona Harte (Inniscarra); Liz Power (St Catherine's); Sarah Hayes (Courcy Rovers); Jackie Sheehan (Mitchelstown); Sabrina Buckley (Brian Dillons); Karen O'Sullivan (Clonmel); Therese Drummond (Brian Dillons); Rachel Moloney (Courcy Rovers); Jackie O'Sullivan (Brian Dillons).

It should also be said that Tipperary made their own luck and at various times showed an ability to recover from adversity - traits which had a big say in keeping the trophy in the Premier County.

Cork, backed by the breeze, shaped the better early on, a Criona Harte goal off a free in the 11th minute giving them a 1-3 to 0-2 advantage. With Emily Hayden and Cathriona Hennessy outstanding, Tipperary settled into their game and were level by the 20th minute and then after Cathriona Hennessy made a penetrating run she parted to Eimear McDonnell who netted for the lead.

On the stroke of half-



MUNSTER CHAMPIONS 1996 - The Tipperary minor camogie panel which won the Munster title for the fifth time in succession by defeating Cork at Semple Stadium on Saturday last. Back row (l. to r.) - Siobhan Ryan, Pauline Kennedy, Louise Maxwell, Denise Manton, Sinead Collins, Joanne Ryan, Helena Frawley, Emily Hayden, Jacinta Fahey, Martina Moloney, Marcella Crampton, Catherine Tiernan, Jackie Cahill, Front - Louise Ryan, Niamh O'Dwyer, Eimear McDonnell, Sheena Howard, Sinead O'Sullivan, Helen Campion, Cathriona Hennessy (captain), Niamh Connolly, Helen Collier, Lena Woods, Norma Coffey. Mascot: Aine Ryan.

St Mary's make their mark

IT'S nice to see St Mary's Magherafelt hitting the headlines for the right reasons for a change.

And as the south Derry school has now written itself into the record books by becoming the first Ulster school to win the All-Ireland junior camogie title, a refreshing wind of change may be in the air.

After all the adverse publicity which followed the disgraceful scenes at the MacRory Cup Final between St Mary's and St Pat's Maghera, it's certainly beneficial for all connected with the school that they have rid themselves of the shackles of that now infamous incident.

And it has taken a talented bunch of 15-



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year-old girls to show their male colleagues what sport is really all about.

St Mary's impressive 1-10 to 0-3 victory over Wexford's FCJ Buncloody on Saturday was described earlier this week as being "as important to camogie in Ulster as Down's All-Ireland win in 1991

was to football in Ulster".

And as the unfortunate Greg Norman has proved, it doesn't matter how talented you are, if you haven't got confidence, you may as well forget it.

Along with the occasional slice of good fortune, it is the vital ingredient which goes towards making up a winning team. And when St Mary's eased their way to an historic win, you wondered how on earth they hadn't managed it before.

After being runners-up three times in the last five years, no-one can say that the south Derry side did not deserve to enter the record books by becoming the first Ulster team to lift the prestigious trophy.

Now they have at last broken through

that mental barrier, hopefully further achievements are in store for the girls and their inspirational coach Rita Moran.

And wouldn't it be great to see other Ulster camogie sides growing in stature and confidence through following the fine example set by St Mary's.

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More Medals for All-Ireland Champions

There was a large attendance at National Congress held in the "Burrendale" Hotel, Newcastle, Co. Down. From the 34 motions tabled just 12 were passed. Offaly got through with their motion "That the first round of the senior All-Ireland Championship be played prior to the Provincial junior final, thus preventing senior Counties playing senior players on their junior team players are not graded senior until they play in the All-Ireland senior Championship. A Motion proposed by Wexford to implement an advantage rule for a technical foul was backed by a similar one from Cork. After a lengthy discussion the motion was defeated.

A team who wins an all-Ireland Competition will now receive more medals, as the result of a motion tabled by Derry and passed: - "That Central Council shall each year present 20 medals instead of the usual 16 to the winning teams in each All-Ireland competition under its auspices!"

Galway, All-Ireland senior Championship finalists of 1993 and National Senior League holders of '94 are certain of a place in the National Senior League semi-final with full points to date. Not alone are they quietly confident of doing well in the League, they also have their sights set at taking their first All-Ireland senior championship title across the Shannon in September.

