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Rockliffe camogie player  
Cathriona Foley in her  
Biochemistry lab in  
UCC. Picture: Richard Mills.





**MARK WOODS**

# IT'S been some year for Cathriona Foley.

The 22 years old fourth year UCC biochemistry student captained Cork to their 23rd All-Ireland senior camogie title.

Her displays were rewarded with a second All-Star award on the spin and the Carrignavar-native crowned a memorable 2008 by helping her club, Rockbán, capture the county senior B championship.

There's little surprise then that Cathriona's achievements were recognised in her selection as the November winner.

Rockbán's rise since their foundation in 1997 is the stuff of fairy tales.

The club is an amalgamation of Whitechurch and Carrignavar and they play camogie and ladies football.

Players wear the Whitechurch colours in football and the Carrig colours in camogie.

In the space of six years Rockbán have gone from junior B status to competing at the highest level in camogie next year.

With Cathriona in the pivotal centre-back role and long-time buddy, Síle Burns, starring in attack, Rockbán laid down a marker in their opening group game against Kilbrittain-Timoleague, scorching to a seven-goal victory.

"At the outset we would have been expected to be among the front runners for the title.

"We reached the semi-final last year, losing to Valley Rovers, who, in turn, lost to Douglas in the final.

"There was an air of expectation about us also because of the fact that Muskerry won the senior county in 2007 and we had three or four girls involved.

"I suppose there was no escaping that we would have been one of the fancied teams, especially with myself and Síle on the Cork team.

"Elaine (Harte) and Val (Mulcahy) were also involved with the Cork ladies football team, so there was plenty of experience, too," Cathriona said.

Rockbán would have been expected to make a winning start, but the one-sided score line even surprised them slightly.

"Kilbrittain came down from senior A a couple of years ago and they're trying to re-group.

"I'd say we caught them on a very good day from our point of view.

"We've a very good forward line and don't depend entirely on Síle.

"For example, Margaret Howard and Elaine Casey are exceptional players, while Síle is also very good at setting up scores.

"Val has this habit of

## FACTFILE

Age: 22

Schools: Carrignavar NS,

Glanmire Community College

Third level: UCC, fourth year

biochemistry

Sports: Camogie, ladies foot-

ball, basketball, athletics

Club: Rockbán

Position: Full-back/

centre-back

Honours: 2 All-Ireland seni-

ors, Cork county senior and

junior medals, 2 All-Stars, 2

Ashbourne Cup All-Stars

Likes: Music

being in the right place at the right time which is great for any forward and she's also got a great work ethic."

The next outing against Newcastle offered a sterner test and an opportunity to set the record straight.

"It was a very tough match which came as no surprise to us because they beat us in the championship last year.

"That was in the back of our minds going into the game.

"The one thing I can remember is that we left our full-back line very exposed.

"We were definitely relieved to get out of that one."

Rockbán leaked four goals, but their 4-9 tally ensured a four-point winning margin.

With just two group games left a semi-final place loomed large.

Glen Rovers provided the next opponents and they, too, asked awkward questions.

"They lost a lot of their more established players in the last couple of years and they're re-building.

"The Glen have a strong under-age system and I think they'll get the benefit of that in the not too distant future.

"We built up a good lead at half-time, but the Glen came back at us very strongly in the second-half and it was really tough.

"They scored one cracking goal and we had to up our level of performance."

Rockbán duly survived to win by 4-10 to 3-7 to clinch a play-off spot without having to play their final pool game against Éire Óg, who qualified, too.

"Muskerry were involved in the championship and we didn't want to disrupt that.

"As it turned out we lost our title, when Douglas beat us.

"I think part of the reason was the long gap between games, whereas when we won it last year all the games came close together.

"Having said that Douglas played very well on the day and deserved to win.

"And, of course, they went

**Cathriona Foley raises the All-Ireland camogie trophy aloft after beating Galway.**



on to win their first championship, as well."

Rockbán were now down to the last four with a semi-final beckoning against Killeagh.

The east Cork club's prospects weren't helped by the fact that Inch Rovers were involved in an All-Ireland ladies football a couple of days before.

"A lot of their players were doubly involved and there's no doubt it was difficult for them to play on Sunday and again the following Tuesday.

"The match had been deferred to

allow them prepare for the football and I think the camogie board wanted it played as quickly as possible.

"We won (3-13 to 0-11) and were out the following Sunday in the final which meant we had developed some momentum.

"The final was a very open affair. Éire Óg's style is different to ours and Killeagh's, too.

"The Killeagh game was more free flowing."

Not for the first time in her career, Síle Burns, came up trumps with the

only goal which decided the contest in her side's favour.

"We didn't really settle until we got the goal in the second-half.

"Their goalkeeper seemed to be blinded by the sun in what turned out to be a turning point.

"There was a great buzz in Carrignavar afterwards. We were brought back to the Arches pub for a meal which was really appreciated by everyone. After that we went into town to celebrate."

The inevitable question was met head on, no fudging around the is-



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# Cathriona has the formula for success



Cathriona Foley at work in her biochemistry lab in UCC.

Picture: Richard Mills.

sue, as if she was gearing up for a crucial tackle.

"It's impossible to choose between captaining Cork to an All-Ireland and helping your club win a county.

"There's something special about winning a county with your club, because you're playing with girls who you've grown up with.

"I mean I've been playing with Sile on teams since I was nine and the rest of the girls then from under-12 all the way up.

"My younger sisters, Colleen and Máiread were on the team, as well,

which made it all the more memorable.

"And you've all the mentors who've been involved with teams over the years there to support and celebrate with you as well.

"Nothing can take from that. I've been playing with Cork since 2002 and that's great also."

There are a few stand-out memories from her hectic and historic year.

"The All-Ireland final homecoming is definitely one of my favourites

"But going back to Carrignavar tops the lot. The whole parish seemed to be out to greet us.

"I didn't think there were that many people in the area. I think the population must have doubled overnight.

"It was fitting that it should happen then because Eamon de Valera came to Carrignavar to unveil a monument in recognition of 12 poets on the same weekend many years before."

It's fascinating how different people handle the daunting prospect

of addressing thousands of cheering fans during acceptance speeches.

Cathriona had a strange experience near the end of that fierce struggle with Galway in the All-Ireland final.

"I was kind of rehearsing the speech in my head about five minutes from the end, but I had to stop myself because we hadn't the game won yet.

"The match was so intense that nobody could afford to switch off and lose concentration.

"I was saying to myself 'you've got

to keep going, never mind about the speech."

"My attitude to sport is that you prepare to win, so I had it prepared about who I needed to thank.

"I did leave out of a couple of things, but most of what I wanted to say came to me as I was up on the podium.

"It was a strange feeling. I didn't feel nervous because the adrenalin was still pumping as if the match wasn't over.

"In the game Galway kept coming at us. They wouldn't lie down. It was the same in the round robin, when my player scored a late goal to give Galway the win at Páirc Uí Rinn.

"That haunted me going into the final and it was certainly on my mind.

"I was thinking there's no way it's going to happen to me a second time.

"It's a bit of a blur now, looking back on the day. The match was really intense, especially the last few minutes.

"Aoife's save is one thing I will always remember. We had all been drawn over to the left and didn't have time to react when the ball was played across the goal."

Away from camogie, Cathriona is working on eight-week project on thermus bacteria as part of her degree course.

"It involves growing them at a very high temperature, like a boiling kettle, finding how they maintain their generic material and what proteins contribute to this.

"Prof Tommy McCarthy and Noreen in the lab have been a great help to me.

"The course I'm doing is the perfect balance between academia and sport and I'd encourage others to follow the same path."

On the pitch Cathriona's next goal is to win that elusive Ashbourne Cup medal with College, especially as it's being hosted by UCC in February.

"We've a decent enough team. It hasn't taken shape yet, because players from other counties are just finishing their club seasons.

"Aoife Murray and Mary O'Connor are coaching us.

"We've a qualifier against Jordantown and if we win that we'll be in the semi-final on the Saturday and hopefully the final the following day.

"Last year we lost the qualifier to Waterford IT and ended up playing Jordantown in the shield semi-final.

"UCD are going for a hat-trick of wins in the Ashbourne and they've the same panel of players so they must be fancied.

"And I think UL will be there or thereabouts, too, because they've a number of players back, as well.

"It's a very tough competition. I think it's probably a step above the club championship in Cork.

"It's always played at the worst time of the year with heavy pitches and invariably it's cold and wet.

"We've a training schedule to help us over Christmas, more an individual thing than collective sessions.

"It's the festive season, but I drink moderately. My biggest downfall is chocolate. I find it very hard to say 'no'.



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'Hassig  
take title  
thanks to  
late goals

By MARY NEWMAN

Minor B final

Ballinhassig 3-8  
Glen Rovers 1-6

BALLINHASSIG took the Tower View Developments Minor B championship title after a close game in Castle Road Camogie Grounds yesterday.

The score did little to reflect the closeness of the contest, with nine minutes remaining just two points separated the sides.

But goals win games and Ballinhassig grabbed two in as many minutes to finally quell the Glen Rovers' challenge at a time when they looked to be right back in contention.

Despite playing against the strong wind the Glen made the better start, Sinead O'Halloran firing over the game's opening score before Aisling O'Keefe finished the ball to the net.

Ballinhassig were back in the contest with Sinead O'Callaghan striking over two frees and one from play, but with Denise Luby converting two frees the Glen had the edge.

Lisa and Emma Jordan had the lead down to the minimum and when Cathriona Collins converted two frees Ballinhassig held a slender 0-7 to 1-3 interval lead.

Collins stretched the lead, pointing a free, and when Sinead O'Callaghan fired the ball to the net Ballinhassig were five points clear.

Working hard, the Glen upped their game and began to apply pressure and three pointed frees from Denise Luby had them within striking distance.

They were dealt a double killer blow when they failed to clear what looked a harmless ball from Orla Murray as it bounced over the line, two minutes later when Katie McCarthy shot finished in the net the title was heading to Ballinhassig.

Cathriona Collins was named as player of the game for her trojan efforts through the hour for Ballinhassig.

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**Referee:** Peter Downey (Inniscarra).

# Síle Burns Éire with big scores

Rockbán 1-8  
Éire Óg 0-6

AFTER a close and evenly balanced contest the *Evening Echo* Senior B county camogie championship title is Rockbán's and with it promotion to top grade camogie in 2009.

They defeated Éire Óg in a hard fought contest on the splendid Castle Road Camogie Grounds yesterday.

In the finish a goal from inter-county senior star Síle Burns was crucial to the Rockbán cause, coming at a vital stage in the game on the three quarter mark as they struggled to shake off their opponents. Síle Burns opened the scoring on two minutes with a point but Claire Meeney replied quickly to signal Éire Óg's intentions.

Síle Burns converted a 45, 10 minutes in, to edge Rockbán in front and aided by the strong wind they added four points between the 11th and 18th minute — Louise Crowley, Valerie Mulcahy and Síle Burns (2) were on target as Éire Óg still battled to contain the lively Rockbán attack.

Up front Éire Óg kept the pressure on and Margaret O'Herlihy converted a free and added one from play as Valerie Mulcahy had one for Rockbán.

Éire Óg were reasonably happy to be just three points adrift at the interval trailing 0-6 to 0-3.

Turning to play with the wind Claire Meeney cut the deficit with an Éire Óg point but Elaine Casey replied to keep Rockbán three points in front.

Éire Óg matched Rockbán step for step but with the Rockbán defence superbly marshalled by Cork senior captain Cathriona Foley, they absorbed strong pressure as they hung onto their three point lead.

There was nine minutes without a score as both defences stood firm but 15 minutes into the half Síle Burns grabbed the goal that was to be so crucial. Keeper Marie Gleeson seemed to be blinded by the sun as she failed to hold the sliothar and critically it gave Rockbán breathing space and a six point lead.

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**Éire Óg:** M O'Herlihy 0-4 (0-2 f), C Meeney 0-2.

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**Subs:** E O'Connell for S Fahy (45), L O'Sullivan for N O'Brien (51), A Rea for A O'Keefe (56).

**Referee:** Peter Downey (Inniscarra).

**Scorers for Rockbán:** S Burns 1-4, V Mulcahy 0-2, L Crowley, E Casey 0-1 each.

**Éire Óg:** M O'Herlihy 0-4 (0-2 f), C Meeney 0-2.

**Subs:** C Conway for S Coleman (45), M O'Keefe for M Burns (55).

**Referee:** Cathal Egan (Glen Rovers).

**Scorers for Ballinhassig:** S O'Callaghan 1-3 (0-2 f), C Collins 0-3 (f), O Murray, K McCarthy 1-0 each, L Jordan, E Jordan 0-1 each.

**Glen Rovers:** D Luby 0-5 f, A O'Keefe 1-0, S O'Halloran 0-1.

**BALLINHASSIG:** G O'Callaghan; E O'Donovan, A O'Riordan (c), A Walsh; L Jordan, M O'Riordan, H Cullinane; C Collins, A O'Leary, K McCarthy, S O'Callaghan, O Murray, A O'Brien, E Jordan, S McCarthy.

**Subs:** K McCarthy for A Walsh (20), A Coleman for K McCarthy (inj 50).

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**Subs:** K McCarthy for A Walsh (2





Five-time Camogie All-Star winner Private Gemma O'Connor, Ballinacorney, Cork, at the 10th Potential NCO CSe passing out parade in Collins Barracks recently. Picture: Richard Mills



All-Ireland GAA players Angela Walsh, Aoife Murray, Eimear White, Cathriona Foley, Lucy Hawkes and Orla Cotter at the Sea Change Foundation Ball at Morans SilverSprings Hotel. Picture: Billy MacGill



Mary Weste, Ballinacorney camogie club, presents a bunch of flowers to Mary Down, Down's SuperValu, after they recently renewed their sponsorship of the GAA club.

## Double delight for Eire Óg

Eire Óg  
Douglas

1-5  
1-0

EIRE ÓG made it a double at under 16 C level as they added the league title to their championship under the lights of Ballinacorney defeating Douglas "2" in a close-fought contest.

Eire Óg set the foundations for victory in the opening half and they led 1-4 to 1-0 at the break. Siobhan Hutchinson very much to the fore for Eire Óg notching up 1-2 while Roisin Murray and Alanna Murphy were also on target through the opening half.

An early goal from Alex Hourihane kept Douglas in the game and through the second half the sides were evenly matched. Douglas had a great chance of a goal mid way through the second half but the hand pass shot was blocked by Eire Óg keeper Aoife Hennessey and had it gone it could have changed the complex-

ion of the contest. Eire Óg worked hard to keep their lead their defence solid and reliable as was the Douglas defence who only conceded one point in the second half this coming from Siobhan Hutchinson as she extended the Eire Óg advantage.

Eire Óg determined to make it a double played with great determination and spirit and it was enough to capture the league crown against a spirited and committed Douglas second 15. Eire Óg's Claire Meeney was named player of the match after an excellent performance.

**Eire Óg:** A Hennessey, A Gleeson, A O'Keefe, A Barry, E Crowley, K McCarthy (c), E Forde, R Murray, O Meeney, O Boyle, C Meeney, M Hennessey, S Hutchinson, J Boyle, A Murphy. Scorers: S Hutchinson 1-3, R Murray, A Murphy 0-1 each.

**Douglas:** S O'Mahoney, D Bevan, S Kavanagh, E Shine, C Duggan, F Sexton, E Lynch, A Birmingham, E Martin, A Fox, H Bradley, L Cooney, L Oiden (c), J Leo, A Hourihane. Subs: E Kavanagh for L Oiden, R Butler for C Duggan. Scorers: A Hourihane 1-0.

# Championship format altered

AS THE intercounty camogie season draws to a close competition structures for the 2009 season were recently announced and again this year there is change to the Gala senior championship format.

In 2008 we had a change to the format with just one group of seven with each county playing one another with the top four going forward to the semi-final stages. The format was a successful one with some thrilling games along the way as the counties battled it out to the last day before the final four semi finalists were known. However the format placed a huge burden on counties who struggle to fit in their club competitions around such a big fixture schedule and in the coming season we will see the structure reverting back to two groups of four to be played in a round-robin system. The top two teams from each section will qualify for the semi-finals.

Cork will open their championship campaign with home advantage against Dublin, All Ireland Junior champions Clare make the step up and they will face a tough opener against beaten All Ireland senior finalists Galway. Cork will field a

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Camogie

team at Intermediate level in both league and championship and here again there are changes with two groups three teams in group one where Cork are joined by Kilkenny and Tipperary the first game will be away to Kilkenny two teams qualifying from each group for the semi-final stages.

At under age level there are also big changes most notably the playing and completing dates for the Under 16 All Ireland champions with games getting under way on April 9 with the All Ireland final pencilled in for May 9 where previously the final was held the first weekend in August. Again there will be two groups with the top two from each progressing to the semi-finals. Cork are in a group of five and open their quest for a place in the final shake up when they play hosts to Antrim on April 9.

A change in format also for the minor championship with seven counties participating winners of the first round will play the losing teams from the same round with two progressing directly to the semi-final.

The first weekend in March sig-

nals the commencement of the National Senior League, and here similar to the championship format two groups will vie for honours the top two progressing to semi-final stage, Cork meet Galway in both their opening league clashes.

The full championship and league programme is as follows:

- Gala All-Ireland Senior Championship O'Duffy Cup**  
**Group 1:** Cork Dublin Tipperary Kilkenny  
**Group 2:** Galway Clare Wexford Limerick  
**Gala All Ireland Intermediate Championship — McGrath Cup**  
**Group 1:** Cork Tipperary Kilkenny  
**Group 2:** Galway Clare Derry Wexford  
**U16A Championship**  
**Group 1:** Antrim Dublin Galway Cork Clare  
**Group 2:** Kilkenny Tipperary Derry Limerick  
**Minor Championship**  
**ROUND 1**  
 A Tipperary A Bye B Dublin v Kilkenny C Galway V Antrim D Cork V Clare.  
**ROUND 2**  
 Tipperary v Losers of Game B. Winners of Game B Bye Winners of Game C v Losers of Game D. Winners of Game D v Losers of Game C.  
 Winners of Round 2 will contest Semi-finals  
**National leagues**  
**League Division 1**  
**Group 1:** Kilkenny Dublin Tipperary Clare  
**Group 2:** Galway Limerick Cork Wexford  
**League Division 2 (Intermediate)**  
**Group 1:** Kilkenny Tipperary Clare Antrim Derry  
**Group 2:** Galway Waterford Cork Wexford.  
**Round 2**  
 Game  
 E Winners of Game A v Losers of Game B  
 F Winners of Game B v Losers of Game A  
 G Winners of Game C v Losers of Game D  
 H Winners of Game D v Losers of Game C

### ST FINBARR'S

A large gathering attended the annual meeting of St. Finbarr's Camogie Club recently.

The Officers for 2009 will be: Catherine O'Brien (President); Claire Harrington (Chairperson); Barbara Ann Corcoran (Vice-Chairperson); Mary Moran (Secretary) and Marian McCarthy (Treasurer). Committee: The Officers plus Toineeta Santry, Colette O'Mahony, Colette Kirby and Maria McCarthy.

The Club person of the Year trophy for 2008 went to Barbara Ann Corcoran. When presenting the award, Claire Harrington said that Barbara Ann epitomised all that is good in St Finbarr's Camogie Club.

### ST CATHERINE'S

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Our U15 Imokilly winning team will be presented with their medals at a ceremony in Middleton Park Hotel of Friday January 9 2009. Tickets for this are available from club officers Adults €20, Children €13.

### NA PIARSAIGH

Our Josie Mac Donnell tournament got off to great start last Saturday the teams are very evenly matched, it's too early to say who will reach the final the girls are enjoying the matches. Julie Monahan, Kayleigh Walsh, Aoife Buckley, Katie Scannell, Emma

## CLUB NOTES

Daniels and Jade Galvin played well. Our skills tournament for

U12s is hotting up there not much between girls after first week. The next week make a difference as skills get harder.

### GLENN ROVERS

MINOR FINAL

Disappointment for our minor team who lost out to Ballinacorney on Sunday last in the final of the minor championship, the girls gave it their all but a stronger more experienced Ballinacorney won out on the day. Well done to our girls who all through the campaign battled hard to reach the final, special mention to captain Ly-

dia Cunningham who was a superb leader on and off the field.

**U16 FINAL**

Our thoughts now turn to our U16 team who contest the final today Saturday when we meet Ballinacorney in Castle Road at 1pm again we are hoping for big support for the girls as they strive to take the honours best of luck to everybody.

### CORK CAMOGIE FUND RAISER

Club members past and present are urged to support the county board fund raising drive for the further development of their new pitch in Castle Road. The board have just published a recipe book which is priced at €20. Every club has been asked to

support the venture and the books are available in our club from Mary or Deirdre. We hoped that the venture will receive big support to help with the ongoing development of the magnificent new pitch which is a credit to the county board already this year we have played several times on the pitch and both players and supporters have been loud in their praise for the facility so come on and let get behind the fund raising by selling our share of the books.

### CHRISTMAS DRAW

By now everybody should have received their tickets for the clubs Christmas draw so don't forget to get selling and return your tickets as soon as possible.





Douglas U11 Camogie Team with the Senior A County Championship Cup Douglas GAA Street League Blitz.

Picture: Gerard Bonus

# Éire Óg get their double

Éire Óg  
Douglas

1-5 By MARY NEWMAN  
1-0 Camogie

ÉIRE ÓG added the U16 C league title to their championship title as they recorded the double under the lights of Ballincollig earlier this week.

They defeated Douglas's second team in a close-fought contest.

At the break the Ovens girls led 1-4 to 1-0, with Siobhan Hutchinson very much to the fore for Éire Óg, notching up 1-2.

Roisin Murray and Alanna Murphy were also on target in the

opening 30 minutes as Éire Óg set the pace.

Douglas battled hard and an early goal from Alex Hourihane kept them in contention.

Douglas had a great chance of a goal midway through the second half but the hand-pass shot was blocked by Éire Óg keeper Aoife Hennessey.

Éire Óg worked hard to keep their lead. Their defence was solid and reliable, as was the Douglas defence, though. They only conceded one point in the second half this coming from Siobhan Hutchinson as she extended the Éire Óg advantage.

Éire Óg determined played with great determination and spirit and it was enough to capture the league crown against a spirited and committed Douglas second 15. Éire Óg's Claire Meeney was named player of the match after an excellent performance.

**Scorers for Éire Óg:** S. Hutchinson 1-3, R. Murray, A. Murphy 0-1 each.

**Douglas:** A. Hourihane 1-0.  
**ÉIRE ÓG:** A. Hennessey, A. Gleeson, A. O'Keefe, A. Barry, E. Crowley, K. McCarthy (c), E. Forde, R. Murray, O. Meeney, O. Boyle, C. Meeney, M. Hennessey, S. Hutchinson, J. Boyle, A. Murphy.

**DOUGLAS:** S. O'Mahoney, D. Bevan, S. Kavanagh, E. Shine, C. Duggan, F. Sexton, E. Lynch, A. Birmingham, E. Martin, A. Fox, H. Bradley, L. Cooney, L. Olden (c).  
**Subs:** E. Kavanagh for L. Olden, R. Butler for C. Duggan.

## Glen girls progress to minor B final

Another superb display from our minor team as they advanced to the final of the Tower View Developments Minor B championship defeating Ballygarvan in an excellent contest in Ballygarvan on Sunday last.

Heavy underfoot conditions made it hard for both sides as they had to endure driving rain and stormy conditions through the opening half.

Denise Luby gave us a dream start with a superb goal and with our defence holding

firm under severe Ballygarvan pressure we held our lead. Denise Luby added four points from frees and placed balls as we controlled the game but Ballygarvan's Aisling Byrne had their opening score when she pointed. We turned over 1-4 to 0-1 ahead at the break and turned to play with the wind in our favour but it was Ballygarvan who made the early running as Lorraine Brown pointed a free and they continued to hold the upper hand with Rebecca Murphy

### GLEN ROVERS CLUB NOTES

finished to the net to put just two points between the sides.

From the puck out we applied pressure Karen O'Connell and Sinead Gallen working hard as we came forward in search of score, Denise Luby points a long range free to stretch the lead to three point and continuing to absorbed pressure at the back they held their lead. Nicole

O'Brien and Sinead O'Halloran pointed from play before Denise Luby converted a 45 to see us through after a tough battle.

Ballinhassig will provide strong final opponents re graded this year from the premier grade they have blazed a trail to reach the final but our girls are determined to give a good account of them selves and it should be a thrilling final.

**Scorers:** D. Luby 1-6 (0-4f, 0-1 45")  
N. O'Brien, S. O'Halloran 0-1 each.

## Seminars are due to take place

With competitions winding down, off the field activities begin and the National Code of Ethics Committee is holding two Children's Officers Seminars on Saturday November 29 in Limerick Institute of Technology and Saturday December 6 in Croke Park. Cumann Camogieachta na Ngaeil strongly advise clubs and counties to send their Children's Officer and one other representative to one of these seminars. The purpose of the seminar is to assist Officers and County Boards in dealing with code of ethics related cases/incidents and informing them how best to handle these.

The Seminars will run as follows:

Saturday November 29 from 11am to 2pm Limerick Institute of Technology

Saturday December 6 from 1.30pm to 4.30pm at Croke Park

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve.

Details can be had from the Camogie Office on 01 8364619 or email info@camogie.ie

## Book to get major support

THE county board are continuing their fund raising drive for the further development at their new pitch in Castle Road with the publication of a recipe book, priced at just €20 the book is available from all camogie clubs and it is hoped that the venture will receive big support to help with the ongoing development of the magnificent new pitch which is a credit to the county board.

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Seamus Massey, winner of Camogie's inaugural PRO of the Year Award which was presented at Croke Park earlier in the year.

Poc  
Fada



Carlow's Lyndsey Condell took the ladies honours



Orna Neville, Julia White and Marie Gleeson who attended the dinner.



# Super second half sees Glen prevail

Glen Rovers 2-5  
Ballincollig 1-3

By MARY NEWMAN  
U16 B league final

A SUPERB second-half performance saw Glen Rovers turn a half-time deficit of three points into a five point winning margin as they annexed the U16 B county league title in Castle Road on Saturday.

Both sides served up a thrilling contest on a superb pitch and must be complimented for the standard of the game.

In the finish the title went to the Glen Rovers girls who showed plenty of spirit and commitment, never letting their heads drop as they battled back to take the honours.

Samantha Coomey fired the ball to the net in the first half for the Collig and they finished the half stronger with Jennifer Ryle and Eimear O'Sullivan pointing to give them a three-point interval lead.

From the restart the Glen put the Ballincollig defence under pressure but shot five wides in a row before Sinead O'Halloran converted a close-in free.

After sustained pressure the Glen finally goaled through Edel O'Connell.

With their noses ahead Glen pressed again, Sinead O'Halloran pointing to put them two points clear but Ballincollig replied with Hayley Corcoran hitting a point.

The Glen swept down field and Nicole O'Brien struck a point before grabbing the goal that clinched victory with five

minutes remaining.

Ballincollig full back Alison Coughlan was named as player of the match.

**Scorers for Glen Rovers:** S O'Halloran 0-4 (0-2 f), N O'Brien 1-1, E O'Connell 1-0.  
**Ballincollig:** S Coomey 1-0, J Ryle, H Corcoran 0-1, E O'Sullivan (ft) 0-1 each.  
**GLEN ROVERS:** A Rea; C O'Keefe (c), C Walsh, A Noonan; S Callanan, L Crowley, S Busteed; A O'Keefe, S Gallen; S Fahy, N O'Brien, L O'Sullivan; S O'Halloran, N O'Sullivan, E O'Connell.

**Sub:** A Dowling for N O'Sullivan (52).  
**BALLINCOLLIG:** S O'Sullivan; L Barry, A Coughlan, N Cooke; L O'Driscoll, E O'Sullivan, C Ni Chasaigh; G McDonnell, S McCoy; S Coomey, J Ryle, A Walsh; O Jennings, H Corcoran, A Henchion (c).

**Subs:** C Hennigan for O Jennings (50), J Hennigan for H Corcoran (50).  
**Referee:** Ger Sheehan (Douglas).

## All too easy for a rampant Dillon's

Brian Dillon's 5-8  
Na Piarasigh 0-4

A MORE EXPERIENCED Brian Dillon's captured the Tower View Developments Minor C championship title under lights at CIT writes MARY NEWMAN.

Goals prove vital and hitting three in the opening six minutes gave Brian Dillon's a solid foundation and from there they picked off their scores as Na Piarasigh battled to recover from a disastrous start.

Inside two minutes Claire Dooley's

long range strike was in the net and when Donna Carroll and Susan Kate Brosnan grabbed one each Na Piarasigh were in trouble.

With their defence under pressure they conceded frees and Claire Dooley pointed twice to stretch Brian Dillon's lead.

Danielle Moynihan pointed to get Na Piarasigh on the score board but they were punished as Claire Dooley converted twice to increase her side's lead.

At the break Brian Dillon's led 3-4 to 0-2. Michelle Ring struck an early Brian Dillon's point before Dona Car-

roll struck for a superb goal but an improving Na Piarasigh began to win more possession.

Twice Saoirse Rodgers had to be at her best in the Brian Dillon's goal, and in a solid Dillon's defence Emma Burns and Lucy Bradfield were on top.

Any hopes of a Na Piarasigh revival were quashed as Orla Ni Shuilleabhain and Jane Dooley struck for Brian Dillon's goals to seal victory in a contest they controlled from the early stages.

**Scorers for Brian Dillon's:** C Dooley 1-8 (0-4 f), D Carroll 2-1, O Ni Shuilleabhain, S

K Brosnan 1-0 each, M Ring 0-1.  
**Na Piarasigh:** D Moynihan 0-3 f, K Delea 0-1.

**BRIAN DILLON'S:** S Rodgers; E Burns, S Cotter, L Bradfield; A Russell, A Dorgan (c), S Attridge; S K Brosnan, D Ring; M Ring, O Ni Shuilleabhain, C Dooley; S Carroll, D O'Flynn, J Dooley.

**Subs:** R O'Mahony for D O'Flynn (ft), E Kelly for S Cotter (56).

**NA PIARASIGH:** AS Hannon; N Kelly, J Cronin, R Bourke; N Ahern, C Scannell, A Moynihan; D Moynihan, C Allen (c); D O'Regan, K Delea, R McNabb; M Fitzpatrick, D Bourke, L Ahern.

**Subs:** D O'Regan for A Moynihan (49), M Coleman for N Ahern (49).

**Ref:** Frank Fitzpatrick (Clyda).  
● Before the throw-in both teams observed a minute's silence in memory of the competition's sponsor, the late Bob O'Leary of Tower View Developments who passed away earlier in the week.

## Douglas cruise to the camogie title

Douglas 4-12  
Ballygarvan 1-1

DOUGLAS brought the curtain down in style on 2008, as they added the senior league title to their championship crown in Castle Road, Camogie Grounds yesterday writes MARY NEWMAN.

Short four players, Ballygarvan never gave up the chase and battled away to the final whistle and players such as Deirdre Daly, Catriona Kelly

and Jennifer Browne never let their heads drop.

They were still in the contest up to the interval but they needed a quick goal and twice Jessica Kavanagh denied them.

Douglas had fired over four points inside the opening quarter but they had to work hard as Ballygarvan enjoyed an equal share of possession.

Maria Harkin had the game's opening goal 18 minutes in before Catriona Kelly pointed for Ballygarvan, but with Katriona Mackey firing over two

and Aileen o Donovan one Douglas held a 1-7 to 0-1 interval advantage.

The game was effectively finished as a contest when a two goal blast from Pamela Mackey and Maria Harkin gave a tiring Ballygarvan no way back.

**Scorers for Douglas:** M Harkin 2-1, A O'Donovan 0-4, K Mackey 0-4 (0-2f), C Kavanagh 1-0, P Mackey 1-2, A O'Donovan 0-1.

**Ballygarvan:** C Kelly 1-1 (ft).

**DOUGLAS:** J Kavanagh; S O'Regan, M O'Donovan, F Mc Sweeney; E Jordan, A O'Regan (c); L O'Regan; H O'Mahony, P Mackey; C Murphy, M Harkin.

K Mackey; E Morgan, J O'Donovan, A O'Donovan.

**Subs:** C Kavanagh for E Morgan (ft), T McCarthy for E Jordan (41), S Long for F McSweeney (41), S O'Brien for A O'Donovan (45), C Lynch for K Mackey (50).

**BALLYGARVAN:** A Moynihan; M Hallahan, A O'Neill, S A O'Halloran; D Daly, J Browne, N Hallahan; V Browne, C Kelly (c); A Murphy; S Quilligan, C Murphy, M Moynihan.

**Subs:** R Murphy for S Quilligan (ft), L O'Callaghan for M Hallahan (40), L Kennelick for M Moynihan (50), A Byrne for R Murphy (51).

**Ref:** Barry Day (Aghada).

### Reports from Ulster Colleges Finals

#### Reports from Ulster Colleges Finals

##### Corn Elmhear final

St Patrick's Maghera 5-7 Cross & Passion Ballycastle 0-4  
All-Ireland champions Cross & Passion Ballycastle lost their Ulster Corn Elmhear title to a hungry and St Patrick's Maghera side in a cold Casement Park on Saturday 29th.

Two excellent second half goals from Aine McElwee underlined the potential in this Maghera side, but Ballycastle held them well during the first half with Laura Connolly a tower of strength at the back.

Maghera were 1-3 up by the 12th minute, but Nicole Dobbin's penetrating runs pulled Ballycastle into the game during the second quarter and they trailed by 1-3 to 0-2 at the break.

However Maghera were much more direct during the second half and they controlled the game, with Noeleen McKenna, Grainne McElcholl, Karen Kelt, Danielle Quinn and Aine McElwee standing out.

Aine's first goal opened the gap and the game was over by the time she hit a brilliant second in the 51st minute to make it 5-5 to 0-3. Maghera look as capable a squad as the Ballycastle side that won last year and there is no reason why they cannot repeat the All-Ireland feat in the New Year.

St Patrick's Maghera: Jolene Bradley, Niamh McQuillan, Rebecca Ferguson, Emma Agnew, Shauna Quinn, Noeleen McKenna, Caoimhe Glass, Karen Kelt 1-3, 0-2 frees, Grainne McElcholl 0-2 frees, Shannon Kearney, Danielle Quinn, Aine McElwee 2-2, Nuala Convery 1-0, Lisa McKenna, Caoimhe Quinn 1-0.

Subs: Rachelle O'Neill for L McKenna (25), Shauna O'Kane for N McQuillan (45).

Cross & Passion: Megan Coyle, Julie McKillen, Maria Donnelly, Shannon McCarty, Michaela Beattie, Laura Connolly, Niamh Donnelly 0-2 frees, Maeve McCouag, Melissa Smyth, Caoimhe McShane, Orla Donnelly 0-1, Catriona Maybin, Nicole Dobbin, Oragh O'Hara 0-1 free, Clare McGuckian.

Subs: Eimear McGuckian for C McGuckian (40), Jennifer Devlin for M Donnelly (59), Niamh Butler for J McKillen (45).

Referee: Julie O'Neill.

##### Liatroim Fontenoy's Cup final

St Patrick's Keady 9-11 Loreto Coleraine 1-1  
St Patrick's Keady are back in top flight Colleges' camogie after this comfortable victory in the Liatroim Fontenoy's Cup final in Casement Park on Saturday 29th.

They dominated from the start and in Jane Lavery and Kirsty Sheridan had penetrative and accurate forwards. Kirsty finished with an impressive 4-5, only one point coming from a free. Her first half hat-trick left Loreto facing into a lost cause at the break as they trailed by 6-5 to Carla Brogan's 26th minute goal.

Jane Lavery nabbed two other first half goals and was a real headache for the Coleraine defence. Coleraine gave it a real go at the start of the second half, but had only a Niamh Boylan point to show for the effort and after Eadaoin Murphy pinched a Keady goal in the 43rd minute against the run of play, the floodgates opened once more.

St Patrick's Keady: Catherine Connolly, Rosie McClelland, Laura McGeehan, Michaela Doyle, Carly Grimley, Hannah McGeehan, Catherine McGeehan, Eadaoin Murphy 1-1, Caoimhe Smith capt, Kirsty Sheridan 4-5, 0-1 free, Michelle Morgan 1-1, 1-0 free, Una Doyle 1-1, Clara McGuckian, Karen McCann, Jane Lavery 2-2.

Subs: Cait McGivern 1-0, Nicola Woods 1-0.

Loreto: Bronagh McKinney, Oragh McElcholl, Nadine Kearns, Claire McAtamney, Ursula Dalt, Maria Mooney, Therese Rafferty, Megan Kerr, Niamh Boylan 0-1 free, Róisín Rafferty, Carla Brogan 1-0, Christen O'Kane, Danielle Ferris, Laura Christie, Nicole O'Neill.

Subs: Orlagh Connolly for O McElcholl.

Referee: Neil O'Neill.

##### Junior Medallion Shield final

St Paul's Killa 1-2 St Columban's Killeel 0-2

The Junior Medallion Shield final in Rossa Park Belfast was a low scoring affair decided by a Danielle McAllister strike midway through the second half.

Defences were very much in the ascendancy and Killa goalie Una Bradley kept her side in the hunt during the first half, when St Columban's failed to convert their supremacy into scores.

They only had points from Molra Rodgers and Maria Higgins to show at half-time and when Christina Darragh and Amy Quigg raised their games for the second half, the Killeel side came under more pressure.

Two points from midfielder Darragh tied the game and the goal decided it.

St Paul's: Una Bradley, Cassie McElcholl, Megan McMahon, Cathy McAtamney, Siobhan Mullan, Caoimhe Quigg, Una Hampson, Christina Darragh 0-2, Gemma Weir, Aisling McElwee, Róisín O'Kane, Emma Lagan, Amy Quigg, Danielle McAllister 1-0, Carla McCreehy.

Subs: Bronagh McCreehy for C McAtamney (ft), Claire McGuckian for D McAllister (58).

St Columban's: C McLaughlin, A Rooney, S Kelly, L Gaffney, L Cunningham, N Kelly, S Brannigan, M Rodgers 0-1, M Higgins 0-1, K Cunningham, R Cunningham, C Whyte, S Harper, T Rooney, S Rooney.

Subs: A Cunningham, A Rogers, B Curran, S Cunningham, T Bowater.

Referee: Róisín O'Neill.



Leah Weste, Ballincollig camogie player, celebrates her 19th birthday, with mum Mary, Muskerry senior camogie selector, and father Tom, Ballincollig GAA club chairman.



## Deirdre Clune

### Summer fruit roulade

**Ingredients**  
4 whites from large, preferably free range eggs  
80g castor sugar  
1 teaspoon white wine vinegar  
1 teaspoon cornflour  
1 teaspoon vanilla essence  
1/2 pint cream  
Soft fruit, strawberries, raspberries or mixed berries. Whatever is available

#### Method:

- Heat the over to 200°C.
- Beat the egg whites until they form stiff peaks. Next beat in the sugar 20g at a time.
- Add the vinegar, cornflour and essence with the last portion of sugar. Turn into a lined baking tray approx 12 inches by 9 inches and transfer to the oven.
- Bake for 9 minutes at 200°C and turn down to 150°C for a further 9 minutes.
- Remove from oven and cover with a clean tea towel, allow to cool.
- Turn roulade into a sheet of baking parchment dusted with icing sugar and spread whipped cream over the whole surface. Spread the fruit onto half the roulade lengthwise.
- Now roll up the roulade like an swiss roll and put into fridge for at least an hour before serving.
- This should be made freshly on the day.
- It is foolproof and is a great hit in my house
- There are never any leftovers.

## Bishop John Buckley

### Brown bread

**Ingredients**  
1 mug of each of the following:  
Wholemeal flour  
Self-raising flour  
Porridge oats  
1 teaspoon of bread soda  
1 tablespoon of treacle  
1/4 mug of vegetable oil  
1 pint of warm water

#### Method:

- Place all the ingredients in a bowl and mix well together.
- Spoon in a loaf tin and bake in the oven for 45 to 55 minutes.
- Oven temperature: 200°C or gas mark 6.

# Celebrities get cooking for camogie cause

By DEIRDRE O'REILLY

WHAT have Bertie Ahern, the Cork camogie captain, Bishop John Buckley and the Lady Mayoress have in common?

They are among 90 well-known personalities to lend their culinary expertise to a new cook book.

The publication is called, *Celebrity Cookbook, My Favourite Recipe* and features the favourite recipes of politicians, actors, and sports men and women.

All funds raised from the book sales go towards the Cork County Camogie Board.

Former Taoiseach Bertie Ahern shares his recipe for Dublin Coddle, Minister Micheál Martin gives us secrets to his favourite dinner, chicken and broccoli bake, while Labour TD Kathleen Lynch outlines a recipe for Iveragh Harvest Chowder.

Meanwhile, the Baldy Barber — Mick Moriarty tells us how to cook the perfect steak; Bishop Buckley reveals the secret to successful brown bread, and Simon Coveney, TD shares a recipe for chicken noodle salad.

President of the Cork County Camogie Board Kay Dunne said: "We asked as many well-known names as possible to submit a recipe to the book and we were delighted with the response."

With starters, main courses, desserts and cocktails, there's plenty mouth-watering recipes for the novice and the more adventurous cook.

"There's great variety in the book, so there's something for everyone," added Kay.

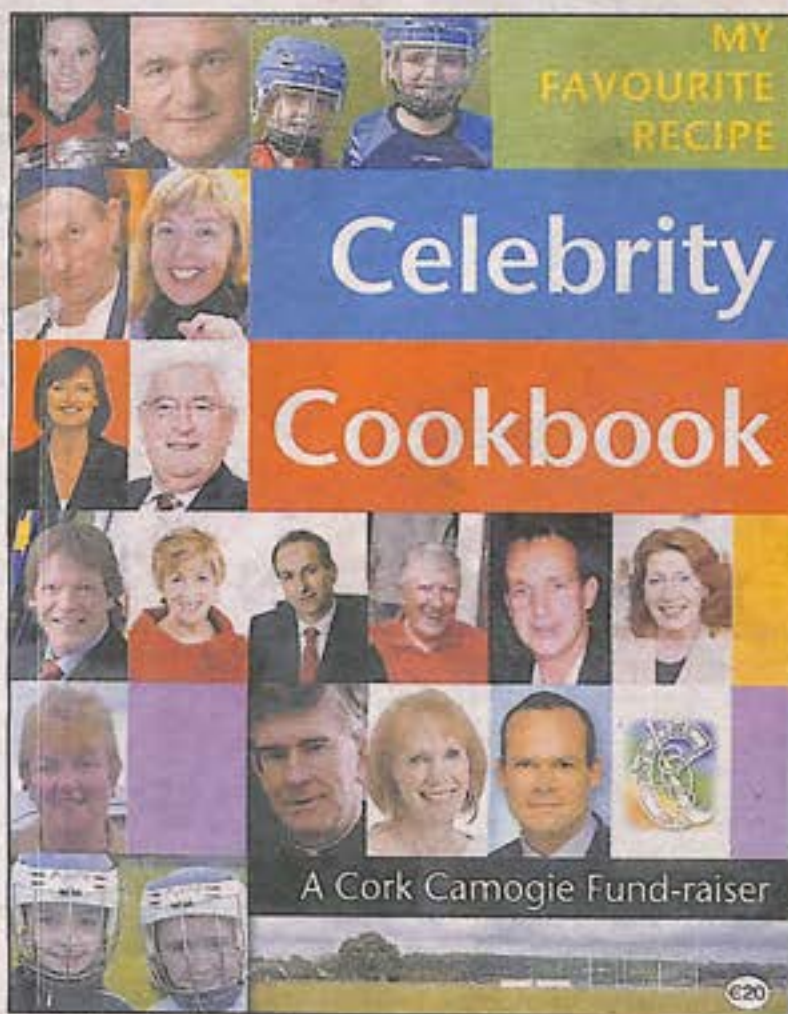
All funds raised from the book will go towards raising funds for the camogie board's new development in Blackrock.

## Chocolate cake

**Ingredients**  
10" round or 9" square tin  
6 oz dark chocolate — 55%  
7 oz dark chocolate — 70%  
150 mls water  
6 oz granulated sugar  
9 oz unsalted butter  
6 large eggs  
3 oz caster sugar

#### Method:

- Grease the tin with butter paper and line the base with baking parchment.
- Pre-heat oven to 170°C.
- Break the chocolate into small pieces. Bring water and granulated sugar to the boil and



Funds from sales of the 'Celebrity Cookbook: My Favourite Recipe', will go towards a new clubhouse in Blackrock.

For the first time in the board's 103-year history they now have a playing pitch which was first used in July.

"Now that we have our Mecca, we're delighted. There are 60 camogie clubs in the city and county and to have this pitch is a wonderful facility."

"Now, we want to raise funds for a club house. We're hoping each club in Cork will take 100 recipe books. That will really give us a huge boost," said Kay Dunne.

*Celebrity Cookbook, My Favourite Recipe* is available in Eason's on Patrick Street and Mahon and is priced €20.

## Catriona Foley

remove from heat. Add the chocolate and stir until the chocolate has melted and is completely incorporated.

Add the butter in chunks and stir until melted. Allow to cool slightly

- Whip the eggs with caster sugar at high speed for about three minutes. The mixture should be fluffy and light. Do not over whip as incorporating too much air will make the finished cake crumbly
- Very gently fold the melted chocolate into the egg mixture



Cork camogie skipper Catriona Foley supplies her recipe for chocolate cake.

- Pour into the pre-heated tin and place the tin into a preheated roasting tin containing hot water
- Bake at 170°C for 40 minutes or until the top feels firm
- Refrigerate the cake for three hours or overnight.

## Micheál Martin

### Chicken and broccoli bake

**Ingredients**  
5-6 chicken fillets  
8 to 10 potatoes, peeled  
140g broccoli  
3 tablespoons of flour  
30g of butter  
1 pint of chicken stock  
150mls of milk  
150mls of cream  
2 teaspoons of mustard  
Half a teaspoon of nutmeg, salt and pepper  
Oven proof dish  
Broccoli can be omitted if you wish

#### Method

- Preheat oven 180°C/350°F/gas 4.
- Cook potatoes until soft, drain, mash, add salt, hot milk and half butter. Keep warm
- Poach or steam chicken until cooked
- Keep warm stock for the sauce
- Cool and cut chicken into bite size pieces
- Steam broccoli until al dente, drain and refresh under cold water to preserve colour. Break into florets.
- Make sauce, melt butter, add flour, warm stock stirring as it cooks and thickens, season with salt and pepper, a pinch of nutmeg and the mustard, add cream, the sauce should be pouring consistency.
- Pour over chicken and broccoli, pipe potatoes on top.
- Bake to 25 minutes.

Micheál writes: "This is also lovely with grated cheese on top. Enjoy."

## Bertie Ahern

### Dublin coddle

**Ingredients:**  
500g streaky rashers (chopped)  
500g pork sausages  
500g onions (chopped)  
500g potatoes (peeled and chopped)  
Chopped parsley  
Black pepper

#### Method:

- Place one layer of onions in the bottom of a heavy pot
- Place the potatoes on top of the onions followed by the chopped rashers
- Season the dish with black pepper and parsley
- Place the sausage in, next cover with water, bring to the boil and simmer for approx one and a half hours.





# Cork Inter-County teams 2008

## Senior A



Junior



Intermediate



Under 16 A



Under 16 B



Katie Healy, Jane Fitzpatrick, Katie Buckley and Michelle Browne, all from Mallow who attended the dinner.



Juvenile camogie board members Esther O'Leary, Ger Sheehan, Tina Sheehan, Tracey Sheehan and John O'Leary.



# Cork regain senior crown

A brace of first half goals from Sile Burns were the decisive scores as Cork claimed the O'Duffy Cup for the 23rd time, following a five-point (2-10 to 1-8) victory on a wet day at Croke Park, which saw some of the best goals witnessed at GAA Headquarters this year.

**1** 8,727 watched on as Cork dug deep to give an impressive performance, following a hard earned win over Galway in the Gala All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship final.

Jessica Gill certainly was a major player in ensuring Galway continued to keep in touch in this game, and the Athenry ace was also key in the opening stages, as Galway led by 0-4 to 0-0 after nine minutes, with all of those scores coming from Gill frees.

However it was the reliance of Liam Donoghue's charges on scores from placed balls which cost them dearly, but in reality it was Cork's rear-guard which reigned supreme.

When goalkeeper Aoife Murray leaked a 27th minute goal from midfielder Áine Hillary, it was the only real blip on an otherwise flawless Rebel defensive performance.

Cork opened their account on ten minutes, with the first of seven points from full-forward Rachel Moloney.

Moloney had been a danger player throughout the Championship and again proved to be crucial to this Cork success.

If Moloney was one player for the Galway defence to be watchful of, so too was right-corner forward Sile Burns with the Rockbawn native crashing home two first half goals - which were really the decisive scores in this game.

Burns first goal came on 16 and a half minutes, after Eimear O'Sullivan and Elaine O'Riordan combined, to flick the ball off to Burns who had no hesitation to crash the ball to the net.

Four minutes later and Burns was again on target, this time crashing the ball to the roof of the net from the 21 metre line; as what had been a four-point Galway lead 10-minutes previously had now been turned into a four-point Cork advantage.

But Galway rallied strongly and a goal, from a speculative Áine Hillary shot in the 27th minute, ensuring the deficit was reduced to the minimum, with the half-time scoreline reading 2-3 to 1-5 in Cork's favour.



Cork are the masters of the senior camogie fields once more

Points from Moloney and Orla Cotter opened up a three-point advantage in as many minutes after the restart, and although Jessica Gill had ample goal opportunities, including a 36th minute penalty - it just wasn't to be Galway's day.

Aoife Murray was rock solid between the Cork posts, while at the opposite end Susan Earner also pulled off two fine saves in the closing ten minutes.

Firstly Earner stopped a bouncing shot from centre-half-forward Una O'Donoghue in the 52nd minute, which was cleared out for a 45; and then five minutes later a chance for Sile Burns to complete her hat-trick; but nothing was going past Earner at that stage.

Galway weren't without their scoring chances as the



Deirdre Murphy and Sharon McMahon get their hands on the All-Ireland junior silverware

full-time whistle approached, but a clinical Cork side failed to lose their composure as a seventh Moloney score put the gloss on a hard earned five-point win.

After the game an overjoyed Caitriona Foley accepted the O'Duffy Cup from Camogie President Liz Howard.

Cork - Aoife Murray: Lynda O'Connell, Caitriona Foley, Joanne O'Callaghan; Gemma O'Connor, Mary O'Connor, Sara Hayes; Orla Cotter (0-1), Briege Corkery (0-1); Amanda O'Regan, Una O'Donoghue, Eimear O'Sullivan; Sile Burns (2-0), Rachel Moloney (0-7, 6f 1 45), Elaine O'Riordan, Subs - Emer O'Farrell (0-1) for O'Riordan (HT); Rena Buckley for O'Connell (40); Linda Dorgan for O'Regan (57).

Galway - Susan Earner;



Cork captain Caitriona Foley with the senior camogie crown



Clare - 2008 All-Ireland junior camogie championship winners





Galway put up a brave battle in the senior decider

Sandra Tannon, Ailbhe Kelly, Therese Manton; Ann-Marie Hayes, Sinéad Cahalan, Niamh Kilkenny; Áine Hillary (1-0), Sarah Noone; Molly Dunne, Therese Maher, Veronica Curtin; Orla Kilkenny, Jessica Gill (0-8, 8f), Brenda Kerins. Subs - Lourda Kavanagh for Dunne (HT); Cathiona Cormican for Noone (48); Deirdre Burke for Kerins (58). Referee - Eamonn Browne (Tipperary)

### ENRIGHT MAJOR DELIGHTS THE BANNER

Shonagh Enright scored an injury-time winning goal for Clare as the Banner County claimed the Gala All-Ireland junior camogie crown (2-8 to 1-10) for the first time since 1986.

Clare bounced back from the heartbreak of three final defeats in the previous five seasons, including last year's heartbreaking loss to Derry, to finally record a fourth All-Ireland crown at this grade.

Offaly, who were chasing a very first success in this competition, were left devastated as Enright, introduced 12 minutes after half-time, handpassed the sliotar to the net with a minute and a half of stoppage time played.

Offaly, who led by 1-7 to 1-3 at half-time, looked to have weathered a second half storm from Clare but they were caught right at the death by Enright.

Twice Clare fought back to within a point of their opponents in the second half while at the other end, goalkeeper Denise Lynch kept the Munster outfit in the game with two superb saves.

Enright's late clincher was harsh on Joachim Kelly's Offaly, who bounced back from a poor start to lead by four points at the halfway point of an entertaining encounter.

Clare star Carina Roseingrave netted after just five minutes but Offaly hit back with a run of points and the sides were level twice before the midway point in the first half.

Offaly, with Arlene Watkins and Tina Hannon in good form, assumed almost complete control before the break and Watkins found the net ten minutes before half-time, showing great skill to control captain Marion Crean's lengthy delivery before cutting through on goal.

Two further points opened up a 1-7 to 1-2 lead for the Faithful County before Claire Commene hit back for Clare with the final score of the half, her side's first point for 16 minutes.

A brace of Laura Linnane frees

after half-time brought Clare right back into contention before goalkeeper Lynch was called upon to keep out Claire Nevin in the 43rd minute, and Jean Brady just three minutes later.

Those point-blank saves proved crucial for Clare and although Offaly led by three points, 1-10 to 1-7, with eight minutes remaining, Linnane's fourth point of the second half offered a glimmer of hope before Enright struck with that last gasp winner.

Clare - D Lynch; C Hally, S Lafferty, A McInerney; K Lynch, D Corcoran, J Scanlon; C Morey, D Murphy; C Roseingrave 1-1, S McMahon 0-1, L Linnane 0-4, 3f; A Ryan, C McMahon, C Commene 0-1. Subs - F Lafferty for Morey (23m), S Enright 1-1 for Ryan (42m), Ryan for S McMahon (48m).

Offaly - A Kennedy; A Kelly, E Darmody, K Brady; S O'Sullivan, M Morkan 0-2, 2f, L Sullivan; M Crean, K Nugent; S Flannery 0-2, 1f, T Hannon 0-4, M Davis; F Stephens 0-1, N McCabe, A Watkins 1-1. Subs - J Feighery for K Brady (22m), L Keena for Kelly (h/t), J Brady for Davis (38m), A Corrigan for Flannery (50m), A Kelly for J Brady (50m).

Referee - U Kearney (Armagh)



The Offaly junior side which lost out to Clare in the All-Ireland camogie decider

## CAMOGIE ALL-STARS 2008



Back row, from left, Mike Joe Corkery accepting on behalf of Brieghe Corkery, Cork, Aoife Murray, Cork, Orla Cotter, Cork, Jessica Gill, Galway, Therese Maher, Galway, Aoife Neary, Kilkenny, Sile Burns, Cork, Rachel Moloney, Cork, and Jane Adams, Antrim. Front row, from left, Cathiona Foley, Cork, Liz O'Loughlin accepting on behalf of Catherine O'Loughlin, Wexford, Trish O'Hallaron, Tipperary, Tony Towell, Managing Director of O'Neills, Sinead O'Connor, and Ard Sturthoof of the Camogie Association, Liz Howard, President of the Camogie Association, Guest of Honour - Tipperary hurler - Brendan Cummins, Michaela Morkan, Offaly, Sinead Cahalan, Galway, and Gemma O'Connor, Cork. Back row, from left, Mike Joe Corkery accepting on behalf of Brieghe Corkery, Cork, Aoife Murray, Cork, Orla Cotter, Cork, Jessica Gill, Galway, Therese Maher, Galway, Aoife Neary, Kilkenny, Sile Burns, Cork, Rachel Moloney, Cork, and Jane Adams, Antrim. Front row, from left, Cathiona Foley, Cork, Liz O'Loughlin accepting on behalf of Catherine O'Loughlin, Wexford, Trish O'Hallaron, Tipperary, Tony Towell, Managing Director of O'Neills, Sinead O'Connor, and Ard Sturthoof of the Camogie Association, Liz Howard, President of the Camogie Association, Guest of Honour - Tipperary hurler - Brendan Cummins, Michaela Morkan, Offaly, Sinead Cahalan, Galway, and Gemma O'Connor, Cork.

## Successful year for Camogie

2008 was another successful year in Camogie with league and championship honours spread across Cork, Clare, Kilkenny, Derry, Offaly, Antrim, Meath, Tyrone, Kildare. Ulster won the junior inter-provincial championship while Connacht took the senior title. History was made when O'Donovan Rossa won the All Ireland senior club championship, the first team to take the title to Ulster. At junior level Harps of Laois captured their third successive All Ireland junior club title. At 3rd level UCD retained the Ashbourne Cup while Queens won the Purcell Cup. St. Brigids, Callan consolidate the under-age achievements of Kilkenny when they won the Senior A 2nd Level Colleges title.

At the All Stars, in association with O'Neills, seven counties were represented on the All Star selection while the Young Player of the Year went to Carina Roseingrave of Clare. Liam Dunne and Stephen Dormer won the Manager of the Year for their fantastic achievements with the Kilkenny U16 teams.

### CLARE COMEBACK

Once again the U21 Bord Gáis All Ireland Hurling Final was played in conjunction with the Gala All Ireland Senior and Junior Camogie Finals. Clare and Offaly met in the junior final in a game of real high standard. Prior to the match all the talk was about Clare who were outdone by Derry with a last gasp goal in the 2007 final. This time round, new kids on the block, Offaly refused to read the script, and led the favourites from post to (almost) pillar. It looked as if Joachim Kelly's charges would take the silverware, but up stepped Banner substitute Shonagh Enright who found the net deep in stoppage time. That Clare managed to rekindle hunger and spirit after the defeat of 2007 says a lot about their character. Earlier in the summer they triumphed in the National Junior League. Brothers Eoghan and Colm Hanley managed the successful team. Cork were back in Croke Park on the second

Sunday in September to meet Galway in the Gala All Ireland senior Camogie final. Cork captained by Cathiona Foley had lost five top-class players from their previous season were, however, worthy winners on the day with a two goal haul from Sile Burns. The ace corner forward is daughter of Denis who wore the red and white of Cork. The Connacht side, appearing in their first showdown in 10 years, were managed by former Galway goalkeeper Liam Donoghue, Damien Coleman and Ann Broderick. Despite the heroic efforts of Jessica Gill, who finished the year as top scorer, the rebels captured their 23rd title.



Clare captain, Deirdre Murphy and vice-captain Sharon McMahon, raise the Intermediate trophy.

### YOUNG CATS

At underage the Cats dominated; the county amassed an amazing four-in-a-row U16 titles, and three-in-a-row minor titles. Many of these young girls also collected National League Division 1 honours and an All Ireland intermediate medal when they overcame a fancied Cork selection in dramatic fashion at McDonagh Park, Nenagh. After the hour, a mere point separated the teams - a shrewd move by boss Ann Downey switching regular centre back Collette Dormer to full forward worked the oracle.

Royal Meath broke new ground when they won both National League and Gala Junior Championship in 2008. Tyrone did likewise and added the Ulster Junior Championship to their honours. Offaly's under-age structures brought success at Minor B level ensuring a pool of talented players for the future. The Lilywhites too made great progress during 2008 capturing both U16 and U18 titles.