County Board Chairman, Michael Kennedy says "We will be very disappointed if they do not make it to Croke Park". The team is trained by Tony Ward, who won an All-Ireland with Sarsfields. There is a tremendous atmosphere among the players. Sharon Glynn and Martina Harkin are very strong performers, along with Olivia Broderick who also plays for U.C.G., and 18 year old Denise Gilligan from the Craughwell club.

When Galway were defeated by Kilkenny in the All-Ireland senior Championship final in 1993 they fielded some very young players. However, they are now an experienced squad and are sure not to go down without a good fight in either League of Championship.

Cork have appointed a new captain, Therese O'Callaghan, Glen Rovers. Therese made her

Inter-County debut in '89 when she captained the Cork juniors to win the Munster Championship. Although defeated by Galway in the All-Ireland senior final against Kilkenny. She toured with the Cork team in America in 1990 and won many tributes for her standard of play. A whole-hearted player, who gives of her best regardless of what the fixture is.

She holds All-Ireland senior championship medals '92, '93 and '95. Therese has been one of the pillars of the great Glen Rovers team, along side Sandie Fitzgibbon, Linda Mellerick, Denise Cronin and the Dunlea sisters Lynn and Stephanie.

Therese has captained Cork to win the National Senior League and Munster to win the Gael Linn. She is vital to Cork's chances of



Sandie Fitzgibbon

retaining the League title and lifting the "O'Duffy Cup" again.

The National Leagues should be reaching a climax now but owing to pitches being unplayable because of the wet weather there are a number of games outstanding.

In Senior League, title holders Cork, made two attempts to make their debut against Clare on March 24th and Kilkenny on April 21st. Kilkenny have four points from two outings and look set to reach the semi-final. Wexford suffered a set back when they were defeated by Clare. They have a major task ahead if they are to reach the semi-final with encounters with

Cork and Kilkenny ahead.

In Division 1 Galway head the table and are certain of a place in the semi-final, followed by Armagh and Down.

In Junior League many of the Zones are still wide open and it looks as if there could be play-offs. All-Ireland champions Limerick are through to the quarter-finals from Zone A. The "Limerick Ladies" are favourites to take the title. The format for the past five years has been that whoever won the Championship went on to take the League title.

This is one of the Zone where there could be a play-off for the second team out. Tipperary, Cork and Wexford are in contention.

In Zone B Derry and Antrim are through.

In Zone C Down are through with Kildare and Carlow following closely.

In Zone D Junior League holders Galway, All-Ireland championship finalists Roscommon and Offaly could end on level terms.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

May 12	N.S.L. Tipperary v Cork Wexford v Kilkenny N.J.L. Quarter-finals
May 19	N.S.L. Semi-finals
May 26	N.J.L. Semi-finals
June 02	N.S.L. Final
June 08	Level 1 Coaching Course Day 1 Venues Monaghan and Tipperary.
June 09	N.J.L. Final

Camogie World

by P.J. Fulham

Cork continued on their winning trail when they had a 5-17 to 0-8 win over Clare in a National Senior League game played at Mayfield. The winners led 4-10 to 0-4 at the break. Their dashing young forward Lynn Dunlea had a field-day, notching 3-8 of her team's tally. Seven of the 'Rebel County' team put their names on the scoreboard. Apart from Lynn Dunlea, Cork's other scorers were Therese O'Callaghan and Irene O'Keeffe 1-1 each, Fiona O'Driscoll 0-3, Sandie Fitzgibbon 0-2, Linda Mellerick and Mary O'Connor 0-1 each.

Clare - Edel Arthur 0-4, Sylvia O'Brien, Sinead O'Brien, Catherine O'Loughlin and Noelle Cummins 0-1 each.

The Munster Minor Championship semi-final took place in The Ragg recently. In ideal conditions Tipperary edged out a serious Clare challenge on a scoreline of 1-10 to 0-10.

In a competitive and hard fought game, Tipperary battled with spirit throughout. Clare went three points ahead after ten minutes before Tipperary opened their account with a point from a Caitriona Hennessy free. Clare went ahead with a further point until Tipperary goaled midway through the half to bring the sides level. A tit for tat struggle ensued with the sides locked at the break, 1-3 to 0-6.

The second half saw Tipperary take the lead for the first time, a lead which they never lost, with a Joanne Ryan point after three minutes. They stretched their lead further after six minutes with a point from a free. From

there on they retained their one or two point advantage, and at the final whistle had booked their place in the final.