Derry and Antrim kept the Ulster flag flying. Derry captured their second successive U16B title while Antrim needed a second day out to beat Offaly in the Division 3 National League.

Connacht won senior inter-provincial honours last spring. Made up entirely of Galway players, it was the start of a very fine year for the Maroon and White who contested both the National League Division 1 and Gala All Ireland Senior Final. Ulster claimed the junior inter-provincial championship defeating Munster.

The year ended on a high note with two excellent games in the All Ireland Club Championship. O'Donovan Rossa, led by the inspirational captain Jane Adams, whose return of 2-9 was instrumental in their 2-15 to 1-12 victory over Tipperary and Munster champions Drom & Inch. The equally inspirational Louise Mahony was outstanding when Harps of Laois beat Kilmaley of Clare.

Brieghe Corkery was honoured as one of the Texaco Sportstars of 2008 for her outstanding performances in Camogie and football.

### OVERSEAS

The game continues to thrive overseas particularly in North America where many teams comprising of many players with no Irish background competed in the North American Finals held in Boston. There are also eight teams competing in the Australian championship.



# Bannerettes savour All-Ireland glory

It was a case of fourth time lucky for the Clare camogie team when they defeated Offaly in dramatic circumstances to capture the All-Ireland junior title for the first time since 1986. Here, winning manager Colm Hanley shares his recollections on the success, while looking forward to the prospect of playing in the senior grade next year.

Clare's perseverance and persistence finally paid off on September 14 last at Croke Park when they claimed the Gala All-Ireland junior camogie title after a 22-year lapse.

Bouncing back from the heartbreak of three final defeats in the previous five years, the Bannerettes scored a last-gasp goal to edge out Offaly by 2-8 to 1-10, and finally record a fourth national success in the grade. Ironically, Clare had lost last year's final to Derry in similar circumstances, and their manager Colm Hanley acknowledges that they used that defeat as a motivating tool in this year's campaign.

"Instead of feeling sorry for ourselves after last year's heartbreak, we went all out to make amends this year and thankfully everything worked out for us," the 25-year-old Shannon man says.

"The Derry defeat provided us with ample motivation for this year and it was great to finish the year as All-Ireland champions after all the disappointments we've had in recent years. Three weeks after we lost last year's All-Ireland final, we beat Waterford in the Munster junior final and I think that helped us to get over the worst of the disappointment."

This year's success was a case of fourth time lucky for team captain Deirdre Murphy, Cathy Hally, Deirdre Corcoran, Jane Scanlon, Laura Linnane and Claire McMahon - sister of Clare hurling star Diarmuid - who had all been involved with the side that lost the 2003 All-Ireland final to Galway after a replay. Clare were beaten again after a replay by Dublin in 2005, while last year's loss to Derry was arguably the most gut-wrenching of all.

On becoming manager at the start of 2007, Hanley introduced a number of new faces and many of those players came of age in this year's successful campaign,



Clare - All-Ireland junior camogie winners 2008

which saw Clare win both the National League Division 2 and All-Ireland junior titles. Indeed, their only defeat was suffered at the hands of neighbours Limerick in the Munster senior championship, which the Bannerettes were admitted to following their provincial success at junior level last year.

After winning all of their qualifying games comfortably, Clare defeated Derry by three points in the league final at the St. Peregrine's club grounds in Dublin, and in the process, avenged last year's All-Ireland defeat.

Hanley remembers: "I knew we had improved from last year, but it took that victory to confirm it. We didn't play that well, but we still managed to grind out the win. One of the most encouraging things about this year was that we learned how to put teams away which mightn't have been the case in previous years."

Clare's championship campaign started as it ended - with a narrow victory over Offaly in Ennis. They easily accounted for Down in the next round in Shannon before making the long journey north to Dunloy where they produced a great performance to overcome Antrim by seven points.

"I would have no hesitation in saying that was our best display all year. It was a must-win game for Antrim after their loss to Offaly in Birr, but we hurled really well to come out on top. In saying that, I

wouldn't like to have met them again further down the line. They are a strong outfit who can call on some of the best players in the game," the young schoolteacher recalls.

Clare survived a stern test from Laois to set up a Croke Park showdown with Offaly thanks to a 1-9 to 1-8 semi-final victory at Banagher, Co. Offaly. The Banner County came from four points down at half-time, 1-6 to 0-5, to clinch a narrow win, although Laois forward Louise Mahony twice came close to scoring a dramatic winning goal for her side in the dying moments.

Clare took an early 0-3 to 0-0 lead but after clawing their way back into contention, Laois had edged into a 0-6 to 0-5 lead before Sarah Ann Fitzgerald struck for a goal just before half-time to give the midlanders a four-point advantage.

Claire McMahon gave Clare the perfect start to the second half when she found the net within two minutes of the restart, and they managed to keep their noses in front from there until the finish.

Appearing in

their first junior final since 2001 and managed by the legendary Joachim Kelly. Offaly were expected to pose a major threat to Clare's All-Ireland ambitions. And it looked as though the Banner girls were in for more heartbreak until super-sub Shonagh Enright hand-passed the sliothar to the net with a minute and a half of injury-time played to give the Banner a sensational victory.

Offaly, who led by 1-7 to 1-3 at the interval, appeared to have weathered a second half storm from Clare, but were caught right at the death by Enright, who was introduced with 12 minutes remaining. Twice Clare fought back to within a point in the second half while at the opposite end, goalkeeper Denise Lynch kept them in the game with two superb saves.

The Munster outfit made a dream start when Carina Roseingrave netted



Deirdre Murphy and Sharon McMahon raise the All-Ireland junior camogie trophy

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Deirdre Murphy and Denise Lynch celebrate the All-Ireland win

after just five minutes, but Offaly hit back with a flurry of points and the sides were level twice before the end of the first quarter. The Faithful County assumed almost complete control before the break and an Arlene Watkins goal in the 20th minute helped them to a four-point interval lead.

Two Laura Linnane frees after half-time brought Clare back into contention before goalkeeper Lynch denied Claire Nevin in the 43rd minute and Jean Brady three minutes later. Those saves proved crucial and although Offaly led by 1-10 to 1-7 with eight minutes to go, Linnane's fourth point of the half made it a two-point game before Enright pounced for her late winning goal.

Hanley attributes Clare's All-Ireland triumph to their great "heart and character". He adds: "We never gave up and that was the hallmark of the team all year. Once again, we didn't play to our potential and I thought our first half performance

was quite poor. But despite missing a lot of chances, we kept at it and we got our just reward in the end."

Hanley and his players received a rapturous welcome on their return to the Banner County when they became the first sports team since the 1997 All-Ireland hurling winners to receive a civic reception.

The victory was hugely satisfying for Hanley, whose playing career with Wolfe Tones in Shannon was ended prematurely by injury two years ago. He cut his teeth in camogie management by guiding the local St. Caimin's college team to provincial and national success, and is one of the youngest managers – if not the youngest – to have led his county to All-Ireland success.

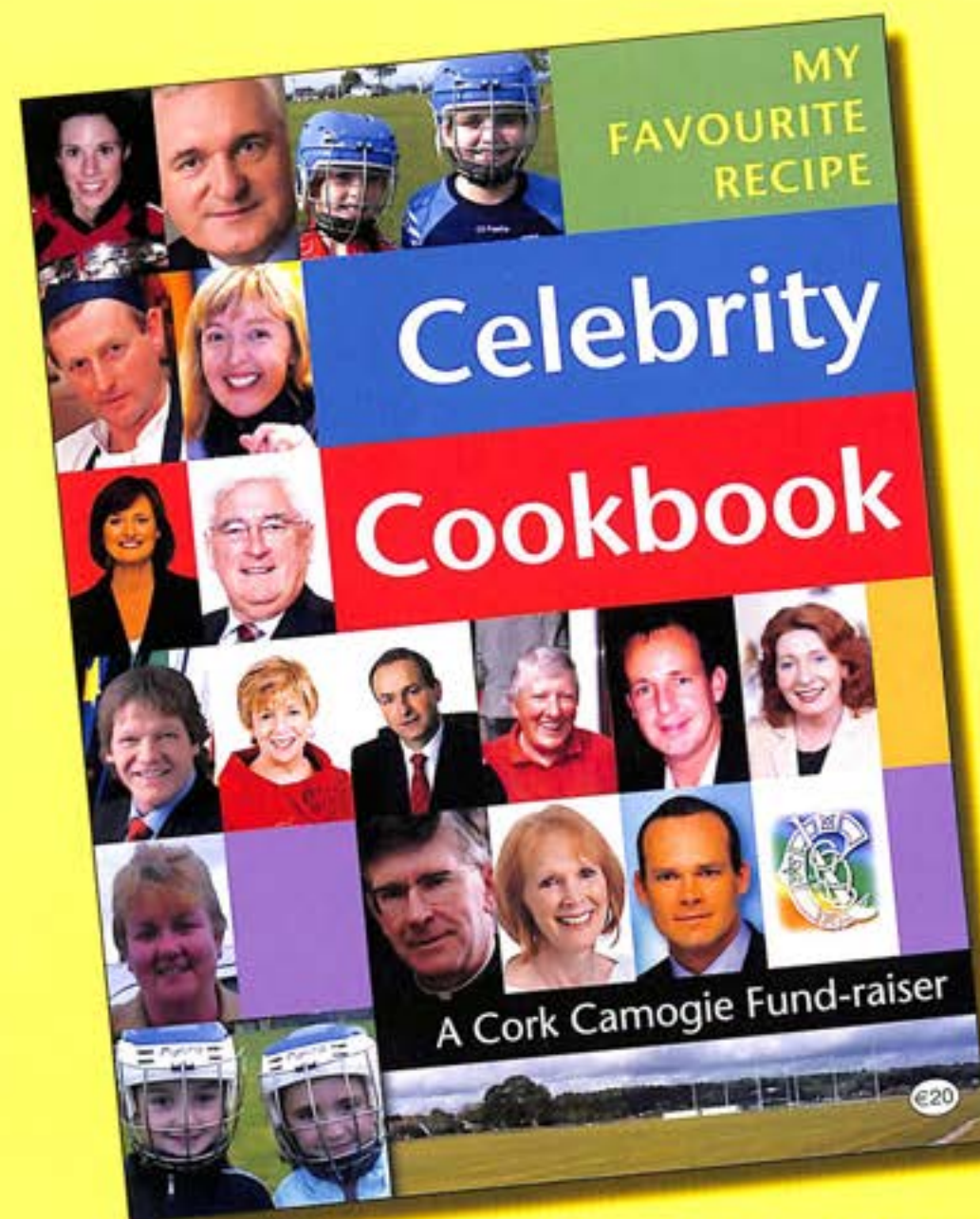
Colm was assisted by his brother Eoghan, who coached the team, and selectors John Nihill and Catherine O'Loughlin, who only retired from playing last year and holds the distinction of being Clare's only camogie All-Star winner. Ciaran

McDonagh also played his part in the success by acting as goalkeeping coach.

With Clare also winning the Munster minor title this year, and going on to contest the All-Ireland final against Kilkenny for the first time, Hanley believes the county is well equipped to compete at senior level in 2009.

"We had the option of either playing in the intermediate or senior championship, but we always said we'd make the step-up to the senior championship if we won the All-Ireland junior title. I don't think going into the intermediate would be beneficial to us at all.

"We played all the intermediate teams in the league this year and we've beaten most of them, so the real goal for Clare should be a crack at the senior. The talent is there, the young players are coming through too so there's no reason why we shouldn't aim high," he concludes.



The Ideal Gift!



# Naomh Aoife - Players recall glory days in the Park

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1966 Naomh Aoife, Dublin senior champions, taken in Páirc an Chrócaigh.

Back Row: L-R: Phyllis Campbell, Betty Porter, Olive, Maureen (surname missing, maybe a reader would identify!), Eithne Ryder, Anne Donohue, Ann Whelan. Front Row: L-R: Betty Mc Donald, Judy Doyle, Sally Blake, Kay Ryder, Patricia Timmins, Doreen Rodgers, Frances Whelan, Maeve Delaney.

**F**r. STEIN may be well gone to his eternal glory, but his name is still bantered around parts of Dublin some seventy-three years later why? The answer is he was the man responsible for the founding of one of Dublin's most famous Camogie clubs!-Naomh Aoife.

Back in 1935, Fr. Stein from James' St. in Dublin met with John Timmins one day to see if something could be set up for young girls in the parish as up to then the only activity were the Girl Guides. The smart thinking priest asked John for advice on Camogie training. Within a short time, regular Camogie training was held in the

Phoenix Park and so the famed Naomh Aoife club was founded. They say behind every good man is a good woman, well no better person than Kay his wife, commonly known to one and all in Dublin as Mrs T!

## Memories rekindled

All these memories were rekindled recently in the family home of Patricia Woods (nee Timmins), the holder of five senior All-Ireland medals with her native Dublin who brought together six other members of the club who are still playing Camogie in the Phoenix Park on a Sunday morning! Earlier this year, their silken skills did not go unnoticed to the senior Good Counsel

team who were training nearby.

Training with that team was Eve Talbot, one of Regional Development Officers of Cumann Camogaiachta na nGael who was very impressed with the skills of the older players. "We have had great chats with the girls over the months, I thought it was great to see so many players still playing at their age and I hope I can play when I reach the over 50 mark!" quipped Eve. Likewise, the Naomh Aoife players were watching the younger players and remarking just how much the game has changed.

This was no ordinary club. Training the teams were Kay and John Timmins and what joy they had when they won



The 2008 Naomh Aoife team, Phoenix Park

L-R: Kay Hughes, Rita Halpin, Mairiad, (surname escaped them!), Mary Long, Nora Mc Donald, Terri Lowndes, Frances Whelan, Maeve Delaney. Mascot: Stephen, Mary Long's grandson!

the ultimate Dublin award back in 1966 - the Dublin senior championship. The girls who gathered in Patricia's warm home relived that day as if it was yesterday. "We beat the best" beamed Frances Whelan. One could see the delight in her face all these years later as she recalled that day when they beat Celtic in the Dublin senior championship final in Páirc an Chrócaigh.

Once the memories of the 1966 final were rekindled the memories came quickly, Nora McDonald recalled marking the great Orla Ní Shiocháin who was held scoreless during one of the championship encounters that year. The seven former players who gathered to do this piece all recalled the words of trainer, Mrs T. "enjoy the game but let them score!" was what was said to the team if they were beating a team well! Hard to believe that today where so much emphasis is put on winning, but Camogie was seen by the Naomh Aoife club as a completely social occasion. Winning was important, but it was not the end of the world if they lost the game.

## All-Ireland honours

Other players who played for the county included Patricia Timmins (5 All-Ireland medals), Frances Whelan (2 All-Irl medals), Nora Mc Donald (1 All-Irl medal) and Kay Ryder who is the only person to hold ten senior All-Ireland medals. (There are other players with more than ten)

While winning the senior cham-

pionship in 1966, the club won numerous titles over the years, with Patricia's mother Kay playing at full back while daughter Patricia played in the forwards on some of the same teams. The club continued to field teams and in 1983 they celebrated their 50th Anniversary. It was a great year for the club and they set off to celebrate in style with a trip to the USA where they played.

They returned and got back into the Dublin Leagues and championships, but they were gradually having to cope with falling numbers as more and more clubs began amalgamating with GAA clubs. Naomh Aoife chose to go alone. The girls turned out regularly until the mid nineties when it was proving just too difficult to field.

However, with such a distinguished history the players refused to let the name Naomh Aoife disappear from the radar and they remained in touch largely through Patricia Timmins who would host the best of evenings in her lovely home. During the evening Nora McDonald quickly produced a neat note - book with one very important date - 26th of October 2003.

## Rebirth

That was the start of something new for Naomh Aoife. It could well be recalled as the rebirth of the famous club. On that day a small number of players travelled up to their old training pitch in the Phoenix Park. There was no turning back now, these mature and very skilful players were on the

way back! Training began on Sunday mornings and the word began to spread that Naomh Aoife were back training! They also turned out on Tuesday evenings!

Fortunately, the following year 2004 was the centenary of Cumann Camogaiachta na nGael and as part of Dublin Board's centenary celebration's came the idea of an over 40's Tournament! Once Naomh Aoife heard of this there was no looking back! Terry Lowndes became the manager and the girls were really enjoying the games in the Phoenix Park. That was not surprising as Patricia Timmins summed up Naomh Aoife in one short sentence, "it was where we were happiest" referring to their golden days in the Phoenix Park.

From the Phoenix Park, the happy team travelled on the 28th of August 2004 to Scoil Uí Chonaill's grounds in Clontarf to take part in the Over 40's Tournament. It was a great day for the club and for Dublin Camogie. One could hear some of the great stories of the past on the sideline as old clubs exchanged stories of past games and probably stories of what went on at some county board meetings!

The real spirit of the famous club was seen quickly as the late Mrs T. encouraged the girls to play to their best. Their opposition that day included the Cuala girls. Playing that day for the Dalkey based club was former Dubs player and former Ardstiurthoir Sile Wallace, while guesting for Cuala was another former Dub, Phyllis Breslin! When the two sides played each other, the great camaraderie was rekindled quickly.

In true camogie spirit, Sile Wallace found some silver foil and craftily formed the shape of a cup and presented it to the Naomh Aoife Manager of the day, the famed Mrs T! That story has been told so often at functions as it summed up the spirit of sport, no matter who wins or loses, it is the taking part that counts.

Mrs T may well be gone to the Camogie fields of heaven, but her memory will never die in Dublin Camogie circles. The girls who gathered in Glenageary recently to do this piece were:- Frances Whelan, Terry Lowndes, Maeve Delaney, Anne Donohoe, Nora Mc Donald, Kay Hughes, and the host Patricia Timmins. This lively group of girls who train on the Sunday mornings in the 'Park' are looking for more! They would love to see Dublin Board rekindle the Over 40's (or over 50's!) Tournament. Maybe some club would like to take this on as a very worthwhile project. They are always on the look out for more players to come and join them! So if you would like to watch, or play why not call Nora Mc Donald at 01 4901875 for all the details.



# Eve Talbot, Dublin and Kildare Regional Development Officer talks to Máire Uí Scolaí

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Eve Talbot, third from right.

Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael are in a very fortuitous position to have several exceptionally good, Regional Development Officers throughout the country under the guidance of Camogie Director Mary O'Connor. One of those officers happens to be former Dublin player Eve Talbot who met up recently for a chat.

Eve, who is only 29 years of age, began playing Camogie at the age of seven. She was lucky to be a member of Good Counsel and enjoyed being on winning juvenile teams at U11, U12 and under 16. Her natural talent for the game was quickly seen and by the age of 15 she was playing on the senior Good Counsel side where she is still to this day.

## PLAYER OF THE YEAR, 2004

The new millennium was very kind to the Drimnagh based club as they captured their first senior League and championship two years into the new century. The following year, the young player was awarded Club player of the year and she was back at the helm when they recaptured the senior title again in 2004 when she was voted player of the final. Many other honours came her way and it was only natural that sooner rather than later that would wear the Blue and Navy of Ath Cliath.

She was only 16 when she made her senior intercounty debut and she finally got her award when she was on the 2005 All-Ireland winning Dublin team. Over her career she had the added honour of wearing the green and white of Leinster. In 2005 she was chosen at corner forward against Munster. That day she scored 2-4, but alas Leinster lost by one point! Ashbourne honours came her way in 2001 with Waterford IT.

## COACHING

While playing Eve always found time for her club and spent many Saturdays and evenings coaching the young players of the future.

After leaving school she chose teaching, - Business and PE. She worked as a Dublin GAA Games Promotion Officer and in 2007 took up her present position of Regional Development Officer for Dublin and Kildare.

"I always had a great love of all sports and when I saw the job vacancy for Regional Development Officer last year, I thought to myself that is me, that is what I always wanted, even though my Mother said to me once that I would not see such a job in Camogie in my lifetime!" Eve has the challenge of promoting Camogie in a rural setting (Kildare) and an urban one (Dublin). Eve is of the opinion that the major challenges confronting the game are:-

"The fact that we are females, women in sport just never get the same recognition as the men folk do, we do not get the same publicity even though we play the same game as the men, getting more males involved will help to bridge the gap and that is happening at present".

The young officer went to further explain the challenges that she faces in Dublin - "Camogie in any city always faces difficult challenges, the young girls generally will have much more other attractions than their counterparts down the country, in Dublin you need to make it as fashionable as possible, providing snappy gear bags, and jerseys is very important, we must appeal to young girls".

Another major challenge for Camogie and probably for a lot of other sports is the changing face of Ireland in

relation to the introduction of many non-nationals. This was looked at earlier in the year by Eve when she organised two days in West Dublin, - one in Lucan Sarsfields and the second in St. Brigid's, Blanchardstown. Amazingly 25 different nationalities turned up at one while thirty turned up at the second day, with about three hundred children there between both days.

Eve explained, "some non-nationals think we are a closed shop when it comes to things like sport in this country, but by holding these events we are showing them what we can offer, we are working on some primary schools and we believe that it is the best way forward. We must learn to open our arms to these young people, after all a lot of them are born here now and already they are being seen in nurseries and academies".

The Drimnagh player, is very clear where she would like to see Camogie in five years time, "while camogie is one of the most popular games for girls in this country, I hope that in five years time it will unequivocally be THE most popular game and that girls walking down a street with a hurl will become a common sight, we will also need to work more closely with the GAA".

One got the impression from this RDO that she had a very definite plan, was very focussed on what direction she was heading towards for the promotion of Camogie. When Eve was playing intercounty she was very enthusiastic, very focussed and yes she has carried this into her job. The development of Camogie in Dublin and Kildare is safe in the hands of the Good Counsel girl who first played her favourite game at age seven.



Dublin's 2 All Star nominees 2008 Rachel Ruddy (Ballyboden St. Endas) and Andrea Fitzpatrick (Naomh Mearnóg) pictured at Citywest.



Eabha Levins (St. Jude's) receives her County Player of the Year Award from Leas-chathaoirleach, Marie O'Brien also a member of St. Jude's.



Cuala's Síle Wallace with former Camogie President Miriam O'Callaghan (left) and Dublin team of the century goalkeeper Eileen Duff-O'Mahony



# Clare Reaney Donohue, the Finglas darlin'!

By: Máire Uí Scoláir

(Q) How did you begin playing camogie, who influenced you to play?  
My brothers and sisters all played in Erins Isle. My mam and dad both had a very keen interest in GAA and encouraged us all the way.

(Q) How young were you when you started?

I started playing Camogie when I was 12 although I had to battle with my sisters, Nora and Jude, as they thought I was too skinny and lanky and would never make a camogie player!. It was on my parents insistence that they took me to Erin's Isle.

(Q) How did your career progress?

I began playing with adult camogie team in Erins Isle as there were no juvenile teams at that time in 1974. The season at that stage was September to March. We won the Intermediate League in 1984. We were promoted to senior B that year. In 1991 we won both League & championship but opted to remain at Senior B. We had the same success in 1992. In 1993 we were promoted to Senior A for the first time in Erin's Isles camogie history. Unfortunately things didn't go well that season and we were relegated to Senior B. The following 2 seasons we again did the double and were again promoted to Senior A. We have remained Senior A since then and in 2003 were successful in winning the senior A championship.

(Q) What was your first day with Dublin like?

Honestly?? Can't remember my first day but every day with Dublin was great. I loved the training, the build up to matches. I always felt nervous the night before and the morning of the matches but once the match got started the nerves were forgotten.

(Q) What did playing for Dublin mean to you? Honestly??

It is such an honour to represent your county and any player that achieves this should consider themselves extremely lucky.



(Q) What about the glory and sad days with Dublin?

Our club had a good history of lads selected for Dublin in both hurling and football. Mary Duane and myself were the first to represent our club for Camogie. I felt extremely honoured to have the privilege of playing with Dublin. I played for quite a number of years and enjoyed every one of them. Our only means of transport were bicycles so Mary and myself cycled 3 times a week, to the Phoenix Park, for training in all sorts of conditions but that didn't take away from the enjoyment. I made some great friends from other clubs over these times and still enjoy meeting and having the banter with them. Winning a National League medal, Leinster Championship and making it to Croke Park for an All-Ireland Junior Final were great. Unfortunately, we were beaten by Cork by 2 points. This was definitely one of the sad days. I was gutted.

(Q) Was retiring from intercounty a hard decision?

Don't recall it being such a hard decision. Think the harder decision will be giving up all together. At least after Intercounty I still had the thrill of playing senior club so it wasn't like giving up all together. That will be difficult.

difficult whenever the time comes, but hopefully not for a while yet. My husband Tommy and my two boys Conor and Michael don't ever want me to retire so I can count on their support!

(Q) Describe what winning a county championship was like

2003 was the best season of all for the Isles. We had been so close for a few years, beaten in semi finals and when eventually we won it was everything I had dreamed it would be. We drew against Vincents in a cracker of a game in Naomh Mearnóg and then beat them by 6 points in the replay which was played in Parnell Park. My Niece Valerie captained the team that year. It was magic. Parnell Park erupted. I consider myself extremely lucky to have been part of this great panel. There had been great teams and mentors prior to this who had put a huge amount of work into Erins Isle camogie but unfortunately didn't reap the rewards. For a long time after that win I walked past Donnycarney and relived that moment (actually still do). 2003 completed Erin's Isles championship honours at senior level, our senior hurlers winning in 1983 and our senior footballers winning in 1993.

(Q) What are the changes you have seen in camogie?

The standard of camogie is improving all the time so that has to be good. In my earlier camogie days we played a lot more ground hurling and less lifting but I think that has kind of reversed now. I feel there is almost too much lifting and not enough ground hurling now. It's great when you get a game with a good balance of both. The introduction of the 15 a side team and the advantage rule were definitely forward moves. Camogie is receiving much more profile now than ever before. The introduction of All Star awards is another great change. There is fantastic work being done at juvenile level in my own club and indeed all clubs so the future is looking very good.

(Q) Playing at intermediate level now is it enjoyable for you?

Is it a case of the heart is willing but .....



More honours for Rachel Ruddy (Ballyboden St. Endas) and Andrea Fitzpatrick (Naomh Mearnóg) who were named Dublin County Players of the Year 2008



Dublin Senior team which lost by the narrowest of margins to Kilkenny in this year's Leinster final played at Naomh Mearnóg GAA club.





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## GALA ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

The Rebelettes bounced back from the heartache of failing to secure the three-in-a-row last year to win their 23rd Gala All-Ireland senior title, but a young Galway side didn't make it easy for them.

The 2008 Gala All Ireland Senior Camogie Championship was one of the most competitive in years. The 2007 winners, Wexford, were hoping they could make it two-in-a-row, Cork had lost three former All Stars from their starting line up, and Galway had put in place a new management team. So who would President Liz Howard hand the O'Duffy Cup to on September 14th? Cork had suffered the heartache of failing to secure three-in-a-row All-Irelands last year, but showed huge character in bouncing back. In the final, they needed all their resilience to resist a rookie Galway outfit that fought to the bitter end, but both teams can be



Mary O'Connor, Cork, lifts the O'Duffy cup

proud of having contributed to one of the greatest matches the game has ever seen. The five-point gap at the final whistle made Cork's victory look comfortable, but in fact it was anything but, as the Galway girls time and again came back at the Rebelettes, who defended magnificently in a stunning final that demonstrated how much the game of camogie has come on in recent times.



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# Simply the best! Síle Wallace who retired earlier this year....

Síle Wallace has held the top spot of the country's largest female sporting body for 22 years - a tenure surpassed only by GAA head honcho Liam Mulvihill who vacated the Croker hot seat last year. A most diligent worker she was always available for everyone and each person always got the same attention from the Ardstiúrthóir who has just retired leaving Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael in a much more advanced position than it was when she took up the position in 1986.

Síle, was never a person to seek the limelight, being happy to work in the background. "I never had a public profile. It isn't in my nature. I like to work in the background," explains the true Blue "Dalkeyite".

Despite this reticence, Síle can claim a huge part of the credit for the current healthy position of the game which passed its centenary year in 2004.

Participation levels have jumped to more than 100,000 since Síle took up the position in January 1986. Sponsorship income has grown substantially, a Strategic Plan is in place, the game is played in some "shape or fashion" in every one of the 32 counties, the Association now has a full-time staff of four officials in Croke Park and a network of Development Officers throughout the country.

During her first year, 1986, Síle established exceedingly high standards of development with which she would continue for almost a quarter of a century. Among her many achievements that year, she streamlined and technologically revolutionised office administration, prepared and presented the first Administration and Development Programmes on a nationwide basis, and also held the Association's first Youth Congress. To add to that she initiated Training Programmes for Coaches through N.C.T.C., gained increased funding from the Irish Sports Council, and obtained increased media coverage for the game.

Promotion of the game itself was to the fore in Síle's undertakings. She steadily increased the number and grades of All-Ireland competitions over the years to cater for the various standards and age-groups. The success of this policy may be seen today



in the level of county and club participation in competition and the emergence of first-time All-Ireland winners. Coiste Londa was re-established during her time in office and its county and club teams have been participating in All-Ireland competition for many years. Síle was delighted to welcome a Europe team to competition, the first Gaelic Games team to participate in All-Ireland competition.

Not until the year 2000, did Síle have a Personal Assistant in the person of Phil Clarke, whom she described as her right-hand woman and lifesaver. During the last five years, Síle's long-term plans culminated in the appointment of a Financial and Sponsorship Manager Sinéad O'Connor, a Director of Camogie Development, Mary O'Connor and Regional Development Co-ordinators, as well as second-level Colleges Development Co-ordinators. She has rejoiced in the accelerated pace of development and in the camaraderie and enthusiasm of her staff.

Síle has also always enjoyed a very happy relationship with the G.A.A. staff in Croke Park, a relationship built

on mutual trust and respect, as with the Handball and Ladies Football Associations. She has often spoken of the joy of working for a game she loves in a place she loves.

Her love affair with camogie began in her native Dalkey where she still resides. "My father Gerry Wallace introduced me to the game. Like my grandfather Jem Fox, he was a stilesman in Croke Park. I used to sell programmes outside the grounds. I played there a few times before playing for Dublin as County Finals used to be played in Croke Park in the 1970s and 80s. I won an All-Ireland Junior medal with Dublin in 1971 and captained the team in the senior final in 1976 when Kilkenny beat us by a point." The opposing captain that day was Mary Fennelly who would go on to become Camogie President during Síle's time as Ardstiúrthóir.

While playing was of utmost importance to this great defender, she found time to coach her club team over the years, and also coached Maynooth University team! A most modest player she not only played for her county but was also chosen on

Leinster senior teams.

Síle was on three senior Dublin All-Ireland teams who reached Páirc an Chrócaigh, but alas she was not on the winning side in any of these games. However, when the Dubs won their first senior All-Ireland title back in 1984 she was on the back room team. During her playing career she captured two National League titles, capturing the winning side in 1981 when they beat Cork. During her long and illustrious playing career Síle managed to keep the twelve times senior All-Ireland medal holder Angela Downey of Kilkenny as well as the great Antrim player Mairéad Magill (nee Mc Atamney) scoreless on one occasion! Síle may have kept Mairéad scoreless, but Mairéad could not prevent the Dalkey lady from taking a point from the half backs! When she made her senior intercounty debut in 1972 she met with some of the great players that she knows right up to this day.

## CUALA

The Cuala club enjoys a special place in her affections. "I won an All-Ireland before I won a medal with the club and that was when we won the Senior B championship in 1985. John Bailey - former Dublin GAA Cathaoirleach was the coach of the team."

During her playing days with Cuala and prior to that Naomh

Mhuire and Dalkey Mitchels, in common with every other club, all games were played in the Phoenix Park. Síle, has always given as much time as possible to her club, but now that she has some extra time she is joining up with the thriving juvenile section, where her vast knowledge and experience will be very welcomed.

"We used to meet up in town or in Dún Laoghaire and get the bus to Islandbridge. Matches started at 11 and continued on the hour every hour until about 4 o'clock in the Summer time. Dóirín Golden's (current Dublin senior mentor) father Mick was the groundsman and he hung the nets and lined the pitches. Everyone knew everyone else and we all had our own patch of the field. You could be playing, umpiring, refereeing - anything!"

The club has often been a welcome refuge for Síle during difficult times in the job. "There have been times when things were frustrating and my outlet was to go to the club and go training and hit the sliothar all over the place".

The much heralded integration project between the Camogie and Ladies Football Associations and the GAA seems to have grounded to a halt. Síle remains optimistic. "I believe that under new GAA Director General, Páirc Duffy, that it will gather new momentum. At club level, it's

more or less completely integrated. We need to work more at county board and provincial levels. Síle worked with eight Uachtaráin of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael as well as eight Uachtaráin of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael. She worked with GAA Ardstiúrthóir Liam Mulvihill since taking up her position and recently worked with Páirc Duffy.

2004

The celebration of the Association's centenary in 2004 brings back great memories. "I was blessed to be part of it. It brought together everyone and it gave the game an injection that was needed at the time."

Síle departs from her position of Ardstiúrthóir leaving a legacy to the Association of consolidation, development, growth and expansion. She has led the Association with idealism, vision and courage, and always with an awareness of the challenges to be faced.

Síle leaves the main stage happy in the knowledge that no matter where she goes in the country the welcome mat is always on the doorstep.

"I go with a sad heart but also knowing that the Association is in great hands" There is no doubt whatsoever, but much of the work began by Síle will continue to bear fruit for years to come.



Camogie Centenary Celebrations: The top table, from left, Sinéad O'Connor, Sponsorship and Finance manager, Miriam O'Callaghan, Uachtarán, and Síle Wallace, tally the delegates during a vote on a motion at the Annual Congress of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael during the associations centenary celebrations at the Citywest Hotel, Dublin.  
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# CAMOGIE Review

By: Gerry O'Sullivan and Seamus Massey

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Dublin under 16 team which defeated Antrim in this year's All Ireland quarter final.

The game of camogie is now being played by more girls in Dublin than at any time in the Association's history. New teams and clubs are coming on stream and the visibility of the sport is growing all the time. There are still many challenges and a huge volume of work needs to be done but the curve is upwards.

The Dublin Camogie Board wishes to congratulate Cuala's Sile Wallace on her period as Árd Stiúrthóir and wishes her well in her new endeavours. A warm word of welcome to her replacement Sinead O'Connor, a member of the Portobello club. The support of Dublin camogie personnel will be at your disposal.

The range and diversity of the camo-

gie year goes far beyond fixtures and results. As an organisation, the Board is heavily involved in these core areas but other tasks are also part of the job specification. Issues like capital developments, marketing, social inclusion; development squads, sponsorship, information technology, public relations and lots more are part of the staple diet of the Board.



Happy Ballyboden St. Endas players celebrate victory over old rivals St. Vincents to claim the Olhausen Senior A championship title.



Camogie Committee at the presentation of championship medals to the Senior team (from left) Eibhlín McNamara, Clarinda Noonan, Mona O'Sullivan, Liz Howard, President Camogie Association, Sinead McNeela, Sile O'Shea, Fiona Hughes.



# Cashel councillor at the helm of Tipp camogie

By Gerry Slevin

Cashel Town Council member Mickey Browne was elected chairman of Tipperary County Camogie Board at its Convention in The Ragg on Tuesday night. He held off the challenge of out-going vice chairman P.J. O'Rourke (St Cronan's) by 32 votes to 24 (with two spoiled votes) after the man in situ for the past two years Lar O'Brien (Drom-Inch) declined to go forward again for the position. Several delegates paid effusive tributes to Lar for his enthusiasm, his work and his leadership qualities which were so valuable over the past two years.

Martin Griffin from Silvermines is the new vice chairman. He dislodged P.J. O'Rourke by 23 votes to 18, with Joe Cahill (Kilruane) picking up 12 votes and Donal Kelly

(Toomevara) 5.

Out-going secretary Liza Carroll (St Cronan's) was returned unopposed while Jim Simmons (Thurles) is the new treasurer, following the resignation of the out-going officer Rose Mannion. (See separate report).

Rose Mannion was elected Registrar, defeating the out-going holder Bernie O'Dowd (Thurles). Kieran Slattery (Knockavilla Kickhams) continues as PRO unopposed but the position of assistant PRO remains to be filled at the adjourned Convention on January 13th as both nominees, Mossie Finn (out-going) and Joe Cahill withdrew. Margaret Skehan (Thurles) remains as Munster Council delegate and the Fixtures committee comprises: Mickey Browne (Cashel), Deirdre Keogh (Silvermines), Claire

Loneragan (Moyle Rovers), Johnny Kirwan (Moneygall), Sally Duggan (Moyle Rovers), Patsy Carroll (St Cronan's), Suzanne Kelly (Toomevara), John Harkin (Drom-Inch), Ailish Maher (Burgess), Martin McCullough (Boherlahan), Kieran Slattery (Knockavilla), Niamh Larkin (Shannon Rovers), Joe Cahill (Kilruane) and Clodagh Loughnane (Thurles).

On the Development Committee are Bernie O'Dowd, John O'Connor (Drom-Inch), Rose Mannion, Donie Shanahan (Toomevara), Lar O'Brien, Margaret Skehan, Martin Fitzpatrick (Thurles), Liza Carroll, Michael Bergin (Moneygall), Kieran Slattery, Martin McCullough, Liam Mannion (Shannon Rovers), Marty Daly (St Cronan's), Martin Browne (Cashel), Ann Moloney

(Cashel), Patsy Carroll (St Cronan's), Paudie Everard (Moyle Rovers).

The situation as regards the Referees' Committee for which there were six nominees was held over to the adjourned Convention in January after Joe Cahill (Kilruane) declared that this committee hadn't met at all in the past year. Such, he added, was the dissatisfaction in his club with that situation that they had a motion before Convention calling for the committee to be disbanded. It was also decided to leave over the election of the Steering Committee members until then, this committee's brief not being fully understood by some delegates.

Secretary Liza Carroll said that during the year it had been decided to set up a Steering Committee, comprising no more than five people who would be concerned with seeing how

best camogie might be developed at club and county levels.

It was also decided also to defer all Motions until the adjourned Convention.

National Camogie President Liz Howard had a message for Convention, read by PRO Kieran Slattery. In it she conveyed her apologies for her inability to be present and expressed the hope that the best interests of Tipperary camogie was the only priority. It was the duty of all of them at all levels to promote the game and do the best they could in a fair and objective manner.

"It must also be remembered that it is sport and that fun and enjoyment are important if the sport of camogie is to flourish and attract players and potential officers. My thanks to Lar O'Brien who is vacating the chair. He always represented Tipperary and



New Tipperary County Camogie Board Chairman Mickey Browne.

camogie in the best possible manner and was a pleasure to work with," the President continued, also extending best wishes to the incoming chairperson and other officers and committee members.

## Lanigan's Ball scenario in Tipp coaching job

By Gerry Slevin

A year ago Tony Delaney stepped out ... well, he was narrowly defeated for the position of manager of the Tipp senior camogie team by John McGrath (28 votes to 25). At last week's Convention the Borris-ileigh man stepped out and in stepped the Toomevara man once again! A Lanigan's Ball scenario, if you wish, but it didn't turn out quite as simple as that because even though Tony Delaney was the only one left standing when four other nominees withdrew, there was quite a bit of controversy and discussion as to his eligibility to resume the post he held for one season, 2006/07.

The scene appeared to be clear-cut when John Devane (Clonoulty Rossmore), Declan Browne (Moyle Rovers), James McGrath (Toomevara) and the out-going John McGrath had their names withdrawn. This appeared to leave the way clear for Delaney to re-enter the fold and when it was established that he was interested in taking the position the chairman Mickey Browne asked for formal ratification of his appointment to the post.

Both Bernie O'Dowd (Thurles) and Patsy Carroll

(St Cronan's) maintained that according to rule Tony Delaney had to be registered and they continued to hold that line of argument. Joan Hayden (Cashel) said Tony Delaney was registered with Cashel and the chairman said that as everything seemed to be in order Tony Delaney should be appointed.

Patsy Carroll was of the view that everyone seeking positions had to be registered seven days before they were nominated and after Rose Mannion formally proposed that Delaney be accepted Margaret Skehan (Thurles) said she could not stand over the fact that there was an onus that all players be registered and Convention was now willing to turn a blind eye to the situation so far as it affected other personnel, like managers.

When it was suggested that the matter be held over to the adjourned Convention in January, Lar O'Brien (Drom-Inch) said Tipp would begin their league campaign on March 8th. Not dealing with the matter until mid January would give a manager very little time to make the necessary preparations.

Joe Cahill (Kilruane) wondered if an outsider was being brought in, someone from another

county, would it be necessary that he or she be registered. He didn't think registration was essential for managers or such people and referred to players only.

Rose Mannion then told the meeting that she had discovered having gone through the rule book, there was nothing whatever about managers or coaches having to be registered. The rule referred strictly to players. She quoted the appropriate rule and having looked at the rule the chairman agreed. Although John O'Donnell (Newport) then proposed that Tony Delaney be accepted as manager, seconded by Kieran Slattery (Knockavilla Kickhams), it was eventually decided that the issue be re-visited at the adjourned Convention.

Eoin Brisbane (Toomevara) is the manager of the intermediate team, the other nominees - P.J. O'Rourke, Deirdre Hughes, John O'Donnell and Pat McLoughney withdrawing.

Donal Kelly (Toomevara) will be manager of the under 18s, out-going manager Pat McLoughney standing down. The only contest for a team manager was for the under 16s where Noelle

Kennedy (37 votes) defeated Kieran Slattery (14 votes) and Patsy Carroll (7 votes). The outgoing under 14 manager Siobhan Ryan (Holycross) didn't go forward and with Liza Carroll also withdrawing, the position was left to the only other nominee, Tim Maher from Burgess. Siobhan Ryan was the out-going manager of the under 14 side and regret was voiced by several delegates at her unwillingness to put her name forward again, because of her tremendous dedication and work-rate over the past season.



Tipp senior camogie team manager Tony Delaney.

### New chairman's dilemma

Only minutes into his new role as chairman of Tipperary Camogie Board at last week's Convention, Mickey Browne found himself in something of a dilemma, writes Gerry Slevin. The vote for the position of Registrar between the outgoing Bernie O'Dowd from Thurles and Rose Mannion, who had just stepped down as treasurer saw both candidates locked together on 28 votes each.

Bernie O'Dowd reminded the chairman that he had a casting vote. He agreed but said he would prefer if delegates voted again. The voting strength of the meeting, he said, was 58 and two delegates had not voted. He said that having only just been elected, he found himself in a very invidious position and he wondered, if, perhaps, the toss of a coin might solve the situation.

Bernie O'Dowd continued to maintain that the chairman had to be fair and the onus was to him to give a casting vote. However, he declined to do so and a second vote took place, this one seeing Rose Mannion with 30 votes as against 27 for Bernie O'Dowd.

## Camogie



### Tipperary Camogie

Fixtures: Last weekend saw some more clubs out on the playing field as the fixtures committee try to wind up all club activity before the calendar year comes to a close.

Dundrum played host to the U16 'C' county final where New Inn and Holycross travelled to the West venue last Saturday to claim the title.

In a closely contested game, which went to the wire, Holycross had the extra bit to carry them over the winning line with 2 points to spare. In his first official engagement, newly appointed Camogie Chairman Mickey Browne presented the trophy to a joyous Holycross panel.

In the U18 'A' semi final, Knockavilla and Silvermines travelled to Clonoulty to decide who would meet Toomevara in the final. Silvermines had too much for Knockavilla and at the final whistle had a comfortable winning margin over the girls from the west.

Next weekend, Toomevara and Silvermines will contest the U18 'A' County final. Time and venue to be decided.

Camogie County Board AGM: Off the playing field, the AGM was held last week in Young's Bar, The Ragg. Outgoing Chairman, Lar O'Brien thanked all the club delegates for their attendance, and in his address thanked all who helped & worked with him while he was officer. Due to work commitments, he was unable to accept another term. The meeting paid glowing tributes to Lar's work and commitment to Tipperary Camogie and congratulated him for all his effort in bringing the development work on the Camogie grounds near to completion.

In a letter from National President, Liz Howard, the delegates and clubs were thanked for their work promoting Camogie in Tipperary, both at club and Inter County level. Cashel Clubman, Mickey Browne was elected as Chairman. In his address, Chairman thanked his predecessor for all his hard work, & hoped he could continue the work to promote and develop Camogie in the county.

The date for the adjourned convention was fixed for January 13th where the motions from various clubs will be discussed.

Officers & team Managers for 2009: Chairman: Mickey Browne (Cashel); Vice-Chairman: Martin Griffin (Silvermines); Secretary: Liza Carroll (St Cronan's); Treasurer: Jim Simmons (Thurles); P.R.O.: Kieran Slattery (Knockavilla); Registrar: Rose Mannion (Shannon Rovers); Margaret Skehan will continue to represent Tipperary as delegate to Munster Council.

Senior Manager: Tony Delaney; Intermediate Manager: Eoin Brisbane; U18 Manager: Donal Kelly; U16 Manager: Noelle Kennedy; U14 Manager: Tim Maher.

As clubs will be holding their AGM's over the next few weeks they are reminded to e-mail all club officers names, & contact details (include e-mail) to the PRO, so that a Camogie club contact directory can be provided to clubs in early 2009.



# Treasurer pulls out over 'bullying and intimidation'

By Gerry Slevin

Tipperary Camogie Board's long-serving treasurer Rose Mannion declined to allow her name to be placed before the meeting for re-election at last Tuesday night's Convention, asserting that her reason was based on 'the level of bullying and intimidation' she was subjected to for some time.

The Lorrha-based Shannon Rovers club member told stunned delegates that one of many examples was a phone call she received just days before the nomination papers were due to be returned. The caller, a club delegate informed her that should she seek re-election to the position of treasurer then life would be made very difficult for her in 2009. The intimidation would be increased enormously.

"To add insult to injury, the same individual called me two weeks ago to enquire if I had re-considered my position. I don't usually take heed of threats but I don't need bullying and intimidation in my life for a job I have done and continued to do to the best of my ability and voluntarily," the treasurer added.

She said she was out of pocket severely because of camogie but it didn't bother her because she loved it. She failed to understand why some people wanted to have her replaced as treasurer, so badly, as to go to such lengths to carry out such threats.

In thanking all who had befriended her and co-operated with her during her years as county treasurer Rose Mannion she had made some loyal and trusted friends in that time. She felt she still had a lot to offer camogie and

for that reason she was willing to leave her name in for the position of Registrar for which she had also been nominated.

The chairman Mickey Browne said it was regrettable that such intimidation had placed the treasurer in a position where she felt compelled to withdraw. It wasn't something that should be part of any organisation, be it the GAA, camogie or anything else.

Bernie O'Dowd said that anyone who threatened a board officer should not be in the Association. There was no place in any organisation for anyone who indulged in such behaviour.

Further coverage of camogie convention on page 8.

## Delegates row in behind Donoghue for Galway camogie manager's job

FORMER Galway goalkeeper Liam Donoghue will take charge of the county senior camogie team for 2009 after his management outfit were favoured over an opposing high profile management selection led by Connacht Hurling Director, Damien Coleman, at the annual Galway Camogie Convention at Lough Rea Hotel and Spa last Thursday evening.

Donoghue, alongside team trainer Coleman and Davitts' Anne Broderick, was part of the management set-up this year, with all three sharing the joint title of manager. However, following Galway's defeat in the All-Ireland final to Cork in September, the former Galway captain chose to run against Coleman for the position of outright manager.

Both Donoghue and Coleman subsequently presented their management teams and plans to a five-person selection committee - led by spokesperson Mixie Donohue (Athenry) - with the committee making no decision but, instead, referring the matter back to the County Board and its delegates.

They, in turn, voted 34 to 22 in favour of the management team of Donoghue, Broderick, Carmore's Declan Walsh and Dublin native Barry Downey, who guided, Cortoon Shamrocks to the county senior football final this year where they



New Galway senior camogie team manager, Liam Donoghue.

were defeated by Corofin.

Donoghue has also lined up John McGuire as his squad's psychologist, Noel Burke as physio and Dermot Flaherty as video analyst.

The vote was a major blow

to a disappointed Coleman, who had taken the Galway team for 107 training sessions in 2008, leading the perennial underdogs to three major finals - National League, Gael Linn and their first All-

Ireland decider in a decade - with the Tribeswomen claiming victory in the inter-provincial series.

It was also a massive snub to his management team, which consisted of Connacht hurling coaches Damien Curley and Gerry Spelman, Galway intermediate manager Stephen Glennon - who later resigned from the position - and former Galway hurling great Sean Silke, who was to work with the team on a needs basis, focusing on motivation and team psychology.

Their backroom team also comprised of IRFU national fitness coach Des Ryan (strength and conditioning), former Offaly physical trainer Oisín O'Neill (team building), nutritionalist Karina Tobin and physiotherapist Marguerite Houston - the Australian Olympic rower and twice World champion who recently moved to Galway - while National Hurling Director Paudie Butler and former Antrim and current Portlanna coach Dinny Cahill had both committed to taking 12 training sessions each with the senior panel.

However, the County Board officials and club delegates rejected Coleman and his impressive line-up and it will now be Donoghue who will take charge of the Galway senior set-up heading into the New Year. The Tribeswomen begin their campaign with a National

League clash against reigning All-Ireland champions Cork at home on March 1.

The intermediate team will also be in action against the Leesiders that day as newly appointed manager Gerry Flannery of Pearses takes the helm for the first time after he was ratified for the position at Thursday's AGM.

The underage managers were also appointed. Mulagh's Gerry Hough has been selected as minor boss, while Johnny Keane of Turloughmore was retained as U-16 manager. Collette Walsh, Marlene Connolly and Joe Maguire were appointed to the U-14 management set-up.

Meanwhile, there was no change at the top table, with Chairperson Geraldine McGrath (Sarsfields), Secretary Anne Kearney (Turloughmore) and Treasurer Angela Moran (Oranmore/Maree) all unopposed for the positions.

Kiltulla/Killimordaly's Frank Duane was again restored to the Vice Chair berth, while Pauline Mitchell (Killimor) and Jacinta Flannery (Pearses) were elected as Assistant Secretaries of the Board. Mary Thornton will continue as Assistant Treasurer.

Other positions filled were Insurance Officer (Pauline Mitchell), Cooperation Officer (Sean Geraghty), Registrar (Mairtin O'Dubhghaill) and PRO (Martina Molloy).

## Douglas girls' double joy

Douglas  
Ballygarvan

4-12  
1-1

DOUGLAS added the senior league title to their championship crown in Castle Road camogie grounds on Sunday when they defeated Ballygarvan.

Douglas were always that bit sharper, but to their credit Ballygarvan battled away to the final whistle never letting their heads drop as they contested every ball with determination.

Twice Douglas keeper Jessica Kavanagh denied Ballygarvan at crucial stages.

Four points inside the opening quarter gave Douglas an early lead.

Ballygarvan enjoyed an equal share of possession but failed to convert their chances.

Maria Harkin had the game's opening goal 18 minutes in, before Catriona Kelly pointed for Ballygarvan. But with Katriona Mackey firing over two and Aileen O'Donovan one, Douglas held a 1-7 to 0-1 interval advantage.

Aileen O'Donovan and Maria Harkin stretched the lead with early second half points as Ballygarvan tried hard to stay with them. Pamela Mackey and Maria Harkin struck for Douglas goals but still Ballygarvan battled on and were rewarded with a Catriona Kelly goal. In response Clara Kavanagh found

the net for the Douglas girls fourth before Pamela Mackey had the final say for Douglas.

**Douglas:** J Kavanagh; S O'Regan, M O'Donovan, F Mc Sweeney; E Jordan, A O'Regan (c), L O'Regan; H O'Mahony, P Mackey; C Murphy, M Harkin, K Mackey; E Morgan, J O'Donovan, A O'Donovan Subs: C Kavanagh for E Morgan (h/t), T M Carthy for E Jordan (41), S Long for F McSweeney (41), S O'Brien for A O'Donovan (45), C Lynch for K Mackey (50). Scorers: M Harkin 2-1, A O'Donovan 0-4, K Mackey 0-4 (0-2), C Kavanagh 1-0, P Mackey 1-2, A O'Donovan 0-1.

**Ballygarvan:** A Moynihan; M Hallahan, A O'Neill, S A O'Halloran; O Daly, J Browne, N Hallahan; V Browne, C Kelly (c); A Murphy; S Quilligan, C Murphy, M Moynihan. Subs: R Murphy for S Quilligan (h/t), L O Callaghan for M Hallahan (40), L Kenefick for M Moynihan (50), A Byrne for R Murphy (51). Scorers: C Kelly 1-1 (f).

**Referee:** Barry Day (Aghade).



Siobhan McGrath, (Gaillimh) and Cuala's Rachel Hartnett



# O'Connor planning the way forward

**S**HE may share her name with a controversial rock idol, but Moycullen native Sinead O'Connor – who recently took over at the helm of the national camogie association – does not intend to tear up any pictures of the pope any time soon.

It's Sunday afternoon and the Ard Stiúrthóir of Cumann Camógachta na nGael is back in Galway for a rare weekend break – and some lunch with the folks at the Clayton Hotel. She is smartly dressed, pleasant in manner, and, thankfully, boasts a full head of hair! Indeed, in image and attitude, she is the polar opposite to her rock star namesake.

These, though, are busy times for the affable Galway woman. In October, the Camogie Association took the decision to appoint O'Connor – a young, vibrant, enthusiastic woman – to run its affairs and, hopefully, advance the profile of the sport and organisation right across the sporting and cultural spectrum.

Recognised as a person who had employed a professional approach when taking on the mantle of Finance and Sponsorship Manager five years ago, O'Connor was tipped by many to take over as Ard Stiúrthóir from Síle Wallace when the latter retired earlier this year. So just who is this Sinead O'Connor?

A daughter of John and Mary, the Moycullen native has two sisters, Louise and Mary Michelle. She is a former Toureeny National School and Colaiste Iognaid 'Jes' student, who subsequently attended the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania (USA), where she spent four years studying the American equivalent of a B. Comm.

Following her graduation from Scranton, O'Connor returned to Ireland and completed a Masters

## TALKING SPORT



STEPHEN GLENNON

*Moycullen native is revelling in her role as the sport's new Ard Stiúrthóir*

in UCD before joining PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) in Dublin. "I started with them in October, 1999 and I finished up with them in June, 2003. I would have officially qualified in 2002, but I went back to America for six months to San Jose in California," says O'Connor.

It was while she was with PwC in San Jose that she received an email from her family detailing that there was a job advertised that might just interest her. The position was that of Finance and Sponsorship Manager with Cumann Camógachta na nGael.

"I did the first round of interviews over there in San Jose. One of the people on the management committee at the time was going to be that side of the world – our current President, Liz Howard – and she did the interview with me. By the time the second round of interviews came round, I was back in Ireland."

In the Autumn of 2003, O'Connor was unveiled as the new Finance and Sponsorship Manager of the Camogie Association, becoming only the second full-time person on the staff of the organisation.

"I suppose, when I joined, all the association's plans were focusing ahead on Centenary Year. That was being launched in November '03, so I had very little time to get my head down, learn the ropes and find out how things worked. It was straight into it."

"The role also grew a little bit and changed a little bit because certain other things had to be done first. For instance, you can't attract sponsorship without increasing the profile. So I had a very wide brief, which was great, because I got a whole lot of experience in different areas. I suppose, a certain amount of management came into it as well as we were heading into our Centenary Year. We had some huge events planned."

Indeed, over the ensuing year and a half, O'Connor was to the fore in the scheduling of an extensive calendar of events. "It was important that everything was done right," she continues.

"Thankfully, there was a great reaction to everything we did and it was a credit to the management committee that put that whole calendar of events together. Our own Olivia Forde was actually on that committee. They did a huge amount of work. It really gave the association a reason to reenergise itself on numerous levels. A lot of the clubs also did great work in celebrating the milestone."

In addition to the annual events such as Congress, Cumann Camógachta na nGael also held a Centenary Banquet at the CityWest Hotel – attended by over one thousand people – and hosted its first international camogie tournament, with the final played before the International Rules series at Croke Park.

"Every month, we launched something different, from centenary stamps to starting up the first ever women's shinty competition (with Scotland). We received huge

support financially from the GAA that year while we also secured sponsorship for some of the other events as well."

"Really, I didn't have much experience in that area, so I was learning my way. That said, I got a great deal of support from people I had learned from, such as the management committee, then President Miriam O'Callaghan and our current President Liz Howard, who was heavily involved in running a lot of those events."

For her part, O'Connor imbued the Association with a professional attitude and an abundance of enthusiasm, which was vital in overseeing their Strategic Plan. "That helped to change things around. It put us on the right footing and helped us to improve our

**'Our aim is to give every girl the opportunity to play camogie'**

structures. That is something we refer back to the whole time," says the Galway woman, who, despite her busy schedule, continues to play her chosen sport with Portobello in Dublin. One suspects, there are not too many Director Generals in other organisations who continue to suit up.

No doubt, O'Connor has already left an indelible mark on the Association, underlined by her appointment as Ard Stiúrthóir following the retirement of Síle Wallace in October. Today, she works alongside nine other full-time camogie officers, catering for about 540 clubs and approximately 100,000 members nationwide. A daunting task.

"Every now and again, you do say 'Oh my God!' I have been there, though, five years and I have learned a lot. There is still an awful

lot I don't know. For instance, I am a disaster on the rules!" she laughs.

"I suppose, people often look at the sport and say you do not get that many supporters, but if you look at our biggest day, All-Ireland final day, the attendance we get at that is double what you would get in the UK on Women's FA Cup final day. The only thing that might exceed us is the Women's World Cup. So when you put it into context, the attendance we get on All-Ireland final day is unprecedented in terms of women's sport."

"At the moment we are trying to draw up the next instalment of our Strategic Plan and we are also doing a review of the Association with a guy called Morgan Buckley, who is with Atlantic Sports Management. He is working with a lot of other sports as well."

"So he is looking at our structures and what we need to do to be more professional and business-like. It has become a business, although it is still sport. So in terms of how you run your association, it has to be professional. People expect that – at every level. If you want to be successful, then that is what you have to do."

Of course, there are many challenges facing O'Connor in the months and years to come. While issues such as securing greater TV coverage to further promote the sport are on the agenda, it is the primary objective of increasing numbers playing the game which O'Connor hopes to dedicate herself to.

She adds: "Overall, I think the one thing that has to drive our Association forward is participation figures. Our aim is to give every girl the opportunity to play camogie and then put in the structures that will allow them to continue playing."

"Worldwide, statistics show that girls usually stop playing sports

## for Camogie



Moycullen native Sinead O'Connor who is charting the future of the National Camogie Association.

around the age of 13. I think if you can continue to make sport attractive to those, the benefits of it will be that they will keep playing. That is very, very important – to make camogie available to girls, not only in the traditional areas, but right across the country. That is vital."

"We have already identified that once girls go into secondary schools, the opportunities are not

always there for them. That is why we appointed Jennifer Steede (Sylane) to encourage girls who may not have played in a while to have a go at it again and, hopefully, when they do they will then return to their clubs."

All in all, new Ard Stiúrthóir O'Connor would seem to be well on top of things. The pope can rest easy.