Tipperary - N Dwyer, H Frawley, S Howard, E Hayden, N Connolly, S O'Sullivan, J Fahy, L Brennan, E McDonnell, J Ryan, C Hennessy. Subs - H Campion for L Brennan.

Donegal proved no match for Derry in their Ulster Junior Championship quarter-final played at Burt. The 'Oak Leaf County' led 2-6 to 0-1 at the break and coasted to a 4-15 to 0-2 victory, with eleven of the twelve players putting their names on the scoreboard.

Scorers - Derry - Claire Mulholland 3-0, Michelle Kealey 1-1, Pauline McGuigan, Martina Mulholland and Nuala Rankin 0-3 each, Roisin McCloskey, Susan McErlean, Deirdre Doherty, Eilis O'Neill, Breege McGilligan and Brona Birt 0-1 each.

Donegal - Margaret McNamee 0-2

Tyrone strolled past Monaghan 6-8 to 0-1 in another quarter-final tie.

Scorers - Tyrone - Simone Forbes 3-2, Brendan Burke 1-2, Maeve McGuirk and Blathin McIvor 1-0 each, Catherine Finnegan 0-3, Bridget Daly 0-1.

Other quarter-final results: Down 1-15 Armagh 0-4

Antrim (Holders) 7-7 Cavan 6-5

On Sunday next the re-fixtured of the senior league tie between Cork and Kilkenny (with the latter having the venue) takes place. This is sure to be an interesting

encounter. In the meantime, if Kilkenny defeat Wexford and Cork overcome Tipperary both sides will be through to the semi-finals regardless of the outcome of the game. The winners will meet the runners-up of division one which will be Down or Armagh, while the losers will play Galway. Neither side will want to lose their unbeaten record. It should be an excellent tussle. The sides have two of the best young forwards in the gameKilkenny's Sinead Millea and Cork's Lynn Dunlea. Little should separate the sides at the final whistle.

In a curtain raiser to this event, the counties meet in a junior league tie. This is another game of great interest. The points are no use to Kilkenny who have failed to secure any points in the campaign. They will be making a brave bid for a consolation brace. If they happen to overcome the 'Rebel County', it will leave Cork and Tipperary in a play-off for a quarter-final place. Should this happen, the play-off match will take place on May 26th. However, Cork are favourites in this one.

Meanwhile on Saturday the Leinster Junior Championship gets underway, when Kilkenny, who will be fielding in this grade on two days in succession, take on Laois. It should produce good fare. Kilkenny may prove too strong. On Sunday Dublin host Wicklow. The 'Garden County' have quite a young squad as they are team building and will meet with a formidable force in Dublin.

Westmeath show their hospitality to Louth. It should be a sparkling affair. The Midland County are much like Wicklow, team building, but have some useful players, as have the 'Wee County'. It should be close.

Rebels Run Riot

Co. title for Barryroe



Barryroe under 18 camogie team, who won the Cork County Championships against St. Finbarr's at Cloughduv. Front, from left, Helen Keohane, Martina Cahalane, Fiona Keohane, Geraldine Collins, Emer O'Donovan, Rosalie Holland and Eleanor Griffin. Back row, Geraldine Carroll, captain, Linda McCarthy, Ita Griffin, Denise Collins, Treacy Fleming, Rosemarie McCarthy, Ellis O'Regan, Paula O'Leary and Claire Keohane.

CAMOGIE

NATIONAL SNR LEAGUE

At Danesfort - Cork 4-9 (F O'Donell 2-4, L Dunlea 1-4, I O'Keeffe 1-0, L Mellerick 0-1); Kilkenny 2-6 (B Mulally 1-1, M Downey 0-3, A Downey 1-0, S Millea, E Kennedy 0-1 each).

NATIONAL JNR LEAGUE

Quarter-final - at Shlirone - Limerick 3-10 (C McLamara 2-1, V Sheehan 1-3, A Lenihan, M Burke 0-2 each, K Burke, J Cullinane 0-1 each); Offaly 2-5 (M Davis 0-5, A Hennessy, M Lynch 1-0 each).

OTHER RESULTS - NLL: Cork 3-11; Kilkenny 1-6. Leinster JC: Dublin 7-15; Wicklow 0-3. Westmeath 2-5; Louth 0-1. Ulster Minor semi-final: Antrim 3-10; Fermanagh 2-7.

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National Irish Bank presented a special award to camogie players, Angela Downey, who, following last year's championship, decided to end her remarkable career. She is pictured with bank manager, Noel McCole.