## Clare Camogie AGM to be reconvened

THE CLARE camogie AGM had to be reconvened on Monday night, after Chairperson Maura Sheedy announced that all the financial reports were not ready.

Emotions ran high amongst the delegates who felt aggrieved at having to travel to the Auburn Lodge Hotel before being informed of the problem.

A sideline issue involving the appearance of Munster Council Chairman, Morgan Conroy to oversee the meeting, merely added to the confusion on the night. The reconvened AGM will now take place on Sunday, 28 December at 3pm at the same venue. A full summary of the reports that were read out will appear in next week's paper.





Tracy Sheehan, chairperson of the Juvenile Board presents the Under-16 B trophy to Glen Rovers' captain Ciara O'Keeffe.

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## Dillion's take minor C title

Brian Dillon's  
Na Piarraigh

6-8  
0-4

BRIAN DILLON'S took the Tower View Developments Minor C championship title as they defeated their northside neighbours Na Piarraigh under lights on Sunday last in CIT. Three goals in the opening six minutes proved vital for Brian Dillon's and they built on their lead over the hour as they picked off their scores. Na Piarraigh were rocked on their held by the strength of Brian Dillon's whirlwind start but they battled on and contested every ball with spirit.

Claire Dooley's long-range strike found the net after two minutes and with Donna Carroll and Susan Kate Brosnan grabbed further goals Na Piarraigh were in trouble. With their defence under constant pressure they conceded frees and Claire Dooley pointed twice to stretch the

Brian Dillon's lead. Danielle Moynihan pointed to get Na Piarraigh on the score board but Claire Dooley converted two frees to increase Brian Dillon's lead.

Na Piarraigh battled on and worked them to a stand still but they found the going hard against a strong Brian Dillon's defence.

Kate Delea posed a threat up front when in possession and she struck Na Piarraigh second point before the break as Brian Dillon's led 3-4 to 0-2. Michelle Ring struck an early Brian Dillon's point before Dona Carroll struck for a superb goal but an improving Na Piarraigh showed fierce determination as they began to win more possession twice Saoirse Rodgers had to be at her best in the Brian Dillon's goal to deny them the goal needed. Danielle Moynihan pointed two long range free as they battled to get into the game but they never had

the strength to get past a solid Brian Dillon's defence where Emma Burns and Lucy Bradfield were on top. Orla Ni Suilleabhain and Jane Dooley struck for Brian Dillon's goals to seal victory for their side.

Before the throw-in both teams observed a minutes silent in memory of the competitions sponsor the late Bob O'Leary of Tower View Developments who passed away earlier in the week.

**BRIAN DILLON'S:** S Rodgers; E Burns, S Cotter, L Bradfield; A Russell, A Dorganici, S Attridge; S K Brosnan, D Ring, M Ring, O Ni Suilleabhain, C Dooley; S Carroll, D O Flynn, J Dooley. Subs: R O Mahony for D O Flynn (h/t), E Kelly for S Cotter (56). Scorers: C Dooley 1-6 (0-4f), D Carroll 2-1, O Ni Suilleabhain, S K Brosnan 1-0 each, M Ring 0-1.

**NA PIARRAIGH AS:** Hannon; N Kelly, J Cronin, R Bourke; N Aherne, C Scannell, A Moynihan; D Moynihan, C Allen (c); D O'Regan, K Delea, R Mc Nabbs; M Fitzpatrick, O Bourke, L Aherne. Subs: D O'Regan for A Moynihan (49), M Coleman for N Aherne (49). Scorers: D Moynihan 0-3(f), K Delea 0-1. Referee: Frank Fitzpatrick (Clyda).

Glen Rovers captain Ciara O'Keeffe with the under 16B league trophy after her side beat Ballincollig recently.



## O'Brien goal helps Glen to victory

Glen Rovers 2-5  
Ballincollig 1-3

by Mary Newman

SHOWING a tremendous fighting spirit Glen Rovers turned in a superb second half display to take the under 16 B county league title at the expense of Ballincollig in Castle Road on Saturday.

Glen Rovers got the best possible start with Leeann O'Sullivan winning a free from the throw-in which Sinead O'Halloran converted. Samantha Coomey gave Ballincollig the lead inside five minutes when her lobbing shot finished in the net.

Scores were hard to come by as both defences held the upper hand. Sinead O'Halloran cut the deficit with a Glen point 22 minutes in but Ballincollig finished the half stronger. Jennifer Ryle and Eimear O'Sullivan pointed to give them a three point interval lead 1-2 to 0-2.

From the restart the Glen

girls came in search of scores and with Sinead Fahy and Aisling O'Keeffe working hard they won plenty of possession and put the Ballincollig defence under pressure. They shot five wides in a row before Sinead O'Halloran converted a free. Glen Rovers midfielder Sinead Gallen was superb as her side battled to take control, dropping back and helping out in defence and driving forward setting up attack after attack.

Two points stood between the sides as play swung from end to end. Ballincollig goalkeeper Sinead O'Sullivan denied the Glen girls on several occasions before the goal they threatened to get arrived Edel O'Connell finishing Sinead O'Halloran's shot over the line. O'Halloran pointed to put them two points clear but Ballincollig battled back as Hayley Corcoran hit a point. Glen keeper Alison Rea had to be at her best to deny Ballincollig a goal before Nicole O'Brien struck a

point and when the same player grabbed a goal with five minutes remaining the Glen girls were not going to be denied.

Ballincollig pressed hard but they could find no way past a Glen defence where captain Ciara O'Keeffe led by example, well supported by Claire Walsh, Stephanie Callanan and Shauna Busted. Ballincollig full back Alison Coughlan was named as player of the match for her excellent performance.

**Glen Rovers:** A Rea; C O'Keeffe (c), C Walsh, A Noonan; S Callanan, L Crowley, S Busted; A O'Keeffe, S Gallen; S Fahy, N O'Brien, L O'Sullivan, E O'Connell. Sub: A Dowling for N O'Sullivan (52). Scorers: S O'Halloran 0-4 (0-2f), N O'Brien 1-1, E O'Connell 1-0.

**Ballincollig:** S O'Sullivan; L Barry, A Coughlan, N Cooke; L O'Driscoll, E O'Sullivan, C Ni Chasaigh; G Mc Donnell, S Mc Coy; S Coomey, J Ryle, A Walsh; O Jennings, H Corcoran, A Henchion (c). Subs: C Hennigan for O Jennings (50), J Hennigan for H Corcoran (50). Scorers: S Coomey 1-0, J Ryle H Corcoran 0-1 E O'Sullivan (f) 0-1 each.

Referee: Ger Sheehan (Douglas).

### Five top female stars

- 1 **Katie Taylor (Boxer):** Undisputed top of our list and the International Amateur Boxing Association's 'best female boxer of 2008'. The 22-year-old won her second consecutive world lightweight title in China last month and now hopes to be allowed compete in the London 2012 Olympics.
- 2 **Olive Loughnane (Race walking):** The veteran of the Sydney and Athens Games produced a stunning performance in Beijing setting a new personal best after finishing seventh in the women's 20km walk.
- 3 **Lisa And Leona Maguire (Golf):** Impossible to separate the talented 13-year-olds who are dominating Irish ladies golf and making waves in Europe. Michelle Wie you have been warned.
- 4 **Briege Corkery (Camogie and Ladies football):** Corkery was central to Cork's September success in both codes and was the only female honoured in the prestigious Texaco Awards.
- 5 **Melanie Nocher (Swimming):** Nocher went to China to gain experience. But blossomed in Beijing setting a new Irish record when winning her 200m backstroke heat. Roll on London 2012.





# Double celebrations for camogie history makers

**BALLINCOLLIG** Camogie Club made history recently when they secured two adult county championship titles, winning both the Junior A and Junior Shield County Finals for the first time in club history.

Having won the Junior A Final on October 19, beating Clon, they then went on to play in the Junior Shield final which ended in a draw and was not replayed until Sunday, November 30.

The team won the Junior Shield County Championship Title in Doonbeg, overcoming Valley Leagues in the replay.

Ballincollig got off to the better start in the first half, despite Valley Leagues being the first to score. The opposition scored two points before Aoife O'Neill pointed a free and Jenny Ryle struck over the bar from play.

Aoife O'Neill pointed another free before Jenny Walsh sent the ball to the back of the net. Samantha Coomey then added another point to put Ballincollig up 1-4 to 2 points at half-time. An impressive display from the back lines saw Valley Leagues only scoring twice in the first half.

Ballincollig's Aisling Duff found the back of the net within minutes of the restart while, down at the other end of the pitch, the backs of

Laura O'Donoghue, Becky O'Callaghan, Orlaith Ni Chathasaigh, Cliona Irish, Sinead Barry and Captain Edel Murphy fought tirelessly to keep Valley Leagues scoreless.

The midfield pairing of Samantha Coomey and Claire Ryan, along with wing-forward Lisa O'Callaghan cleaned up the ball in the middle of the pitch, sending it into the forwards continuously. Clara McSwiney pointed from play to leave the game 2-5 to 2 points in Ballincollig's favour.

Aisleen Sheehan pulled off a save at the other end, only for a scramble near the goalmouth which stopped all Ballincollig supporters' hearts. As the ball headed goalward, Laura

O'Donoghue stopped it on the line and cleared, ensuring a comprehensive victory for the girls.

Valleys managed to grab back a point, but Jenny Walsh struck the ball over the bar twice, followed by another from Aoife O'Neill.

Ballincollig introduced five out of their six subs, who were; Keely Sheehan, Laura Barrett, Alison Hinchion, Hayley Corcoran, Claire Delea, Laura O'Leary and Fiona Ryan. Captain Edel Murphy accepted the Junior Shield Cup and celebrations began.

The girls express sincere thanks to their manager Sarah Kidney who has put in so much effort all year, and to selectors David, Pat, Garrett

and Martin. It was back to the club where the parties started.

The players were given a fantastic welcome by the underage girls at the Christmas party before heading next door to enjoy their own celebration.

● Ballincollig Camogie Club held their AGM last Sunday in the GAA Hall, reflecting on the great year the club have had.

Election of officers for 2009 took place and are as follows:

Chairwoman — Mairead Donovan;

Vice-chairwoman — Niall O'Connor;

Vice-chairman — Garrett Irish;

Secretary — Breeda Barry.

# Na Piarsaigh



Na Piarsaigh U11, Seandún winning team, at Na Piarsaigh Hall.

By JOHN HORGAN

Na Piarsaigh

THE female fraternity of Na Piarsaigh were out in force last weekend when the ever expanding camogie club held their street league finals at the club's magnificent complex in Farranree.

Youngsters ranging in age from six to ten participated in the finals and the final of the skills competition also took place.

The club is growing at a rapid rate and this year five finals were contested; U10, U11, U13, U14 and U15 with the U10s bringing back the honours.

As recently as September 25 new members joined the club under chairperson Catherine Allen; secretary, Karen Lynch; and treasurer, Aine Martin. Others, like Rose Twohig, Tony Kelly, Noel O'Connor and Natalie Kelly are also working diligently in the club who are currently participating at adult level in junior B.

The skills competition last Saturday was won by young Rebecca Sheehan and the trophies for the various street league finals were named after founder members of the club.

With the application that has been displayed over the past couple of months it shouldn't be too long before more honours find their way to this thriving unit.

The young girls of Na Piarsaigh illustrating that they intend to be every bit as good as their male counterparts.

Picture: Cillian Kelly



# Gala CAMOGIE world

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## CLUB TITLES FOR O'DONOVAN ROSSA AND HARPS

Jane Adams capped a superb week for Antrim camogie as her 2-9 haul inspired O'Donovan Rossa to All-Ireland senior club camogie glory on Sunday.

O'Donovan Rossa became the first Ulster outfit to capture the Bill Carroll trophy in the 44-year history of the competition as they recorded a 2-15 to 1-12 victory against Tipperary and Munster champions Drom & Inch.

A huge crowd witnessed a splendid game played on a fine pitch at Donaghmore, Asbourne and Adams was the undoubted star turn as two first half goals helped to establish a 2-7 to 0-8 interval lead for O'Donovan Rossa.

Adams collected Antrim's very first camogie Allstar award eight days before this historic club final and she found the net twice in the final ten minutes of the first half to set 2006 runners-up O'Donovan Rossa on their way to a famous win.

With 20 minutes on the watch, Adams collected a fine ball from Seanin Daykin to open up a 1-4 to 0-4 advantage and after Joanne Ryan responded with a point for Drom & Inch, Adams struck a second goal in the 25th minute.

Drom & Inch hit back with a free from their top scorer Therese Shortt but the lethal Adams hit three frees before the end of the first half to open up a five-point interval lead.

O'Donovan Rossa opened the second half with points from Maorisa McGourty and Grainne Connolly to put more daylight between the sides before Shortt opened Drom's second half account with a free.

Three minutes from the end, Mary Looby scored a consolation goal with a fine handpassed effort to the net but it proved too little too late for Drom & Inch as O'Donovan Rossa secured a six-point win.

Adams, Daykin and Kerrie O'Neill were O'Donovan Rossa's leading players while Shortt, Looby, Joanne Ryan and Geraldine Kinnane showed well for Drom & Inch.

Meanwhile, another large crowd was present in Nenagh as Laois outfit Harps secured a third successive All-Ireland junior club success with a 1-11 to 3-2 victory against Clare side Kilmaley.

Harps won an entertaining match by three points after outscoring their opponents 0-4 to 0-1 in the second half.

Four goals were scored in the opening half as the sides were level at 3-1 to 1-7 at the break.

Harps had four points on the board before Kilmaley opened their account with sixteen minutes on the watch.

Kilmaley's Maria Hehir and Harps star Aine Mahony traded goals before the Clare kingpins shocked their opponents with a quickfire brace from Claire McMahon just before half-time.

With two minutes remaining in the first half, McMahon's free deceived the Harps defenders and ended up in the net before the same player struck again from play to hand Kilmaley a one-point lead.

Player of the match Louise Mahony converted a 45 to tie the scores at half-time and as Kilmaley shot five second half wides, Harps made better use of the chances that came their way to seal the three-in-a-row.

## TOP CAMOGIE COLLEGE STARS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2008

The 2009 Camogie bursary grants were announced at a presentation in Croke Park.

Eight of the country's most talented Camogie stars were rewarded for their hard work and dedication to the game over the past three years.

The Bursaries, which were presented by President of the Camogie Association Liz Howard, will see 77,000 distributed between this year's

recipients. This is the fourth year of the scheme.

The bursaries, which are supported by the Irish Sports Council, are given to those who have helped the development of Camogie within their own clubs, counties and colleges.

Each recipient will be required to contribute time to coaching within their county and college over the next twelve months and this will include anything from skills training and coaching camps to research of participation and views of Camogie within their region.

Liz Howard, President of the Camogie Association, sees this as an important part of the development of the game. "It is important that Camogie is vibrant in third level colleges. On graduation many players will be leaders in business, commerce and other fields where their influence will ensure that Camogie is to the forefront."

## CAMOGIE BURSARY RECIPIENTS 2008

Fionnuala Carr - University of Ulster, Jordanstown / Down  
Shauna Murphy - University of Ulster, Jordanstown / Derry  
Colette McSorley - Queen's University Belfast / Armagh  
Niamh Brady - Trinity College Dublin / Cavan  
Marie Grennan - Dundalk Institute of Technology / Monaghan  
Marion Doyle - Froebel College Dublin / Carlow  
Pauline Cunningham - Waterford Institute of Technology / Waterford  
Collette Gill - National University of Ireland, Galway / Galway



O'Donovan Rossa's  
Jane Adams



Kathleen Lynch and Sheila Golden at the launch of the Cork camogie cookbook. Picture: Michael MacSweeney

## A celebrity dinner date

AMONG the celebrity recipes in the Cork County Camogie Board's fund-raising Celebrity Cookbook, launched at City Hall on Thursday, is Bertie Ahern's favourite dish, Dublin Coddle. The book also features a recipe for bacon and cabbage by Education Minister, Batt O'Keeffe. Labour TD, Kathleen Lynch, who was at the book launch, contributed a recipe for Iveragh harvest chowder. Contributors include Micheál Martin, Enda Kenny, Simon Coveney, Billy Kelleher, Deirdre Clune, Carla Blake and Bishop Buckley. Proceeds go to the building of a dressing room for the team.



Also at the launch were Leslie Ahern and Niall MacLochlainn.



04: Alex Mbowoua, a pupil of Glasheen Girls' National School, at the Seolth na Scol finals at Páirc Uí Rinn, Cork. Picture: Dan Linnahan



# HISTORY-MAKER ADAMS ENDS SEASON IN STYLE

OWEN McCANN highlights the achievements of four bright stars in another successful season in the ladies' games

Another successful season for camogie and ladies football ended with keenly contested All-Ireland senior club finals and with two personalities, one in each sport, especially prominent.

Jane Adams played a major role in fashioning camogie history. She was most influential and also player-of-the-match when leading O'Donovan Rossa, Belfast, not only to their first title, but also to the

first-ever win by an Ulster club in the 44 year history of the All-Ireland senior camogie club championship.

She highlighted a capital performance by scoring a superb 2-9 in their well-merited 2-15 to 1-12 win over Drom and Inch, Tipperary, at Donaghmore, Ashbourne, before a bumper attendance.

Adams scored her two goals in the concluding stages of the first half to help her side to a five point interval lead and also really to really set the Belfast girls on the road to that historic Bill Carroll Cup triumph.

O'Donovan Rossa started the second half in match-winning style with points from right full forward Maorisa McGourty and centre half



Jane Adams receives her All Star award from Liz Howard President of the Camogie Association and Guest Brendan Cummins.

forward Grainne Connolly.

Drom and Inch continued to strive earnestly and neared the end centre half forward Mary Looby collected a good goal but the Ulster champions finished impressive winners.

Natalie McGuinness, Bronagh Orchin and Teresa Adams marshalled the O'Donovan Rossa rearguard into a tight division that gave nothing away cheaply.

Seamin Daykin and Colleen O'Doherty got through good work in midfield.

While captain supreme Adams sparked up front, she had good all round support in general and in particular from Connolly and McGourty.

DOUBLY HISTORIC

The game was the final chapter in an amazing and doubly historic end-of-the season for Jane Adams.

At the start of November she gained the camogie award at the 21st Ulster G.A.A. Writers Annual Awards Banquet. That was her fourth such award and came a few hours after she had chalked up a whopping 2-11 for Rossa in their All-Ireland club semi-final win over Ballyboden St. Enda's, Dublin, at Casement Park.

Just a week later she walked into the history books when she was named left full forward in the 2008 Camogie All Stars team—the first-ever Antrim player to win a place. Then came that double in the All-

Ireland final—player of the match award winner and, of course, an All-Ireland senior medal.

Yes, Jane Adams certainly stamped her personality on the camogie season in a big way.

Mention of the Camogie All Stars and Gemma O'Connor, right half back in the Cork team that regained the All-Ireland senior inter-county title, collected her fifth award.

Honoured in her earlier selections at midfield, she found favour this time at left half back.

O'Connor was one of seven Leesiders selected. In the Ladies All-Ireland senior football final Cora Staunton had the unusual distinction of scoring every one of her club's points in the successful defence of the title by Carnacon, Mayo, against Inch Rovers, Cork, at Tullamore.

One of the ace score-getters in the game for some time, she was again superbly on the target as the Mayo girls made a spirited comeback at Tullamore to record their second successive final win over Inch Rovers.

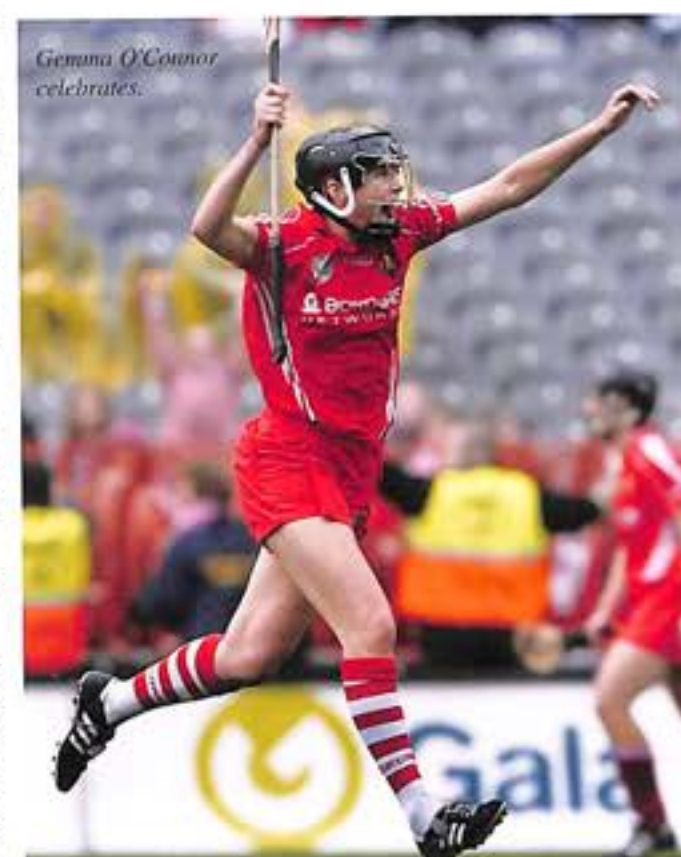
## POINTS TALLY

Staunton scored eleven points, nine from frees, as the defending champions triumphed by 2-11 to 2-6

Inch Rovers looked like avenging last year's defeat when a goal just after the start of the second half put them 2-6 to 0-3 clear. That appeared a safe cushion for the East Cork side, despite the fact that they faced a strong breeze in the second half.

However, two minutes after that second Inch Rovers, right half forward Nathasa Beegan boosted the holders' morale with a goal.

Amazingly, the Cork girls failed



Gemma O'Connor celebrates.

to score again after their early second half goal as the excellent free-taking of Staunton and a goal from right full forward Joan Hallinan after 49 minutes turned the key in the door to another title.

All in all a well-merited win by Carnacon, led by left half forward Michelle McGing, who played a real captain's role, and with Staunton yet again a bright star.

A week before the club final Staunton's position as one of the giants of the game was underlined once again when she won her sixth All Stars award with her selection at full forward.

Incidentally, Cora scored a majestic 4-25 (37 points) in four appearances with Mayo in the race for the Brendan Martin Cup, the tro-

phy awarded to the winners of the All-Ireland senior championship. Back to the All Stars and not unexpectedly All-Ireland champions Cork dominated the selection with

seven players included in the side. Angela Walsh, who captained the Leesiders from right full back, won her fourth award at full back. Monaghan, runner-up for the All-Ireland senior title, had four players selected.

## HANDBALL HISTORY

Another change of sport, and this time to handball. Here, too, the ladies were prominent and helped to usher in a special chapter in the annals of the game.

For the first time the All-Ireland ladies 60 x 30 senior championship singles final was played as part of the traditional national finals programme of male deciders at the Croke Park alley on the

eve of the All-Ireland senior hurling final.

Ashley Prenderville, of Kerry, the defending champion, and Bernie Hennessy (Limerick) ushered in the new era for the sport.

Hennessy was bidding for her sixth title, but Prenderville proved equal to the task with a fine performance when retaining her crown. Earlier in the year Fiona Shannon (Antrim), one of the leading lights in the sport in modern times, made a successful defence of her All-Ireland senior singles 40 x 20 title at Abbeylara in early May.

She beat club mate Aisling Reilly in a tie-breaker to capture her seventh title. A tribute that to her skills and especially consistency over a lengthy period.





# Hungry for success

by Linda Mellick

2008 was predicted to be a tough year for Cork. The successful 3 year backroom team of John Cronin, Fiona O'Driscoll and Lillian Zinkant decided to call it a day after capturing two All Ireland titles. The only nominee for a selector position at convention in December '07 was Bishopstown's Pat Murray. He went through unopposed. Muskerry secured a position based on their county final triumph and in January Con Malone was confirmed as the Muskerry representative. Cork was still without a Manager, coach or third selector. In stepped former Cork and Glen Rovers star Denise Cronin as the third selector and she set about securing the services of Jim McCarthy from Glen Rovers to coach the side. A few weeks into the season Denise Cronin was elected Manager of the side. Apart from the managerial change many of the players had decided to travel or pursue other interests. Jennifer O'Leary, Cork's quality and most consistent forward over the past number of years departed for Australia in June and Anna Geary headed to Luxembourg to continue her studies. Rena Buckley missed part of the season as she too travelled abroad. Had Cork not captured the O'Duffy cup last September many would have felt that it was a bridge too far. But when a Cork side's backs are to the wall, they will always come back fighting. A disappointing league campaign, which the mentors used to blood new players, saw Cork open their championship with an away game to Dublin on June 1st. The scene was set for a great days hurling. The sun bore down creating a blistering heat; the pitch was wide and open. The game didn't disappoint and while Cork may have pulled away from Dublin in the second half, this was a highly entertaining All Ireland championship first round clash in the Naomh Mearnog GAA Grounds in Portmarnock. It was the rebel's second half performance which stole the show. Six points, each more magical than the last, saw Cork take an eight point lead midway through and Dublin had no answer. Three weeks later Cork travelled to the defending champion's back yard and had a surprisingly facile victory over an out of sorts Wexford. The game was over as a contest four minutes into the second half once Sile Burns slammed a text book

style shot into the far corner of the net to land Cork their third goal and put the rebels 3-2 to 0-3 in front. Cork harried and hassled and frustrated the All Ireland champions whenever in possession and the psychological effect the victory held for Cork was immeasurable. A hard fought battle but in the finish the right result as Cork recorded their third victory in a row against Tipperary in Ballincollig on July 6th. Cork's unbeaten run was brought to an end in Páirc Uí Rinn a week later as they lost out to a determined Galway side in round four. Cork failed to ignite or find the form that had seen them secure victories over Dublin, Wexford and Tipperary. Galway had their homework done and they closed Cork down at every opportunity, they hunted in packs and never allowed Cork get to grips with a game that never really got off the ground. A comprehensive victory over neighbours Limerick as Cork played their third championship game in a fortnight ensured the rebels dusted themselves down and were on track again. The manner in which Cork disposed of Kilkenny in their final group game was astounding. It was expected that Kilkenny, the National League champions, would really put in up to Cork but the rebels were rampant. Despite the winning margin; 5-11 to 0-7, it was a one minute spell in the first half which effectively decided this game. Two goals from Sheila Burns and Breige Corkery within sixty seconds sealed Kilkenny's fate and while forty minutes remained it was obvious that the points were going Leaside. Cork advanced to the All Ireland semi-final where they anxiously awaited the draw. Pitched against arch rivals Tipperary, Cork approached the game with caution. Playing Tipperary for the second time in six weeks Cork emerged with a 13 point victory. A first half which Cork would rather forget saw them enter the dressing room at half time trailing by two points; 0-7 to 0-5. But a powerful second half saw them turn the tide. Cork's winning margin didn't reflect Tipperary's contribution and while Cork had areas to address they were through to the All Ireland decider against Galway after what was a composed and deserved victory. Cork headed to Croke Park for the sixth September in a row.

Their opponents Galway brought a new excitement to the big day as the westerners reached their first final in 11 years. Much was expected of Galway but one did wonder in advance if their inexperience would catch them on the day and if they could hold the intensity they would undoubtedly have to play with for the entire hour. After a shaky start a spirited team performance saw Cork take the lead after seventeen minutes and hold it until the final whistle. Galway strove to get a good start on the renowned slow starting Cork side. They succeeded! Three frees and a '45 were on the board before Cork had even mustered an attack. But despite Galway's possession they weren't scoring and Cork were slowly beginning to settle. Elaine O'Riordan flicked to the running Sile Burns who struck beautifully to the bottom right hand corner. It was followed with a lethal, powerful strike from Burns as once again she spotted half a chance and struck home. One sensed that it was going to be Cork's day. They led 2-3 to 0-5 after playing second fiddle for most of the opening half. It was never going to be Galway's day once Burns had hit the mark. They relied too much on Jessica Gill who on the day scored impressively from placed balls but whose contribution in general play was snuffed out by a hard working Cork defence. It was down to Cork's grit and hunger that the stats read as they did. It was a big year for Cork Camogie. When once considers the topsy turvy start they had to 2008 all involved deserve to take a bow. □



## CORK SENIOR LADIES CAMOGIE RESULTS

### 2008 Gala All Ireland Senior Camogie Championship

Round 1: Dublin 0-5 - Cork 1-13  
Round 2: Wexford 0-5 - Cork 3-6  
Round 3: Cork 1-16 - Tipperary 0-10  
Round 4: Cork 0-9 - Galway 1-9  
Round 5: Cork 2-21 - Limerick 1-5  
Round 6: Kilkenny 0-7 - Cork 5-11  
Round 7: Cork - Bye

### Gala All Ireland Semi-final

Cork 3-14 - Tipperary 0-11

### Gala All Ireland Senior Final

Cork 2-10 - Galway 1-8

### 2008 Inter-County team of the year

A Murray (Cork)  
A M Hayes (Galway)  
C Foley (Cork)  
J O'Callaghan (Cork)  
G O'Connor (Cork)  
Sinead Cahalan (Galway)  
M O'Connor (Cork)  
B Corkery (Cork)  
O Cotter (Cork)  
C Grogan (Tipperary)  
T Maher (Galway)  
R Moloney (Cork)  
S Burns (Cork)  
J Gill (Galway)  
U Jacob (Wexford)



Player of the Year  
**Gemma O'Connor**  
(St Finbarr's)





## CORK INTERMEDIATE ROUND UP

by Mary Newman

Corks second team participated in Division 2 of the national league but losing game to Derry and Kilkenny proved crucial and they failed to qualify for the closing stages. Early May saw the Intermediate team participate in the provincial championship which is played on a separate basis to the open draw All Ireland series and a good campaign saw Cork take the Munster championship title defeating a strong Clare side in a thrilling final where Cork had to battle all the way before the title was secured in the finish a strong closing ten minutes ensuring victory. Clare led by two points heading into the closing stages but Cork driven on by Captain Linda Dorgan at mid-field finished much stronger to be crowned champions.

The victory augured well for the championship series which lay ahead and with Bobby Thornhill coming on board as coach they got down to the serious business.

Losing their opening game of the round robin series of games to Derry Cork worked hard to reach the semi final stages and they faced a tough challenge as Derry provided their semi-final opposition.

It was a different Cork side who faces Derry as they battled for a place in the final, focused and determined to reverse the result of their first meeting Cork battled hard from the throw in and trailing at the interval 1-2 to 0-2. Cork had to dig deep to get a result but lifting their game they came from behind with an excellent second half display to finally shake off the Derry challenge and advance to a final meeting with Kilkenny. The sides had met in the round robins series of games where Cork recorded a victory but this was All Ireland final day and the stakes were much higher. Kilkenny with the minor and under 16 titles safely tucked away were on the hunt for title number three while Cork were on the trail of an adult double with the O' Duffy cup safely nestled away Leaside.

A disastrous first half display which saw them trail by seven points at the interval saw Cork at sixes and sevens however they rallied with a superb second half comeback only to be cruelly denied at the death.

Kilkenny dominated in all sectors through the opening thirty minutes but Cork control the second half and clawed their way back into contention to draw level with seven minutes remaining. Kilkenny edged ahead but Cork struck back and with the game entering injury time a draw looked on the cards as referee Alan

Laguerre signalled one minute to be added on. Both sides battled for a winner and as the game entering the second minute of added time Cork were penalised harshly sixty metres out on wing up Ann Marie Phelan float a huge effort into the Cork square where Colette Dormer finished to the net

to the sound of the full time whistle signalling heartbreak for a Cork side who despite a disastrous start deserved a second bit of the cherry. A disappointing end to a season that looked so promising for this young Cork side, hopefully they will regroup stronger and more determined for 2009. □



## CORK MINOR AND U16 ROUND UP

by Mary Newman

### UNDER 16

Plenty of silverware at underage level for Cork but disappointingly no All-Ireland titles as both the minor and U16 sides lost out to Kilkenny in both finals. The season got off to the best possible start with the U16 A and B teams making it a provincial double by taking the Munster titles.

The A team defeated holders Clare in a game where Cork controlled matters from the start as Clare found the going tough. Cork led 1-4 to no score at the interval and turning to play against the strong wind in the second half it was going to be tough. Katriona Mackey pointed a Cork free but Clare were on the score board, as Lorraine Woods finished to the net inside five minutes of the restart. Just four points separated the sides as Clare threw every thing at the Cork defence, Katriona Mackey pointing two frees and with six minutes remaining Katie Buckley grabbed a Cork goal to finally kill the Clare challenge and give Cork the title at the hands of the defending champions on a 2-7 to 1-1 score line.

The U16 B team set the foundations when they achieved the first leg of the provincial under 16 double giving a tremendous second half display to deny Waterford. In a close opening half Cork led. Celia O'Driscoll stretched the lead with a goal and they held the advantage to the break.

Aine O'Donovan and Kate Harrington and Sinead Gallen had Cork goals as Waterford battled hard but had no answer to the pace and determined of the Cork side. As Cork are an A graded county they were not eligible to contest the B All-Ireland series. What a pity given the commitment and performance from a superb B side. Cork impressed in their path to the All-Ireland final notching up an impressive 16-77 while conceding just 7-22. From the start of the year they were focused as they progressed undefeated in the All-Ireland open draw series and they turned in an impressive semi-final display defeating Dublin.

Final day was an absolute disaster for Cork as Kilkenny created history completing four in a row of U16 All-Ireland camogie titles. Cork's decision to employ an extra player in defence for 52 minutes of the game was one of the major factors in a final, where aided by the stiff wind, Cork led by two points at the interval and inside 55 seconds of the second half they grabbed a goal. However like true champions Kilkenny responded as they proceeded to hold Cork to just one score for the entire second half.

So disappointment once again for an U16 squad that promised so much as the season unfolded, lets hope that with the wonderful array of talent in the county it will not be long before the title is back in Cork.

### MINORS

The minors got off on the wrong foot as they failed by five points to a determined Clare side that took both the Munster minor title and the two points on offer in a game which doubled as the opening round of the All-Ireland championship round robin series.

From the throw in the Davy Fitzgerald coached Clare side were up for the challenge and Cork forced to play for three quarters of the game with fourteen players after the dismissal of a defender never got going.

The game was to shape the year as Cork losing two valuable points in the round robin series of championship games ended up in second place in the group thus drawing champions Kilkenny as their semi-final opponents. On a horrific day weather wise, Cork and Kilkenny battled it out in monsoon like conditions at the Gaelic Grounds Limerick for a place in the All-Ireland final.

In the finish the holders chasing three in row shaded it, but they had to rely on the width of the upright and crossbar which Cork struck twice in the dying seconds to help them deny Cork in rip roaring contest that had everything. Two committed teams gave it their all as conditions were hard on both sides with torrential rain making the surface slippery and the ball hard to control in a contest where neither side deserved to lose.

Time after time Cork pegged Kilkenny back as they forged ahead and continuing to throw everything at the Cats, Cork had narrowed the gap to four points but with three minutes remaining Kilkenny looked safe as they led by five. Cork refused to die and when Julia White outpace her marker and fired to the net, they were back in the game.

Niamh Dilworth fired over a point and the game was down to the wire with a minute of normal time remaining. Michelle Quilty pointed a free and from the puck-out Marie Dargan won possession, her harmless long range shot looked to be heading wide but somehow it sneaked between the Cork keeper and the upright and ended up in the net.

Disaster for Cork but refusing to let the heads drop they were back with Catriona Collins grabbing a goal two minutes into injury time. Cork piled on the pressure and came agonisingly close as twice the Kilkenny defence stood firm to clear to safety.

Having come so close it was devastating for a Cork side that, as the year progressed, improved with every game, with many of the sides already lining out at Intermediate and senior level with the count and gaining valuable experience that illusive first minor title should not be to far away. □



# 2008 County Champions



## A fairytale year

by Linda Mellick

This year saw new County Senior Camogie Champions crowned in Cork. It was a fairytale year for Douglas who in their first year in senior ranks took the coveted Punch cup against all the odds.

2008 will be viewed as a poor year by some clubs and significant progress by others. Imokilly took on Carbery in the Preliminary divisional round on June 15th and had a facile victory of 5-10 to 2-6. With no second chance for provisional sides Carbery exited on day one of the new season.

Just two weeks later the East Cork divisional side were themselves on the receiving end of a comprehensive defeat, inflicted by 2007 County champions Muskerry. Early indications showed that Muskerry would be serious title contenders again.

Seandun lost out to Carrigdhoun 2-4 to 1-13 leaving just Muskerry and Carrig the last two divisional sides standing. Carrig almost caught the champions when they met in July but experience won out. It was a stiff test for Muskerry in the Evening Echo senior championship but they weathered the storm, 3-9 to 3-7, and booked their place in round two where they were lined up to meet Barryroe.

Courcey Rovers were the first club side to suffer defeat when they just didn't show up at all the day they played Milford. They walked off the pitch dejected after a 3-25 to 1-8 defeat. With the back door system available to them, Courcey's were a different side when they faced Ballygarvan six weeks later. The most bruising and talked about game throughout the championship season was the round 1 clash of St. Finbarrs and Ballygarvan. A closely fought encounter saw the Barrs emerge victorious 0-14 to 0-11. Douglas recorded their first impressive scoring tally of the championship defeating Aghabullogue 1-17 to 1-4. Inniscarra accounted for Barryroe while a last minute Deirdre Twomey goal, a trademark of Catherine's during the championship, saw them produce one of the surprises of the season in defeating Cloughduv.

All winners of round 1 went straight into the quarter final while the losers moved on to round 2 where they were matched against each other and the remaining divisional sides.

Cloughduv made amends and had a good victory over Aghabullogue. Muskerry continued their unbeaten run,

destroying Barryroe 5-16 to 1-2 and Ballygarvan won out by 6 points against a much improved Courcey Rovers side.

The quarter finals and things were hotting up!

An excellent game between St. Catherine's and Douglas surprisingly served up the only draw of the championship; a last minute Jill Hurley goal giving them another bite of the cherry. The game will go down as one of the season's best. Unfortunately for Catherine's there was nothing they could do to stem the onslaught inflicted by Douglas in the replay. It was a perfect performance from the senior debutants and it will be marked as the day followers realised that the championship had a serious team on board.

1-10 from Sile Burns saw off Milford's challenge for another year as Muskerry marched on. Cloughduv exited at the hands of St. Finbarrs and Ballygarvan set up a semi-final repeat showdown with the Barrs when they accounted for Inniscarra.

Despite being underdogs Ballygarvan raced out of the traps and gave it their all in a bid to reach their first final but a plethora of goals by Orla O'Sullivan, Vivienne Harris and Gemma O'Connor couldn't be matched and the Barrs

deservedly marched on to their third final in three years. They awaited the outcome of Muskerry and Douglas. Could the new kids on the block really defeat the all conquering champions? This they did in emphatic style and at the time it was the South side clubs greatest hour to date. But their greatest was yet to come.

On Friday 10th October in floodlit Páirc Uí Rinn, Douglas made history. They became champions for the first time in the club's history and they claimed their title in style. They produced a superb team performance. It was heartbreak for the second year in the row for the gallant St. Finbarr's side and they can hold their heads high for contributing to a marvellous final where the crowd were treated to 6 goals and 22 points in heavy wind and rain.

The opening half was played at a great pace. By the fifteenth minute Douglas had raced into a 1-4 to 0-1 lead and were controlling the game. Vivienne Harris moved out and played extremely deep in an effort to get a supply in. Her excellent low ball found Orla O'Sullivan who clinically finished to the far corner of the net to narrow the gap to three points. Katrina Mackey was causing havoc. Aileen O'Donovan, Julia White and Mackey picked off further points. St. Finbarrs found themselves five points behind at the break, 1-7 to 1-2 and with it all to do.

The second half was as good a scoring contest as you'll see; four goals and thirteen points in 34 minutes play. Douglas moved up a gear and led 2-9 to 1-3. Orla O'Sullivan jumped high to catch a dropping ball and spun around to hit a rocket to the net. It was down to six points. The Barrs hit a purple patch and hit 1-2 inside three minutes, Orla O'Sullivan getting her hat trick of spell binding goals. The gap was down to three points. The Barrs sensed a comeback. They pushed, Douglas pushed back.

The next score was going to be crucial in determining the outcome. Julia White hit the steadying point with eight minutes remaining and thereafter there was only one team in it. Katrina Mackey, who was a colossus throughout, came into her own and hit 1-4. The game was over. The large vocal Douglas support went wild.

It was an incredible year for Douglas as they added their name to the long list of clubs with the title 'Cork County Senior Camogie Champions' to their credit. ■

## CORK SENIOR CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

### Preliminary Divisional round

Imokilly 5-10 Carbery 2-6

### Divisional Preliminary round

Muskerry 4-14 Imokilly 0-3

Carrigdhoun 1-13 Seandun 2-4

### Divisional Section Play Off

Muskerry 3-9 Carrigdhoun 3-7

### Round 1

Milford 3-25 Courcey Rovers 1-8

St. Finbarrs 0-14 Ballygarvan 0-11

Douglas 1-17 Aghabullogue 1-4

Inniscarra 2-10 Barryroe 0-7

St. Catherine's 1-7 Cloughduv 0-9

### Round 2

hdv 2-11 Aghabullogue 0-3

Muskerry 5-16 Barryroe 1-2

Ballygarvan 3-13 Courcey Rovers 2-10

### Round 3 - Quarter final

Douglas 0-14 St. Catherine's 1-11 (draw)

Douglas 1-20 St. Catherine's 1-10 (Replay)

Muskerry 3-13 Milford 1-12

Cloughduv 1-9 St. Finbarrs 2-13

Ballygarvan 2-14 Inniscarra 1-3

### Semi Final

2 Ballygarvan 2-8

Douglas 4-6 Muskerry 1-7

### 2008 County Final

Douglas 3-16 St. Finbarrs 3-6

### Club team of the year 2008

J Kavanagh (Douglas)

P Mackey (Douglas)

M O'Donovan (Douglas)

C Foley (Muskerry)

G O'Connor (St. Finbarrs)

A O'Regan (Douglas)

J Duffy (St. Finbarrs)

K Mackey (Douglas)

V Harris (St. Finbarrs)

J White (Douglas)

E Dillon (Ballygarvan)

O Cotter (St. Catherine's)

S Burns (Muskerry)

O O'Sullivan (St. Finbarrs)

C Kelly (Ballygarvan)



Player of the Year  
Katrina Mackey





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Marian McCarthy, chairperson of the Cork Camogie Board; Yvonne Lane, registrar; Mary Newman, PRO; Sheila Golden, secretary; with county board president Kay Dunne at the launch of the 'Celebrity Cookbook' in aid of the development of the Cork Camogie Board's playing field and dressing rooms in Blackrock.



Christina and Amanda O'Regan at the launch of the 'Celebrity Cookbook' in aid of the development of the Cork Camogie Board's playing field in Blackrock.

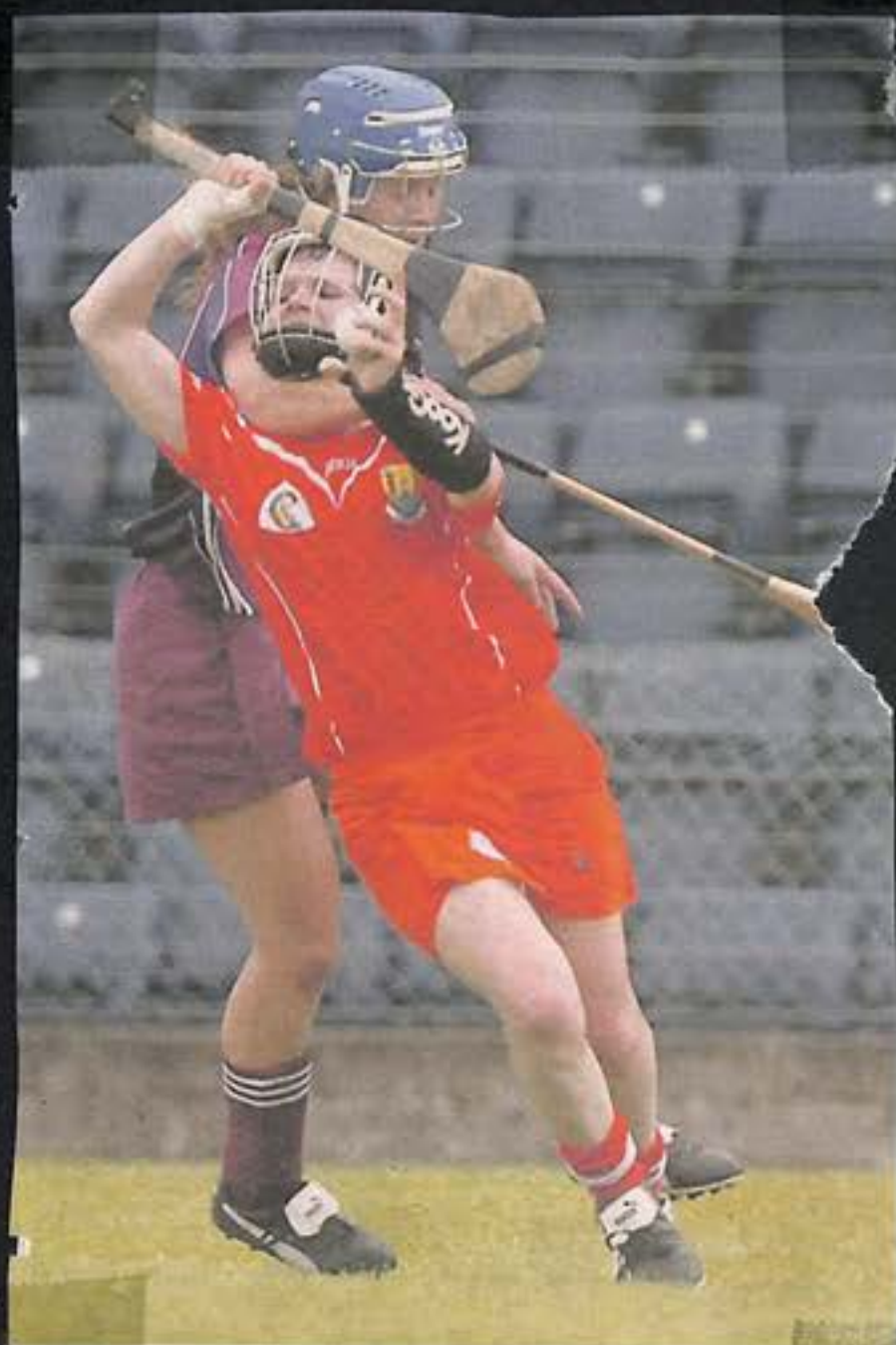
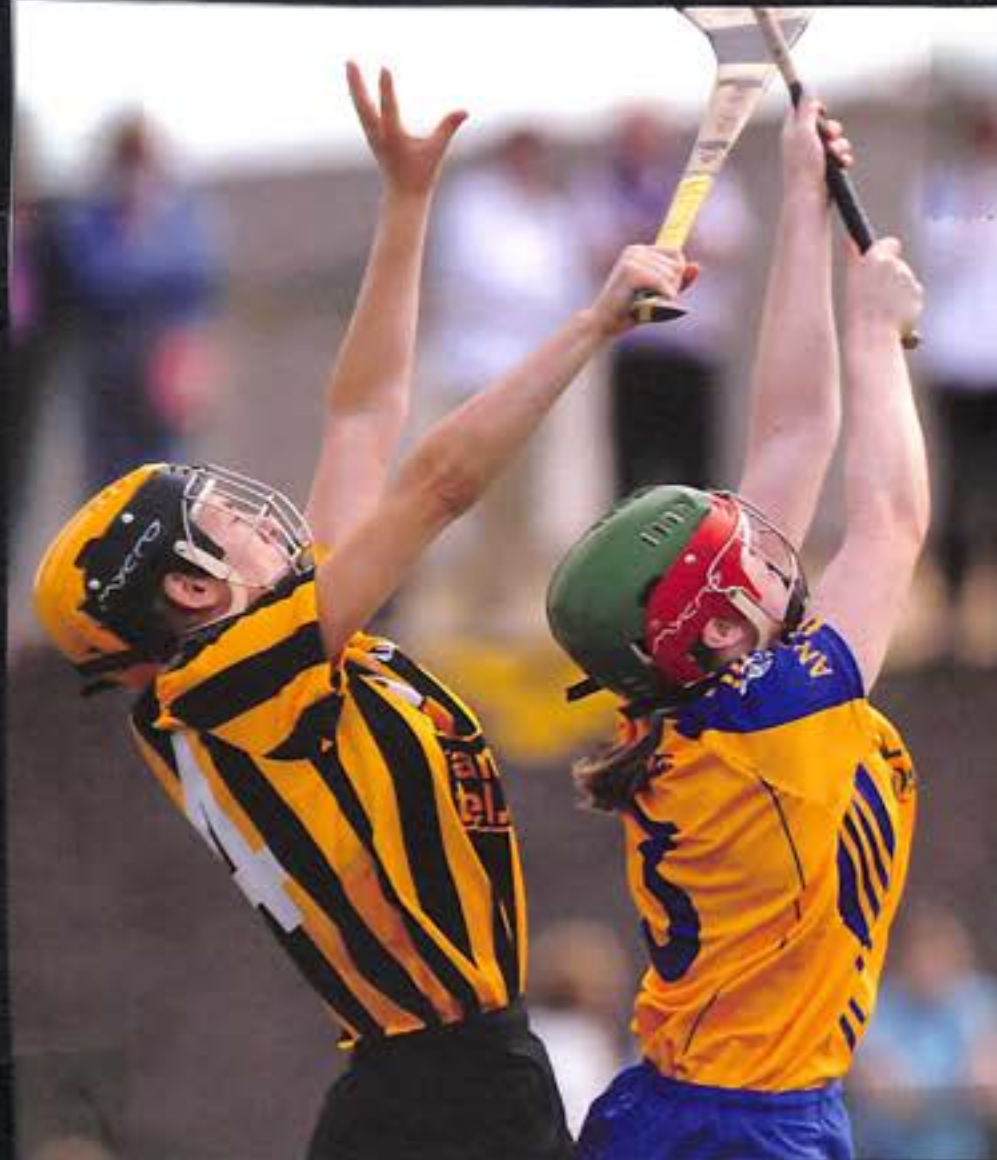


Lord Mayor Brian Bermingham with members of the Cork Camogie Board, Marian McCarthy, Kay Dunne, Leslie Ahern and Niall MacLochlainn at the launch of the 'Celebrity Cookbook' in aid of the development of the Cork Camogie Board's playing field and dressing rooms in Blackrock.



Kay Dunne, Kathleen Lynch TD, and Marian McCarthy, take a look at some of the recipes on offer in the 'Celebrity Cookbook' in aid of Cork camogie.





Cork's Denise Twomey caught in a stranglehold by Galway's Darelle Coen during the All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie Championship game in Páirc Uí Rinn

# CAMOGIE

## & TAILTEANN GAMES

Camogie has been played in Toomevara since the early 'Thirties. The founding members were Rev. Frs. Hehir and Guning, Molly Minogue, Peg Young and Maureen Flanagan. The club had four members of the Tipperary team for the 1932 Tailteann Games—M. Minogue, captain, P. Young, M. Flanagan and E. Minogue.

Following the successful start the club incurred a lean period. However, a revival got under way in the 'Seventies and the first adult titles were won in 1983 and 1988 marking the break-through to the senior ranks.

The year 1992 started a remarkably successful time for Toomevara. The first county title was secured with a famous victory over Cashel and the club went on to record an impressive sequence of six senior titles in succession as well as a Munster title.

During the Camogie Centenary celebrations in 2004, Toomevara captured another senior title as well as county successes at Junior, Under-16, Under-14 and Under-12.

The hard work and commitment to camogie in Toomevara continues with great enthusiasm.

Participation in all age groups continues to grow and the club's commitment in catering for these players continues to adapt to the growing demand.

The parish of Toomevara has four vibrant schools, Ballinree, Gurtagarry, Kilkeary and Toomevara. The club has an excellent working relationship with each of the schools.

The club's links with schools does not cease at the Primary level. Club members attend second level schools in Roscrea, Templemore, Borris-Ileagh and Nenagh. The club offers support to the second level schools by providing a venue for games, and by making an annual subscription towards the organisation of competitions.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

Toomevara G.A.A. and Camogie clubs are also conscious of the importance of public relations. The clubs avail of local papers to keep members players, and the general public informed of all aspects of the club affairs.

The juvenile club produces a monthly newsletter called "The Greyhound News", which is distributed through the schools, shops and business premises in the parish.



Catherine O'Loughlin, Analyst All-Ireland Minor Camogie Final



# Camogie celebrations

by SEAMUS HAYES

IT was without doubt the biggest night in the history of Clare camogie. 250 people gathered at the West County Hotel to celebrate the winning of the Munster and All-Ireland junior titles, the Munster U-18A title, the Division 2 national league title and the Munster intermediate title of 2007.

They were also there to celebrate other notable achievements, including the winning of the National Feile na nGael U-14 skills title by Vera Loughnane and the national young player of the year accolade by Carina Roseingrave, both of whom were introduced to the gathering.

The President of the Association, Liz Howard, was the special guest and she

was joined by the chairman of the Munster Council, Morgan Conroy and the chief sponsors of Clare camogie.

The members of the victorious junior and U-18 teams were led by Tulla Pipers into the hall, with the respective captains, Deirdre Murphy and Carina Roseingrave, carrying the cups.

County chairperson Maura Sheedy paid tribute to all, saying that it was "a massive achievement by a lot of people" and she thanked the players, mentors, board officials and supporters.

Congratulating all involved, association president Liz Howard reminded the gathering of her special affection for Clare, where she grew up. "It was a great year for Clare camogie," she said. "You have now taken a brave step to go senior. There will be greater demands but you have a wonderful minor panel coming up. I was hugely impressed with them during the year."

She went on to pay a special tribute to the minor captain, Carina Roseingrave on being named the young player of the year. "You had two great captains this year in Carina and Deirdre Murphy, who is a phenomenal co-ordinator and who is doing great work for the association."

Referring to the media, the association president paid special tribute to *The Clare Champion* for its "excellent sports coverage".

Later, Munster Council chairman, Morgan Conroy paid tribute to all involved and wished Clare well in the year ahead, while the team sponsor, Martin Donnelly said he believed that the team "has a great future".

The presentations were made by Liz Howard, Martin Donnelly, Morgan Conroy, Clare hurler Niall Gilligan and the chairperson of the camogie supporters club, Betty Murphy, who presented the players with a framed copy of the

All-Ireland winning panel.

The team captains, Deirdre Murphy and Carina Roseingrave, made presentations to their managers and mentors. Junior team manager, Colm Hanley was absent due to illness and his mother, Mary accepted the presentations on his behalf.

Deirdre also made special presentations to three board officials, Mary Hogan, Orla Considine and Brid McNamara, who worked closely with the panel throughout the year.

Mike Griffin, on behalf of the supporters club, made presentations to Martin Donnelly, Tom Liddy, Maura Sheedy, Michael Maher, Kevin Halpin, Bridie O'Looney, Mary Hogan, Brid McNamara and Orla Considine.

County board treasurer, Michael Maher made a presentation on behalf of the board to the association president, Liz Howard.



■ (Clockwise from top) Liz Howard, president of the Camogie Association with Clare captains, Deirdre Murphy and Carina Roseingrave. ■ National League Division Two winners Claire Commene and Jane Scanlon. ■ Michael O'Rourke from Tulla sits as Clare hurler Niall Gilligan poses for photographs with some of the Clare camogie winners. ■ Clare camogie president, Fr Liam Murray from Whitegate, in conversation with Liz Howard, president of the Camogie Association.

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Siobhan Lafferty, Aimee McInerney, Kate Lynch, Dee Corcoran, Jane Scanlon, Chloe Morey, Laura Linnane(0-02), Carina Roseingrave(0-02), Deirdre Murphy Capt, (0-02, 1'45), Aine O'Brien, Aoife Ryan(0-01), Sharon McMahon, Claire Commene(0-03, 3frs)

All-Ireland Junior Championship Rd 2  
Clare 6-12 v 1-03 Down @ Wolfe Tones  
Clare: Denise Lynch, Cathy Hally, Siobhan Lafferty, Aimee McInerney, Kate Lynch, Dee Corcoran, Jane Scanlon, Chloe Morey, Deirdre Murphy(C)(1-05, 1'45, 2 frs), Aoife Ryan, Sharon McMahon(0-01), Shona Enright(0-01), Carina Roseingrave(2-04), Claire McMahon(2-01), Claire Commene Subs: Aine O'Brien(1-00) for Commene, Aiveen O'Shea for Scanlon, Aoife Griffin for Morey, Danielle Sheedy for C McMahon

### All-Ireland Junior Championship Round 3

Clare 2-14 v 0-13 Antrim @ Dunloy  
Clare: Denise Lynch, Cathy Hally, Siobhan Lafferty, Aimee McInerney, Kate Lynch, Dee Corcoran, Jane Scanlon, Chloe Morey, Deirdre Murphy(c)(0-04, '45), Aoife Ryan(0-01), Sharon McMahon, Shona Enright(0-02), Carina Roseingrave(1-02), Clare McMahon(1-03), Claire Commene(0-02, 2 frees)  
Subs: Laura Linnane for Ryan(39min), Aiveen O'Shea for Scanlon(49min), Aine O'Brien for S McMahon(60min)

### All-Ireland Junior Camogie Semi-final @

Banagher, Offaly  
Clare 1-09 v 1-08 Laois  
Clare: Denise Lynch, Cathy Hally, Siobhan Lafferty, Aimee McInerney, Kate Lynch, Dee Corcoran, Jane Scanlon, Chloe Morey, Deirdre Murphy(C)(1 fr), Carina Roseingrave(0-02), Sharon McMahon(0-01), Shónagh Enright(0-01), Claire Commene(1 fr), Claire McMahon(1-01), Laura Linnane(0-02, 1fr). Subs: Amy Collieran for Hally(inj), Aoife Ryan for Corcoran, Aine O'Brien for S McMahon, Dee Corcoran for Scanlon(inj)

### All-Ireland Junior Final @ Croke Park

Clare 2-08 v 1-10 Offaly  
Clare: Denise Lynch(Kilmalee), Cathy Hally(Wolfe Tones), Siobhan Lafferty(Kilnamona), Aimee McInerney(Newmarket-on-Fergus), Kate Lynch(Kilkishen), Dee Corcoran(Celbridge), Jane Scanlon(Clarecastle), Deirdre Murphy(Clooney)(Capt), Chloe Morey(Sixmilebridge), Aoife Ryan(St. Vincent's), Sharon McMahon(Newmarket-on-Fergus)(0-01), Laura Linnane(Athenry)(0-04), Carina Roseingrave(Kilnamona)(1-01), Claire McMahon(Kilmalee), Claire Commene(Corofin)(0-01)  
Subs: Fiona Lafferty(Kilnamona) for Morey, Shónagh Enright(Kilmalee)(1-01) for Ryan, Aoife Ryan(St. Vincent's) for C McMahon

### National League Div 2

Clare 1-19 v 1-03 Kilkenny @ Nolan Park  
Clare: Denise Lynch, Jane Scanlon, Siobhan Lafferty, Aimee McInerney, Kate Lynch, Dee Corcoran, Orla Slattery, Deirdre Murphy Capt, (0-04, 2frs, 2'45), Aoife Ryan(0-02), Carina Roseingrave(0-02), Fiona Lafferty(0-03), Aine O'Brien, Claire Commene(1-04), Aiveen O'Shea, Sharon O'Loughlin(0-04) Subs: Stephanie Moloney for Commene, Aoife Griffin for O'Shea, Helen McMahon for Slattery, Shónagh Enright for Roseingrave and Jane O'Leary for McInerney

### National League Division 2

Clare 1-15 v 0-04 Cork @ Tulla  
Clare: Denise Lynch, Jane Scanlon, Siobhan Lafferty, Aimee McInerney, Kate Lynch, Dee Corcoran, Orla Slattery, Deirdre Murphy(C)(0-05, 3-45', 1-fr), Aoife Ryan, Carina Roseingrave, Laura Linnane(0-04, 1-fr), Aine O'Brien(0-01), Claire Commene(0-02), Fiona Lafferty(1-01), Aiveen O'Shea(0-01) Subs: Shona Enright for Ryan(41min), Stephanie Moloney(0-01) for Lafferty(43min), Amy Collieran for Aimee McInerney(inj)(47min), Aoife Griffin for Aine O'Brien(51min), Sharon O'Loughlin for Claire Commene(51min)

### National League Div 2

Clare 6-09 v 3-05 Waterford @ Walsh Park  
Clare: Denise Lynch, Jane O'Leary, Siobhan Lafferty, Amy Collieran, Kate Lynch, Dee Corcoran, Orla Slattery, Deirdre Murphy(C)(0-01, fr), Aoife Ryan, Carina Roseingrave, Fiona Lafferty(0-02), Laura Linnane(3-02, 1'45), Claire Commene(1-03, 3 fr), Aiveen O'Shea(2-00), Sharon O'Loughlin(0-01). Subs: Chloe Morey for Lynch(inj) 16 minutes, Sharon McMahon for Ryan 36 minutes, Cathy Hally for Amy Collieran 43 minutes, Aine O'Brien for Sharon O'Loughlin 52 minutes, Stephanie Moloney for Aiveen O'Shea 54 minutes

### National League Final Division 2

Clare 4-08 v 3-09 Derry @ Naomh Peregrine's Dublin  
Clare: Denise Lynch, Jane Scanlon, Siobhan Lafferty, Aimee McInerney, Kate Lynch, Dee Corcoran, Chloe Morey, Aoife Ryan, Deirdre Murphy(0-02, 1'45), Carina Roseingrave(0-01), Fiona Lafferty(1-01), Aine O'Brien, Claire



as over 120 girls took part in a well run morning of camogie. Flannan's was in great condition and all enjoyed the days outing. Clare will benefit from this the first of many of these games and will travel to more of these blitzes where the emphasis is on girls getting games and experience.

Clare Panel: Niki Kaiser, Joanne Hartigan, Clodagh Lawlor, Kate O'Neill, Katie Hayes, Sinead McInerney, Seoirse Gleeson, Brid Enright(N-o-F), Sinead Touhy, Alison Quinlan, Eimear Murray(Sixmilebridge) Suzie O'Shea, Aine O'Shea, Edel Hehir(Ballyea), Vera Loughnane, Clodagh Grey(Feakle) Rachel Mulcaire(Clarecastle) Christina Glynn(Inagh) Vivienne Kearney(Corofin) Ciara Ryan(Inagh) Aidean Burke(Whitegate) Emily Downes, Dawn Ryan, Charmaine Casilagan(Wolfe Tones) Claire McDonnell, Alice Casey(Ruan) Aisling Corbett(Clooney) Fiona Touhy, Sarah O'Keefe, Louise DeLoughrey(St. Joseph's) Aine Cooney, Amy Heffernan(Kilkishen) Laoise Talty, Charlotte Ryan, Jane Pyne, Maria Ryan(Kilmalee) Aine Ryan, Karen Ryan(Broadford)

Mentors: Sean Crowe, Declan Downes, Yvonne Hehir, Tara O'Loughlin

### Clare Ref for Munster Senior Final

Seanie McMahon of Newmarket-on-Fergus and CLARE who refed the Munster Senior Camogie final on Saturday evening in Pairc uí Rinn. Cork defeated Tipperary by 2-11 to 0-12

### All-Ireland Feile Skills

National League Div 2 Title earlier in the year.

It has been a very successful year for Clare camogie and an individual accolade such as this goes to represent the talent that is in the county. Well done Carina!

### County Club competitions

PK Coaches Senior Camogie Final  
Kilmalee 1-07 v 0-06 Newmarket-on-Fergus @ Clareabbey  
Kilmalee: Dymrna Killeen, Lisa Kennedy, Denise Lynch, Orla Keane, Eimear Considine, Sarah Reidy, Sinead O'Halloran, Siobhan Maher, Aida Griffey(0-01), Helen McMahon(0-01), Emma O'Driscoll(1-00), Shónagh Enright(0-01), Maria Hehir, Claire McMahon(0-03, 3frs), Katie Cahill(0-01).  
Newmarket-on-Fergus: Patricia O'Grady, Sinead O'Neill, Jane O'Leary, Carol O'Leary, Aimee McInerney, Erika Minogue, Catriona McMahon, Roisin McMahon(0-03, 3frs), Aine O'Brien, Deirdre Cassidy, Ruth Kaiser(0-01), Sharon McMahon(0-02, 2frs), Carol Kaiser, Iris Kaiser, Claire Arthur Subs: Mary Higgins for C Kaiser, Sinead Ryan for C Arthur

Ref: Andrew Monaghan, Tubber  
Munster Junior Final @ Dundrum  
Kilmalee(Clare) 2-10 v 3-03 Gaultier(Waterford)  
Kilmalee: Dymrna Killeen, Lisa Kennedy, Denise Lynch(0-01), Orla Keane, Eimear Considine, Sarah Reidy, Sinead O'Halloran, Siobhan Maher, Aida Griffey, Helen McMahon(1-01), Emma O'Driscoll(0-01), Shónagh Enright(1-01).



### Winner

Vera Loughnane was crowned winner of the Feile Skills competition in Laois on Saturday as she beat off opposition from Antrim(2nd) and Limerick(3rd) to claim her title. This was Vera's second year to go to the National finals having won the county competition last year also. Vera had accounted very well for herself at last years competition coming a creditable third. Putting that down as experience Vera knew what was ahead of her this year and had worked towards that. She had worked with her father in Feakle and was also delighted to have had some coaching and pointers from Colin Lynch and Deirdre Murphy which proud father Jim feels certainly helped her on the way. They are delighted with her achievement in Feakle and hope that this achievement will help in fostering the importance of the skills of the game on the rest of players in the club and county. A lot of hard work had gone into this achievement by Vera but she is just delighted that the work does pay off.

### Young Player of Year Award

Carina Roseingrave of Crusheen plays her club camogie with Kilnamona and her successful year has been crowned by winning the Young Player of the year award.  
Carina Captained the Clare U18 team to Munster Glory and also to the All-Ireland final, which was Clare's first ever appearance at this level.  
Carina was also a member of the Clare Junior panel that gained All-Ireland glory on the double this year when they won the Junior All-Ireland final and also the





Sixmiletbridge: Eimear Murray, Aoife Murray, Sinead Hyland, Sarah Keane, Ciara Whelan, Daneya Shannahan, Patricia Fawl, Niamh Corry, Chloe Morey, Sinead Tuohy, Sinead Costelloe, Emma Robbins, Ali Quinlan, Shauna O'Sullivan, Mairead Hyland Subs: Chloe Neylon, Rachel O'Halloran, Elaine Carroll, Laura Whelan, Ashling Hawkes, Rachel Scanlon, Niamh Murray, Aoife Carey Newmarket-on-Fergus: Aislinn Keogh, Claire McDermott, Alodagh Lawlor, Shaina Fahy, Katie O'Neill, Joanne Hartigan, Caroline Feehily, Laura McMahon, Niki Kaiser, Stephanie Coughlan, Zelika Browne, Brid Enright, Jennifer Kelly, Shauna Haplin, Katie Hayes Subs: Sinead McInerney, Mary Hayes, Ciara Quinlan, Eleanor O'Dea, AnneMarie Hayes Ref: Diarmuid O'Sullivan, St. Joseph's

## U16 B @ Roslevan

Inagh 2-08 v 1-02 Kilkishen  
Inagh: Claire McGonigley, Linda Hehir, Katie Barry, Edel Devereaux, Aisling McInerney, Aisling Rynne, Siobhan McNamara, Helen Hehir, Patricia O'Loughlin, Orla Greene, Christina Glynn, Ciara Ryan, Roseanne O'Loughlin, Frances Coote, Aisling Arthur. Subs: Roisin Rouine for Arthur, Gillian Lafferty for Ryan, Kathleen Butler Davis for Lafferty, Laura Rynne for McNamara & Siobhan Hehir  
Kilkishen: Eadain O'Brien, AnneMarie Beatty, Alannah Considine, Aisling Hannon, Eimear Broderick, Sorcha

Loughnane, Sheila O'Callaghan, Marie Collins, Elaine Hannon, Amy Heffernan, Louise McCagh, Antoinette Keane, Deirdre Minogue, Orla Moroney, Aine Cooney  
Subs: for Broderick  
Ref: Ger Lyons, Ruan

## U16C @ Roslevan

Feakle/Bodyke 2-07 v 2-05 Ballyea  
Feakle/Bodyke: Lauren Guilfoyle, Rebecca Purcell, Ciara Minogue, MaryKate Moloney, Muirne Donnellan, Sarah McGuinness, Laura Nelson, Clodagh McDonnell, Clodagh Gray, Vera Loughnane, Denise Walsh, Amy McMahon, Cassandra McKenna, Sile McGuinness, Niamh Hughes Subs: Colette Purcell, Sarah Nelson, Sinead McGuinness, Ciara Moire, Sonia Hanrahan, Megan King, Lisa McGrath, Aine Duggan, Clara Molone  
Ballyea: Suzy O'Shea, Orla McMahon, Ciara Dennehy, Shona Lynch, Jane Flannagan, Louise Griffin, Mairead Longe, Sharon Coffey, Deirdre Waters, Rebecca Culligan, Aoife Daly, Ellen Keane, Alison Carrig, Emma Carey, Niamh Donnellan Subs: Shona Connolly, Ailbhe Morrissey, Niamh Doyle, Olivia Quigley, Claire O'Sullivan, Emma Duggan, Linda Manton, Emma Costelloe, Amy Logue, Aine O'Shea Ref: David O'Carroll, Sixmiletbridge

## O'Sullivan and Hansbury U14 Finals

A Final @ O'Callaghan's Mills  
Newmarket-on-Fergus 2-10 v 1-01 Sixmiletbridge  
Newmarket-on-Fergus: Rachel Kellegher, Sinead McInerney, Clodagh Lawlor, Kate O'Halloran, Cassie McGrath, Joanne Hartigan, Brid Enright, Zelika Browne(0-01), Laura McMahon(0-03, 2fr 1 45), Kate O'Neill, Katie Hayes(0-02), Niki Kaiser(0-03), Aislinn Keogh, Aoife Murphy(1-00), Saoirse Gleeson(1-00) Subs: Cridha Fitzgerald for Gleeson, Ciara Quinlan for Keogh, Fiona O'Neill for McGrath, AnneMarie Hayes for Murphy, Katie O'Flanagan  
Sixmiletbridge: Eimear Murray, Chloe Devaney, Ellen Roche, Christine Collins, Siobhan Lynch, Aisling Hawkes, Rachel Scanlon, Sinead Tuohy(1-00), Kate O'Gorman, Fiona Murphy(0-01), Laura Whelan, Rebecca Maxwell, Niamh Murray, Emma Robins, Ali Quinlan Subs: Slaine Carey for N Murray, Aileen Farrell for O'Gorman, Stacey O'Gorman for Lynch, Jennifer Greene for Scanlon Ref: Flan O'Reilly

## U14 A Shield Final @ Ballyline

Wolfe Tones 3-03 v 1-03 Kilmaley  
Kilmaley: Alana Barry, Jane Pyne, Laoise Talty, Nicola Griffey, Aisling Downes, Sinead O'Keeffe, Amy Kennedy, Maria Ryan, Chloe McAleer, Laura Glynn, Charlotte Ryan, Aisling Darcy(1-03), Aisling Cahill, Orla Hennessey, Leanne Slattery, Subs: Rebecca Cahill, Lauren McGuane, Mari-Claire O'Loughlin, Shona

Maria Hehir, Claire McMahon(0-05, 4frs), Katie Cahill(0-01) Subs: Deirdre Kelleher, Edel Griffey, Marie Hehir, Aine O'Sullivan  
Junior All-Ireland Club Semi-final @ Gurteen  
Kilmaley(Clare) 4-11 v 0-03 Four Roads(Roscommon)  
Kilmaley: Dymrna Kileen, Lisa Kennedy, Denise Lynch, Orla Keane, Eimear Considine, Sarah Reidy, Sinead O'Halloran, Siobhan Maher, Aida Griffey, Helen McMahon(1-02), Emma O'Driscoll(C)(2-00), Shónagh Enright(0-04), Maria Hehir(0-01), Claire McMahon(0-04), Katie Cahill(1-00) Subs: Lorna Higgins for Orla Keane, Niamh Cahill for Siobhan Maher, Ashling

McNamara, Catherine McNamara, Edel O'Grady, Sarah O'Donnell(0-02), Grainne Quigley, AnneMarie Carey, Louise Hayes, Marie Collins, Sinead O'Brien(2-01 1-00 fr)(C), Una Kavanagh, Rachel Grogan, Aisling Fitzgerald, AnneMarie Fitzgerald(2-00), Claire Madden Subs: Louise Carey for E O'Grady, Ciara Walshe for M McNamara, Amy Collins, Louise O'Driscoll, Lorraine Lynch, Orla Slattery, Simone Slattery Corofin: Carmel Tierney, Nessa Carkill, Nicola O'Donoghue, Catriona McNamara, Maire Raftery(0-01), Muireann Kelleher, Niamh Shannon, Lisa Clancy, Aisling Kelleher, Claire Commene(0-07, 5frs 1'45)(C), Edel Keating, Brenda O'Donoghue, Caitriona

O'Brien, Geraldine O'Brien, Ellen Collins, Megan Fitzgerald-Bradley(1-00), Gillian McNamara, Claire Meade, Susan Bane, Roisin O'Brien(0-05) Subs: Emma Scanlon, Jane Ryan, April Harty, Kayleigh Moloney, Nicola Condon Ref: Fergal Gray, Feakle

## Junior Championship Final

Scariff 5-06 v Inagh 1-04 @ Roslevan  
Scariff: Louise Jones, Kate Minogue(Capt), Sarah Skelly, Laura Nugent, Laura Brody, Marie Brody, Aileen Thornton, Aine O'Brien(1-01), Sarah Madden, Fiona Myles(1-00), Aisling Corbett(0-01), Catherine O'Brien(0-02), Mairead Scanlan(3-02) Inagh: Brid McCarthy, Aisling Rynne, Gillian Lafferty, Linda Toomey, Noelle Arthur(0-02), Aine Vaughan, Patricia O'Loughlin(1-00), Sharon Rynne(0-01), Helen Hehir(0-01), Anne Leyden, Tara Rynne, Emily Lafferty, Cathy McNamara (Capt), Rosin Shaughnessy, Aoife Longe, Sharon Burke, Aisling Arthur Ref: Andrew Monaghan

## Junior League Semi-finals

Feakle 3-10 v 0-01 Inagh  
Scariff 2-03 v 0-04 Eire Og  
Junior League final  
Scariff 3.2, Feakle 1.3 @ Tulla  
Scariff: Fiona Myles, Kate Minogue, Sarah Skelly, Dervla Nash, Laura Brody, Laura Nugent, Aine O'Brien, Aileen Thornton, Catherine O'Brien, Orla Thornton, Sarah Madden, Mairead Scanlan, Grace Waterstone Subs: Anne Marie Thornton, Ashling Corbett, Leanne Horan, Noreen Moloney, Aime Walsh, Sandra O'Grady, Sinead O'Halloran, Elaine Mc Mahon, Christine Bugler, Louise Jones, Maria Brody.  
Feakle: Bridgit Punch, Sarah McGuinness, Aine Hayes, Sharon Naughton, Ciara Minogue, Aine Hogan, Pauline Rochford, Vera Loughnane, Ruth Griffin, Celine Moloney, Clodagh McDonnell, Sile McKee, Clodagh Gray Subs: Marie Naughton, Catriona Naughton, Jill McMahon, Amy McMahon, Muirne Donnellan, Aoife Harrington, Enya McGuinness, Denise Collins, Jennifer Smyth, Mary O'Grady, Siobhan Nelson.  
Ref: Joe O'Donnell, Cratloe

## Clare Champion U16 Finals

U16A @ Clareabbey  
Sixmiletbridge 2-15 v 0-02 Newmarket-on-Fergus



O'Halloran for Maria Hehir, Edel Griffey for Shónagh Enright, Edel Maher for Sinead O'Halloran.

## Junior All-Ireland Club Final @ Nenagh

Kilmaley (Clare) 3-02 v 1-11 Harps (Laois)  
Kilmaley: Dymrna Kileen, Lisa Kennedy, Denise Lynch, Orla Keane, Eimear Considine, Sarah Reidy, Sinead O'Halloran, Siobhan Maher, Aida Griffey, Helen McMahon, Emma O'Driscoll(C), Shónagh Enright, Maria Hehir(1-00), Claire McMahon(2-02, 1-02 frs), Katie Cahill Subs: Lorna Higgins for Keane, Aisling O'Halloran for Griffey, Deirdre Kelleher for Reidy

## Intermediate Camogie Championship Finals

Bodyke 4-03 v 0-08 Corofin @ Tulla  
Bodyke: Pauline O'Brien, Michelle

Kelleher, Linda McMahon, Siobhan Kelleher. Subs: Brenda Lee for N Shannon(inj), Linda Daly, Maeve Davoren, Mary Daly, Aoife Davoren, Aisling Shannon  
Ref: Joe O'Donnell, Cratloe  
'Shield' Final  
St. Joseph's 2-06 v 1-05 Ogonnelloe @ Tulla  
St. Joseph's: Marie Bell, Ciara Fahy, Sara O'Brien, Carmel Duggan, Orla Doolaghty, Niamh Martin, Aoife Whelan, Catriona Hennessey(0-01), Louise Woods(1-03), Roisin Kennedy(0-01), Emma Dilleen(C), Erinn Hennessey(1-00), Emer Fahy, AnneMarie McGann, Jacqueline Woods(0-01) Subs: Therese Wall for McGann, Kevina Kenny for E Fahy, Rachel Slattery for Wall(inj) Aisling Murphy, Michelle McMahon, Aisling O'Donnell, Alanna Duggan  
Ogonnelloe: Susan Vaughan, Rachel Moloney, Marion O'Brien(), Elaine Meade, Claire O'Callaghan, Mairead Vaughan, Helen Mooney, Regina





Commane(0-01), Sharon McMahon, Sharon O'Loughlin (2-01) Subs: Helen McMahon for Scanlon (h-t), Laura Linnane (1-02) for O'Brien (41 min), Stephanie Moloney for Ryan (49 min), Aiveen O'Shea for Roseingrave (51 min)

## Munster Minor Camogie Championship Semi-Final

Limerick 2-01 v 2-06 Clare @ Na Piarasigh  
Clare: Susan Vaughan, Aoife Griffin, AnneMarie McMahon, Michelle Caulfield, Kate Lynch, Sarah Reidy, Chloe Morey, Roisin McMahon, Eimear Considine, Aine O'Brien, Shona Enright(1-06, 1'45, 2 fr), Roisin O'Brien, Carina Roseingrave(1-00), Carol Kaiser, Aiveen O'Shea Subs: Carol O'Leary for Caulfield 47min, Niamh Corry for O'Brien inj 54min, Mary Clune for Considine 55min.

## Rd 1 U18 All-Ireland Championship

Clare 4-06 v 0-07 Antrim @ Dunloy  
Clare: Susan Vaughan, Niamh Martin, Kate Lynch, Carol O'Leary, Sarah Reidy, Chloe Morey(1-00, pen), Aiveen O'Shea, Aine O'Brien Aoife Griffin, Shónagh Enright(1-01), Carol Kaiser(1-00), Niamh Corry, Roisin O'Brien(0-01), Carina Roseingrave(1-04), Evelyn Glynn Subs: Mary Clune, Jennifer Kelly, Rachel Whelan, Michelle Caulfield

## Munster U18 Camogie Final - Rd 2 All-Ireland Championship

Clare 1-08 v 0-06 Cork @ Cusack Park  
Clare: Susan Vaughan(Ogonnelloe),

Niamh Martin(St. Joseph's), Kate Lynch(Kilkishen), Carol O'Leary(Newmarket-on-Fergus), Sarah Reidy(Kilmaley), Roisin McMahon(Newmarket-on-Fergus), Aiveen O'Shea(Sixmilebridge), Chloe Morey(Sixmilebridge)(0-01, pen), Aine O'Brien(Newmarket-on-Fergus), Carol Kaiser(Newmarket-on-Fergus)(0-01), Shona Enright(Kilmaley)(0-03, 2fr), Niamh Corry(Sixmilebridge), Carina Roseingrave(Kilnamona)(1-01), Roisin O'Brien(Ogonnelloe)(0-01), Aoife Griffin(Clarecastle) Subs: Eimear Considine(Kilmaley) for Reidy 38min, Stephanie Moloney(Broadford)(0-01) for Corry inj 53min.

All-Ireland U18 Championship Rd 3  
Clare 2-17 v 1-06 Galway @ Clareabbey  
Clare: Susan Vaughan, Niamh Martin, Kate Lynch, Carol O'Leary, Sarah Reidy, Roisin McMahon, Carol Kaiser, Aine O'Brien, Chloe Morey, Stephanie Moloney(0-03), Shona Enright(0-10, 7 fr, 2-45'), Niamh Corry, Carina Roseingrave(c)(2-04), Roisin O'Brien, Aoife Griffin Subs: Mary Clune for R O'Brien, Michelle Caulfield for Reidy, Aisling Hannon for Martin, Sinead O'Halloran for A O'Brien and Aine McNamara for Vaughan

## U18 All-Ireland Semi-final @ Pairc na nGael, Limerick

Clare 4-15 v 0-09 Tipperary  
Clare: Susan Vaughan(Ogonnelloe), Sarah Reidy(Kilmaley), Kate Lynch(Kilkishen), Carol O'Leary(Newmarket-on-Fergus), Carol Kaiser(Newmarket-on-Fergus), Chloe Morey

(Sixmilebridge), Aiveen O'Shea (Sixmilebridge), Niamh Corry (Sixmilebridge), Eimear Considine (Kilmaley), Stephanie Moloney (Broadford)(1-00), Shona Enright (Kilmaley)(0-11, 7frs), Aine O'Brien (Newmarket-on-Fergus), Roisin O'Brien (Ogonnelloe)(0-02), Carina Roseingrave (c) (Kilnamona)(3-02), Aoife Griffin (Clarecastle) Subs: Mary Clune(Clooney) for Griffin, Louise Woods(St. Joseph's) for Moloney, Jacqueline Woods(St. Joseph's) for Roseingrave, Michelle Caulfield(Truagh) for O'Shea.

## U18 All-Ireland Final

Clare 1-07 v 3-15 Kilkenny @ Athy  
Clare: Susan Vaughan, Sarah Reidy, Kate Lynch, Carol O'Leary, Aiveen O'Shea, Roisin McMahon, Carol Kaiser, Niamh Corry, Chloe Morey, Aine O'Brien, Shónagh Enright (0-04), Stephanie Moloney(0-02), Roisin O'Brien, Carina Roseingrave Capt(1-01), Aoife Griffin Subs: niamh Martin for Reidy, Eimear Considine for R O'Brien, Mary Clune for A O'Brien, Louise Woods for A Griffin

## Munster U16 Semi-final

Clare 1-04 v 0-04 Limerick @ Cratloe  
Clare: Maire Bell(St. Joseph's), Orlagh Scanlon(Truagh/Clonlara), Moira McGrath(Na Piarasigh), Jessica O'Neill(Clooney), Joanne Walsh(Eire Og), Chloe Morey(Sixmilebridge), Jennifer Kelly(Newmarket-on-Fergus), Catherine Danagher(Wolfe Tones), Catriona Hennessey(St. Joseph's), Rachel O'Halloran(Sixmilebridge), Niamh Corry(Sixmilebridge), Orlaith Duggan(Clooney), Rachel O'Brien(Wolfe Tones), Ailish Considine(Kilmaley), Louise Woods(St. Joseph's) Subs: Maire Collins40min(Kilkishen) for Considine, Laura Flaherty47min(Killanena) for



O'Brien.

## Munster u16 A Final

Clare 1-01 v 2-07 Cork @ Mallow  
Clare: Marie Bell, Chloe Neylon, Maire McGrath, Jessica O'Neill, Joanne Walsh, Chloe Morey, Jennifer Kelly, Catherine Dnagher, Niamh Corry, Lisa Loughnane, Louise Woods, Rachel O'Halloran, Gina O'Brien, Ailish Considine, Orlaith Duggan. Subs: Mairead Vaughan for O'Neill(15min), Catriona Hennessey for Loughnane(26min), Sinead Tuohy for Walsh(26 min), Patricia Fawl for o'Brien(h/t), Marie Collins for Considine(56 min)  
Scorers: Louise Woods (1-00), Ailish Considine (0-01, fr)

## All-Ireland U16 Championship Rd 1

Clare 1-02 v 5-17 Cork @ Douglas  
Clare: Marie Bell, Mairead Vaughan, Maire McGrath, Jessica O'Neill, Joanne Walsh, Chloe Morey, Patricia Fawl, Jennifer Kelly, Christina Glynn, Orlaith Duggan, Sinead Tuohy, Gina O'Brien, Mairead Hyland, Ailish Considine, Vera Loughnane Subs: Sinead Hyland, Ciara Minogue, Rachel O'Brien, Orla Scanlon, Elaine Meade

## All-Ireland U16 Championship Rd 2

Clare 0-04 v 3-09 Galway @ Newmarket-on-Fergus  
Clare: Marie Bell, Jessica O'Neill, Maire McGrath, Mairead Vaughan, Trisha Fawl, Chloe Morey(0-04, 2 '45's), Jennifer Kelly, Catriona Hennessey, Louise Woods, Orlaith Duggan, Catherine Danagher, Rachel O'Halloran, Gina O'Brien, Niamh Corry, Rachel O'Brien

## All-Ireland u16 Championship Rd 3

Clare 3-06 v 1-08 Limerick @ Sixmilebridge  
Clare: Marie Bell(St. Joseph's), Jessica O'Neill(Clooney), Maire McGrath(Na Piarasigh), Mairead Vaughan(Ogonnelloe), Joanne Walsh(Eire Og), Chloe Morey(Sixmilebridge)(0-01, fr), Jennifer Kelly(Newmarket-on-Fergus), Louise Woods(St. Joseph's)(1-00), Catherine Danagher(Wolfe Tones)(0-01), Patricia Fawl(Sixmilebridge), Niamh Corry(Sixmilebridge), Rachel O'Halloran, Orlaith Duggan, Catriona Hennessey(St. Joseph's)(1-04), Rachel O'Brien(Wolfe Tones)(1-00) Subs: Chloe



Neylon(Sixmilebridge) for Wash (inj), Ciara Minogue(Feakle) for O'Halloran

## U16 All-Ireland Championship Rd 4

Tipperary 5-08 v 2-07 Clare @ The Ragg  
Clare: Marie Bell, Jessica O'Neill, Maire McGrath, Mairead Vaughan, Joanne Walsh, Chloe Morey, Catriona Hennessey, Louise Woods, Niamh Corry, Orlaith Duggan, Catherine Danagher, Rachel O'Halloran, Sinead Tuohy, Gina O'Brien, Rachel O'Brien. Subs: Vera Loughnane for R o'Brien, Ciara Minogue M Vaughan

## Munster Senior Championship

Limerick 0-10 v 0-06 Clare @ LIT  
Clare: Denise Lynch, Jane O'Leary, Siobhan Lafferty, Jane Scanlon, Kate Lynch, Dee Corcoran, Orla Slattery, Deirdre Murphy, Chloe Morey, Carina Roseingrave, Fiona Lafferty, Laura Linnane, Claire Commane, Aiveen O'Shea, Sharon O'Loughlin Subs: Helen McMahon for O'Leary(18min), Sharon McMahon for O'Shea (41 min), Aoife Ryan for O'Loughlin (53 min), Aine O'Brien for Roseingrave (55 min)

## Munster Intermediate Semi-Final

Clare 2-06 v 0-07 Tipperary @ Roscrea  
Clare: Aine Nic Cormack(Wolfe Tones), Ashling Kelly(Whitegate), Iris Kaiser(Newmarket-on-Fergus), Sarah Sherlock(Truagh/Clonlara), Ellen Solan(Tulla), Aisling Treacy(Whitegate), Mary Roseingrave(Kilnamona), Louise

Hayes(Bodyke), Ruth Kaiser(Newmarket-on-Fergus), Danielle Sheedy(0-05, 2frs, 1 '45)(Broadford), Sarah Hoey (C) (St. Joseph's), Lorraine Tracey(Whitegate), Siobhan Kinery(Broadford), Ciara O'Leary(1-00)(Whitegate), Carol Kaiser(1-01)(Newmarket-on-Fergus) Subs: Helen Guinnane(Truagh/Clonlara) for A Kelly, Aisling Kelly for Roseingrave, Sarah Reidy for R Kaiser, Evelyn Glynn for I Kaiser.

## Munster Intermediate Final @ scariff

Clare 1-06 v 1-09 Cork  
Clare: Aine nic Cormack(Wolfe Tones), Aisling Treacy(Whitegate), Ciara O'Leary(Whitegate), Sarah Sherlock(Truagh/Clonlara), Ellen Solan(Tulla), Roisin McMahon(Newmarket-on-Fergus), Mary Roseingrave(Kilnamona), Louise Hayes(Bodyke)(0-01), Ruth Kaiser(Newmarket-on-Fergus), Danielle Sheedy(Broadford)(0-04, 3 frs, 1'45), Sarah Hoey(c)(St. Joseph's)(0-01), Iris Kaiser(Newmarket-on-Fergus), Anne-Marie Fitzgerald(Bodyke), Aine O'Brien(Scariff), Carol Kaiser(Newmarket-on-Fergus)(1-00) Subs: Evelyn Glynn(Killanena) for Fitzgerald(h/t), Mary Clune(Clooney) for O'Brien(h/t) Sarah Reidy(Kilmaley) for O'Leary(56min, Aisling Kelly

## Munster Junior Final

Cork 2-10 Clare 2-8 (A E T) @ Douglas  
CLARE: Aine Nic Cormick; Aisling Kelly, Aisling Treacy, Sarah Hoey; Sarah Reidy, Iris Kaiser, Mary Rosengrave; Ruth Kaiser, Louise Hayes Danielle Sheedy(1-00); Siobhan Keniry, Lorraine Tracey (c), Susan Vaughan; Marion O'Brien(0-04, 2 fr), Carol Kaiser(0-01, 1fr)Subs: AnneMarie McMahon for M Rosengrave (25) Evelyn Glynn for S Vaughan (35) Roisin McMahon(1-00) for S Keniry(68)

## Clare u14 Blitz

Clare hosted teams from Kilkenny and Cork in Flannan's on the bank holiday Monday and in glorious sunshine Clare came away with the B Cup defeating Cork in a terrific final. Clare had three terrific games in which they were narrowly beaten by Kilkenny and a strong Cork team. Clare though had rallied the forces for the final game and won against the second Cork outfit and again beat a Cork team in the final. Cork A beat Kilkenny in the other final. This was a great days outing in Flannans



Inagh 1-00 v 0-00 Killanena  
Rd 2  
Ballyea 5-00 v 1-00 Killanena  
Inagh 0-00 v 1-00 St. Joseph's  
Rd 3  
Ballyea 3-00 v 0-00 Inagh  
St. Joseph's 3-00 v 0-00 Killanena

Division 1 Shield winners Ballyea,  
Runners up St. Joseph's, Inagh,  
Killanena

Division 2 Cup, Shield and Plate played  
in Gurteen on Saturday morning

Division 2 Cup rd 1  
Corofin 1-00 v 2-00 Clooney  
Scariff 4-00 v 0-00 Clarecastle  
Rd 2  
Corofin 3-00 v 2-00 Clarecastle  
Scariff 2-00 v 1-00 Clooney  
Rd 3  
Corofin 4-00 v 0-00 Scariff  
Clooney 5-00 v 0-00 Clarecastle

Division 2 Cup winners on goal  
difference Clooney +5, Runners up  
Corofin +4, Scariff, Clarecastle

Division 2 Shield Rd 1  
Broadford 0-00 v 0-00 Tulla  
Kilmaley 0-00 v 0-00 Kilkishen  
Rd 2  
Broadford 0-00 v 2-00 Kilkishen  
Kilmaley 2-00 v 0-00 Tulla  
Rd 3  
Broadford 1-00 v 4-00 Kilmaley  
Tulla 0-00 v 1-00 Kilkishen

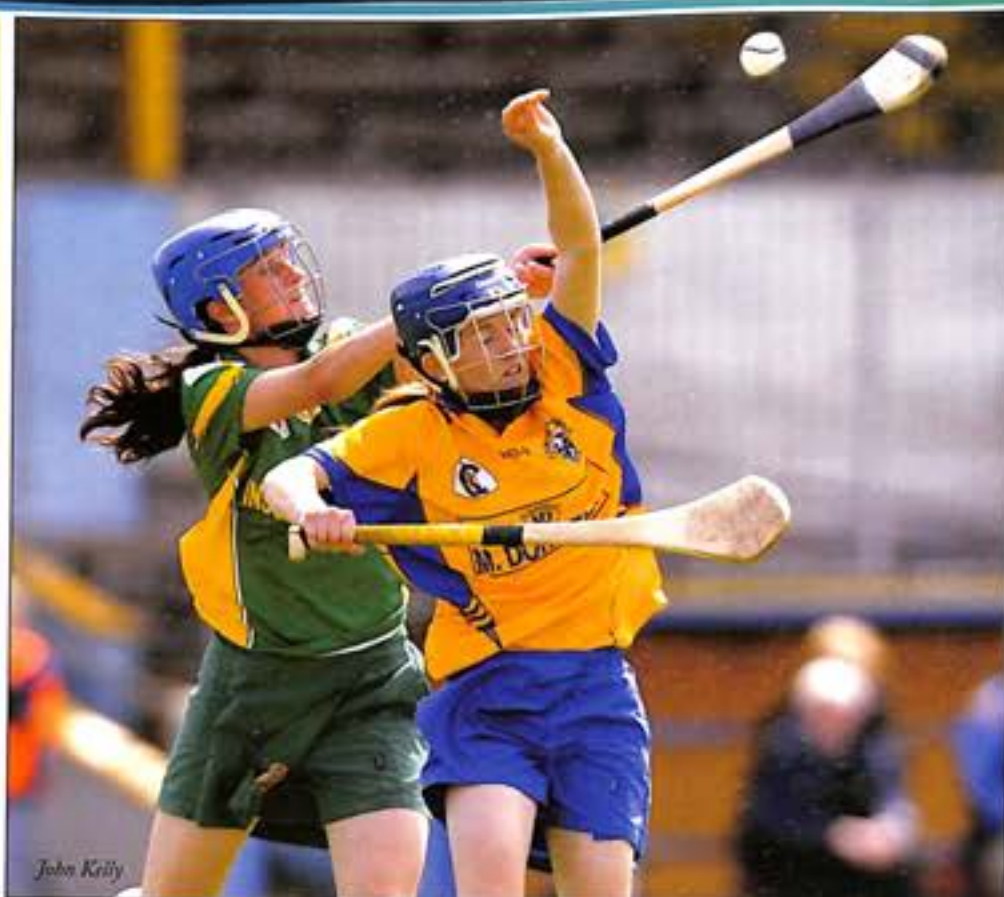
Division 2 Shield winners on goal  
difference Kilmaley, Runners up  
Kilkishen, Broadford, Tulla

Division 2 Plate  
Burren 0-00 v 4-00 Eire Og  
Burren 0-00 v 1-00 Wolfe Tones  
Eire Og 4-00 v 0-01 Wolfe Tones

Division 2 Plate winners Eire Og,  
Runners up Wolfe Tones, Burren

## Schools Camogie

Munster Intermediate League Final  
St. Joseph's Tulla 1-07 v 1-05 Carrig-on-  
-uir  
Tulla: Aine McNamara, Aoife Stack,  
Grainne Corry (c), KellyAnn Brady, Marie  
Collins, Kate Lynch, Aisling Hannon,  
Eah O'Keeffe, AnneMarie McMahon(0-  
6, 5 frees), Stephanie Moloney(1-01),  
Michelle Moloney, Catriona McGrath,  
Ciara Minogue, Rachel McNamara, Vera  
oughnane. Sub used: Marie Halpin  
Subs: Laura Nelson, Clodagh Grey, Orla  
oroney, Emma McNamara, Molly  
McGrath, Katie Reddan, Lauren  
uilfoyle, Lisa Walsh



## Munster Senior Camogie League Final

St. Caimin's 2-14 v 2-07 Clonakilty @  
Charleville  
St. Caimin's: Aine Lawlor, Chloe Neylon,  
Carol O'Leary, Maire McGrath, Leanne  
Boyle, Chloe Morey (1-01 frees),  
Catherine Danagher, Aine O'Brien (0-03  
frees), Roisin McMahon, Laura  
McMahon, Aiveen O'Shea (1-04), Rachel  
O'Halloran, Sinead Tuohy, Carina  
Roseingrave (0-06), Shauna Chaplin  
Subs: Rachel O'Brien for  
Chaplin, Rachel Whelan for L. McMahon,  
Mairead Hyland for Tuohy, Ciara Whelan  
for O'Shea(inj), Gemma McInerney for  
O'Halloran

## Clare Schools Junior Camogie Final

St. Caimin's 3-07 v 1-03 St. Flannan's  
St. Caimin's: Sinead Hyland, Caroline  
Fehilly, Maire McGrath(C), Stephanie  
Coughlan, Ciara Whelan, Leanne Boyle,  
Chloe Neylon, Chloe Morey, Catherine  
Danagher, Rachel O'Halloran, Trish Fawl,  
Sinead Costelloe, Mairead Hyland(0-01),  
Niamh Corry(1-05), Rachel O'Brien(1-  
01) Subs Sinead Tuohy (1-00), St.  
Flannan's: Suzie O'Shea, Louise  
DeLoughry, Elaine Loyns, Catherine  
O'Keeffe, Lorna Higgins, Katie Cahill,  
Niamh Cahill, Niamh Baker, Alannah  
O'Brien, Sarah O'Keeffe, Joanne  
Walsh(C)(0-02), Rebecca Culligan(0-

01), Aisling Darcy(1-00), Aideen  
Shannon, Sharon Coffery, Subs Kate  
O'Neill, Edel Hehir, Saidbhe Corbett

## Clare Schools Senior Camogie Final

St. Caimin's 4-11 v 3-10 St. Flannan's  
St. Caimin's: Aine Lawlor, Ciara Whelan,  
Carol O'Leary, Chloe Neylon, Leanne  
Boyle, Chloe Morey, Catherine  
Danagher, Roisin McMahon(0-01), Aine  
O'Brien(c)(0-01), Rachel O'Halloran,  
Niamh Corry(0-03), Carina  
Roseingrave(2-04), Maire McGrath,  
Aiveen O'Shea(0-02), Shauna Chaplin  
Subs: Sinead Tuohy(1-00) for  
Whelan(14min), Laura McMahon for  
Neylon(h/t), Gemma McInerney(1-00)  
for Chaplin(h/t)  
Flannan's: Niamh McGuane, Jennifer  
Griffin, Deirdre Kelleher, Sinead Frawley,  
Katie Cahill, Aoife Griffin, Joanne Walsh,  
Kelly MacLean, Christina Glynn, Sarah  
Carey, Shona Enright(2-06, 5frs), Ciara  
Lynch(0-01), Rebecca McNamara(1-00),  
Carol Kaiser(0-03), Mary Clune(c) Sub:  
Aisling Darcy for Frawley  
Player of the game: Carina Roseingrave,  
St. Caimin's  
Ref: Flan O'Rielly







Cork keeper Aoife Murray and Mary O'Connor celebrate after their senior All-Ireland Camogie final victory at Croke Park.

# Éire Óg celebrate success of 2008 in style

By MARY NEWMAN

Camogie

ÉIRE ÓG camogie club celebrated what has been a successful year for their club when they recently held two functions to celebrate the efforts of club members throughout the year.

At underage level there was tremendous success for the club's U11 team who captured the Mid-Cork Championship title. They had to overcome Ballincollig in a tough battle before going on to defeat Aghabullogue in the final.

The club's U13 team, not to be outdone, made it a Mid-Cork double as they overcame all odds to claim the title.

In the final they met a strong Inniscarra side but they showed great determination, workrate and skill to come out on top.

At county level the club's U16 team made it a double as they captured the C championship and league titles.

In the county final they defeated Ballinascahy and then went on to contest the league final. After a tough battle, they overcame the challenge of the Douglas with a fine display of camogie.

Prominent in both finals was Cork U16 duo of Katie McCarthy and Claire Meeney.

At underage level the club organised and hosted an U10 tournament, inviting six clubs to participate. The day was a huge success with the young Éire Óg girls winning the second section.

On the day the young players for the six clubs got the opportunity to meet Cork captain Cathriona Foley who brought along the



Éire Óg's U11 side captured the Mid Cork championship title.

O'Duffy Cup and she was accompanied by the Cork and Éire Óg's Margaret O'Herlihy.

At adult level the club continue to make great progress and 2008 was an astounding year for the girls on the senior panel as they reached the senior B county final.

They came through their group having only lost one match to qualify for the semi-final, where in a thrilling match they defeated Ballinhassig by a point.

In the final Rockbawn, who had previously beaten them convincingly twice earlier in the season, provided the opposition. In a tight contest Rockbawn eventually gained the upper hand and won by five points, however, right to the finish the result was in the balance.

On the inter-county scene the club were well represented at all levels with several of their

players represented Cork.

Margaret O'Herlihy was a member of the Cork senior panel and won an All-Ireland medal, while Con Malone was a selector with the side.

Siobhán Gleeson was a member of the intermediate Cork team that won the Munster title but lost the All-Ireland.

Alanna McKenna, Ciara McKenna, Margaret O'Herlihy, Siobhán Gleeson and Marie Gleeson won a Munster Junior medal at the beginning of the year.

Marie Gleeson also played with the Cork minors who lost the Munster final and All-Ireland semi. Katie McCarthy and Claire Meeney represented Cork at U16 level and were unlucky to lose out on an All-Ireland title to Kilkenny.

At a function held in the club, Con Malone and Margaret O'Herlihy were congratulated for their efforts with the Cork seniors, while Rose Malone was presented with a token of thanks for the enormous work she has done for camogie over the years in the club.

The club presented Yvonne Malone with a gift to congratulate her on her recent wed-



Éire Óg's U16 team, who won the double, capturing the C championship and league titles at a function in the Lee Valley Golf Club.

It was then the turn of the underage section to celebrate and in the Lee Valley Golf Club, a function was held to congratulate the successes of the U16, U13 and U11 teams.

Special guest on the night was dual Cork minor Ciarán Sheehan.

He congratulated all the players on their achievements and encouraged the younger players to continue along the path they are going on, with more success was sure to come their way again in the years ahead.

Following the medal presentation, the players partied with their mentors as they looked back on a tremendous successfully year.



# Underdog tag is a

**MARY NEWMAN**  
reviews the 2008  
camogie season at  
club and county level

## INTER COUNTY Senior

CORK started 2008 as outsiders to lift the O'Duffy cup, hardly surprising given the shock defeat at the hands of Wexford in 2007 — but the tag suited fine and it was Cork who were crowned All-Ireland senior champions on the second Sunday in September.

The victory was testament to the hard work put in by the players and management.

At the start of the season a new management team was put in place — former All-Ireland winning captain Denise Cronin was joined on the selection committee by Con Malone representing county champions Muskerry, and Pat Murray from Bishopstown. Jim McCarthy came on board as trainer and the scene was set for the season ahead.

The back-room team worked hard and introduced new players to their panel and the team responded and produced some wonderful performances to win the Munster and All-Ireland titles.

Playing Dublin, Wexford, Tipperary, Galway, Limerick to reach the qualifying stages, they defeated Kilkenny and Tipperary to reach the Gala All-Ireland senior final against Galway.

The final was an exciting and skilful game and with play swinging from end-to-end, Cork had to call on all their experience before capturing the title 2-10 to 1-8. On the day, Cork had many heroes. Rachel Moloney continued to make life difficult for defenders, as did Sile Burns, who grabbed two vital goals.

Breige Corkery was superb, covering every inch of grass on Croke Park, while Cathriona Foley played a captain's role in the heart of the Cork defence.

Overall, a superb team display and they won seven All-Stars: Gemma O'Connor, Cathriona Foley, Sile Burns, Aoife Murray, Orla Cotter, Breige Corkery and Rachel Moloney.

## Intermediate

Cork's second team participated in division two of the National League but losing games to Derry and Kilkenny, they failed to qualify for the closing stages.

They participated in the provincial championship, which is played on a separate basis to the open draw All-Ireland series and a good campaign saw Cork take the Munster championship title, defeating a strong Clare side in a thrilling final. Clare led by two points heading into the closing stages, but Cork, driven on by captain Linda Dorgan at mid-field, finished much stronger to be crowned champions.

The victory augured well for the championship series which lay ahead and, with Bobby Thornhill coming on board as coach, they got down to the serious business.

Losing their opening game of the round-robin series of games to Derry, Cork worked hard to reach the



Members of Bishopstown camogie U13 team get a close view of the All-Ireland trophy which Cork captain Cathriona Foley brought along to the club's medal presentation function.

Picture: Mike English



Aoife Dorgan, a member of Bishopstown's U13 camogie team with Cork senior camogie captain Cathriona Foley and the O'Duffy Cup.

Picture: Mike English



The Glen Rovers team which won the U16B league title.

semi-final stages and faced a tough challenge once again in Derry. Cork battled hard and, trailing at the interval 1-2 to 0-2, had to dig deep to advance to a final meeting with Kilkenny.

The sides had met in the round-robin series where Cork recorded a victory but Kilkenny, with the minor and U16 titles safely tucked away, were on the hunt for title number three.

A disastrous first-half display left Cork trailing by seven points, however they rallied with a superb second-half comeback, only to be cruelly denied at the death.

With the game entering injury time a draw looked on the cards as referee Alan Lagrue signalled one minute to be added on. Cork were penalised harshly 60 metres out, Ann Marie Phelan floated a huge effort into the Cork square, where Colette Dormer finished to the net.

The sound of the whistle signalling heartbreak for a Cork side who deserved a second bit of the cherry.

A disappointing end to a season that

looked so promising for this young Cork side, hopefully they will regroup stronger and more determined for 2009.

## Junior

In a competition which only goes to provincial level for senior counties the victory by the junior team after extra time in a very exciting game was superb.

## Minor

The minors got off on the wrong foot as they failed by five points to a determined Clare side that took both the Munster minor title and the two points on offer in a game which doubled as the opening round of the All-Ireland championship round robin series.

From the throw-in the Davy Fitzgerald-coached Clare were up for the challenge and Cork, forced to play for three-quarters of the game with 14 players after the dismissal of a defender, never got going.

The game was to shape the year as Cork ended up in second place in the group thus drawing champions



Cork captain Cathriona Foley raises the O'Duffy trophy after defeating Galway in the Gala All Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park. The Cork side showed great resilience to bounce back from the previous year's final loss.

Picture: Eddie O'Hara

Kilkenny as their semi-final opponents.

On a horrific day, Cork and Kilkenny battled it out in monsoon-like conditions at the Gaelic Grounds.

In the finish the holders chasing three in row shaded it, but they had

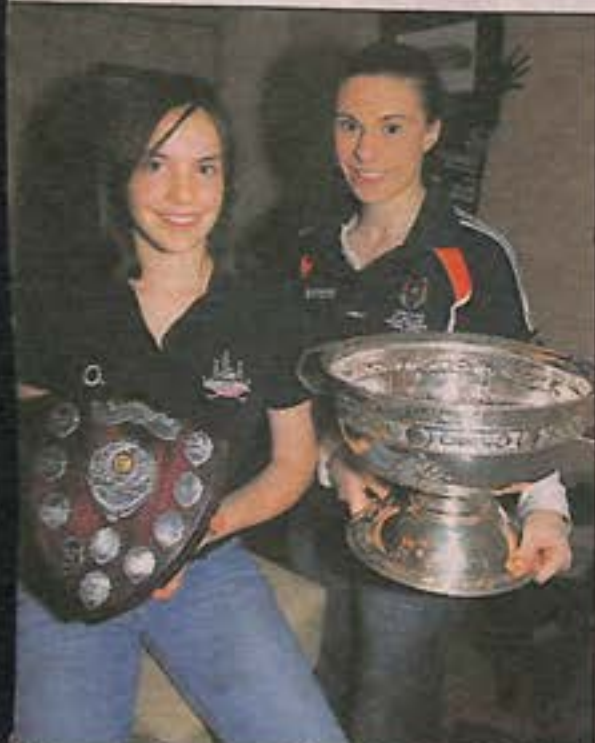
to rely on the width of the upright and crossbar which Cork struck twice in the dying seconds.

Two committed teams gave it their all as conditions were awful.

Having come so close it was devastating for a Cork side that as the



# perfect fit for Cork



Bishopstown U13 captain Amy Murphy with Catriona Foley, Cork's All-Ireland winning captain at the club's medal presentation function. Picture: Mike English



Bishopstown U13 camogie selectors, Billy O'Sullivan, Dave Murphy, Donncha Broderick and Tony Foley with team captain Amy Murphy, and Cork senior captain Catriona Foley at the club's medal presentation function. Picture: Mike English



Members of Bishopstown camogie U13 team photographed with Catriona Foley, Cork senior camogie captain, who presented them with their Seandún Championship medals. Picture: Mike English.

year progressed improved with every game, with many of the sides already lining out at intermediate and senior level.

## U16

Plenty of silverware at underage level for Cork, but disappointingly no All-Ireland titles as both the minor and U16s lost out to Kilkenny in both finals.

The season got off to the best possible start with the U16 A and B teams making it a provincial double by taking the Munster titles.

The A team defeated holders Clare in

a game where Cork controlled matters from the start as Clare found the going tough. Cork led 1-4 to no score at the interval and turning to play against the strong wind in the second half it was going to be tough. Clare threw everything at the Cork defence, Katriona Mackey pointing two frees and with six minutes remaining Katie Buckley grabbed a Cork goal to finally kill the Clare challenge and give Cork the title at the hands of the defending champions on a 2-7 to 1-1 score-line.

The U16 B team, with a tremendous

second-half display, denied Waterford.

In a close opening half, Cork led. Celia O'Driscoll stretched the lead with a goal and they held the advantage to the break.

Aine O'Donovan, Kate Harrington and Sinead Gallen had goals for Cork as Waterford battled hard but the Déise girls had no answer to the pace and determination of the Cork side. As Cork are an A graded county they were not eligible to contest the B All-Ireland series — what a pity given the commitment and performance

from a superb B side were not suitably rewarded.

The Cork A team impressed in their path to the All-Ireland final notching up an impressive 16-77 while conceding just 7-22.

Final day was an absolute disaster for Cork, as Kilkenny created history completing four in-a-row of U16 All-Ireland camogie titles.

Cork's decision to employ an extra player in defence for 52 minutes of the game was one of the major factors of a final where, aided by the stiff wind, Cork led by two points at the

interval, and inside 55 seconds of the second half, they grabbed a goal to put further space between the sides. However, like true champions Kilkenny responded as they proceeded to hold Cork to just one score for the entire second half.

So disappointment once again for an U16 squad that promised so much as the season unfolded. Let's hope that with the wonderful array of talent in the county it will not be long before the title is back in Cork.

## Féile na nGael

Douglas defeated Courcey Rovers in the final of the A competition and went on to represent Cork at national Féile. Shannon Dempsey of Douglas was player of the match.

Mallow defeated Na Piarsaigh in the Division Two final with Kate Healy of Mallow receiving the Player of the game. Nicole O'Brien Glen Rovers won the skills and represented Cork in the All-Ireland.

## CLUB COMPETITIONS

### Senior

Douglas took the *Evening Echo* senior title in the first senior county final played under lights and they went on to add the league title.

### Munster club

Douglas represented Cork in the Munster club championship and following a good victory over Limerick champions Killybegs but were defeated by Tipperary champions Drom-Inch in the final.

Denise Luby of Glen Rovers represented Cork in the long puck competition and was placed third in the Munster final.

### Senior B

Rockbawn took the Senior B championship title as they defeated Éire Óg in an exciting final which was close until the final whistle.

### Junior

Ballincollig took the *Evening Echo* Junior A championship title, Brian Dillon's the B while the C went to Castlemagner. The Junior A League was won by Tracton.

### Junior Shield

Ballincollig took the *Evening Echo* Junior Shield title in competition which is confined to clubs who field two or more adult teams.

### U12

There were four grades, the A was won by Valley Rovers, B by Courcey Rovers, the U12 C was won by Ballinora. U12 D was won by Ballinhassig's second team.

### U14

The A competition was won by Douglas, the B went to Courcey Rovers, the C was won by Millstreet and the D by Barryroe.

### U16

Douglas took the A championship title, the B went to Ballinhassig, the C to Éire Óg, the D to St Mary's. Glen Rovers won the U16 B league title, Éire Óg won the C title adding it to their championship crown, while St Mary's took the D title.

The A final will be between Douglas and Milford.

### U16 Inter-divisional

Seandún made it three in row when they retained the divisional crown, an indication of the continued growth of the game in the city.

### Minor

Douglas took the Minor A championship crown. Ballinhassig the B the C was won by Brian Dillon's.



# A bridge too far

Not to be outdone by their hurling counterparts, Sixmilebridge's underage camogie sides dominated the domestic scene, securing A titles at Under 11 ground camogie, Under 14 Féile, Under 16 and Under 18. They weren't the only club to make positive strides this year though as Orla Considine reveals.

WHILE the re-emergence of the underage club in Sixmilebridge with a cabinet full of trophies was the hallmark of '08, there was a more rounded appearance to the underage role of honour in the club competitions this year. Sixmilebridge are definitely still a force to be reckoned with as they were part of every underage final this year but they didn't have things all their own way in each of these finals. This has been a healthy sign for camogie this year and will encourage many more to strive for that ultimate goal of success.

St. Joseph's made their way back to the winners enclosure and Newmarket also regained some lost ground on Sixmilebridge in the A sections. Another major plus for the year just gone by was the introduction of the A Shield competitions, on the recommendation of the Grading Committee.

This was a major incentive to clubs who had struggled in the A grades in the last number of years and also due to declining numbers, were looking to re-grade to the B section. The introduction of this second competition was what kept St. Joseph's in

the U12A competition and with the safety net of extra games and a shield competition where they felt they would be competitive, St. Joseph's actually made their way to the A cup final.

On a fine evening in Tulla with the cup and shield played as a double header, St. Joseph's upset the odds with a merited win over Sixmilebridge for their first ever U12A title. This is a huge incentive to the Parish club to continue with the work that has gone in over the past number of years. With further developments like this, it is hoped that they will maintain that progress.

Also on that evening, Kilmaley and Newmarket-on-Fergus played for the shield title, which the Kilmaley club won. This will ensure that they get games at the highest grade for the next year and will continue to produce players for their senior club.

Also in the U12 category, Tulla retained the 12B title with a win over Kilkishen in Bodyke while Corofin were 12C winners over Kilnamona in Ruan. This was Tulla's second championship in two years at this grade and that should provide a strong base

for the future needed to help in re-building as the club were re-graded to Intermediate this year at adult level. Corofin will be helped hugely with their win as it spreads encouragement to the girls of the future.

The U14 competition is a stiff test for any club and starting into this year, the 'Bridge were looking to retain this crown along with the Jim Keane Féile Trophy. Féile was first up and Sixmilebridge achieved aim number one and again were on their way to the national finals along with their male counterparts.

Newmarket gained revenge though for the Féile final and were crowned U14A Champions in O'Callaghan's Mills to the club's and the girls' delight as it set the club back on winning ways in the underage category.

Clooney and Kilkishen had to meet twice to separate the sides in the B grade as there was little between them. In the end, Clooney won out and were crowned U14B champions for the second year running. Feakle received assistance from a number of Bodyke girls as the Bodyke club were unable to field on their own. Undoubtedly, this helped both clubs

as Feakle were crowned U14C champions and after years of heartache, the east Clare side eventually had the fortune of following home the car horns.

The A grade here also had a shield competition introduced and this saw Wolfe Tones overcome the challenge of Kilmaley. This was a great result for the Shannon side who failed to field in some age groups but should provide base for them to work off.

That fortune followed into the U16C grade as Feakle again won out in the final, this time over Ballyea, who have been keen rivals over the last number of years and had always come out on top.

Inagh were crowned U16B Champions, again with assistance from Kilnamona who were unable to field on their own. A return to the winning enclosure for the 'Bridge side was the order of form when they retained the U16A title. They had a comfortable win over Newmarket-on-Fergus and were certainly worthy winners.

The U18 competition was delayed in a year that saw the county team reach an All-Ireland final. This didn't take from some fine games and because

competition was keen, there were only two grades in this age group. Sixmilebridge were winners in the A grade.

This was a major achievement for them as it was a return to the A grading after they had been in the B section for the last number of years. The 'Bridge eventually emerged victorious with wins over a fancied Newmarket and also last years champions Kilmaley.

In the B, Kilkishen made their way to their fourth underage final of the year when they accounted for Tulla in the semi-final. Here they met the amalgamation of Scariff/Ogonnelloe who had overcome Clooney at the penultimate stage. In a tough contest, the amalgamation won out and were crowned champions. This was a difficult year for the Kilkishen side as they seemed to be this year's hard luck story - they made all underage finals, a huge achievement for a club that is working so hard, but to lose all was difficult. But with a good committee, they will regroup positively for next year.

There was also the U11 ground camogie this year. This runs over a

## Exciting Year Ahead for Camogie

With all the activity both on & off the field of 2008 now resigned to history, every one associated with Camogie now looks forward to the new year & how best to serve both club & county.

This year promises to be a very exciting one for Tipperary Camogie. The wonderful work carried out in re-developing the Camogie County Grounds in the Ragg will finally be completed early this year, & the official opening of this wonderful venue will be an occasion of great pride for Camogie supporters & players. Great credit to everyone associated with this development, both as officers & delegates who had the vision to progress with this venture, & also to the planners, architects & contractors who brought this project from a dream to a reality.

In March this year, Liz Howard will step down as National Camogie President. In her 3 years as president Liz promoted Camogie tirelessly throughout the Country, & her commitment to

Camogie has meant that the profile enjoyed by the sport has never been as high. The County Board has the honour of hosting National Congress this year. The date & venue is the weekend of March 27th & 28th in the Abbey Court hotel Nenagh.

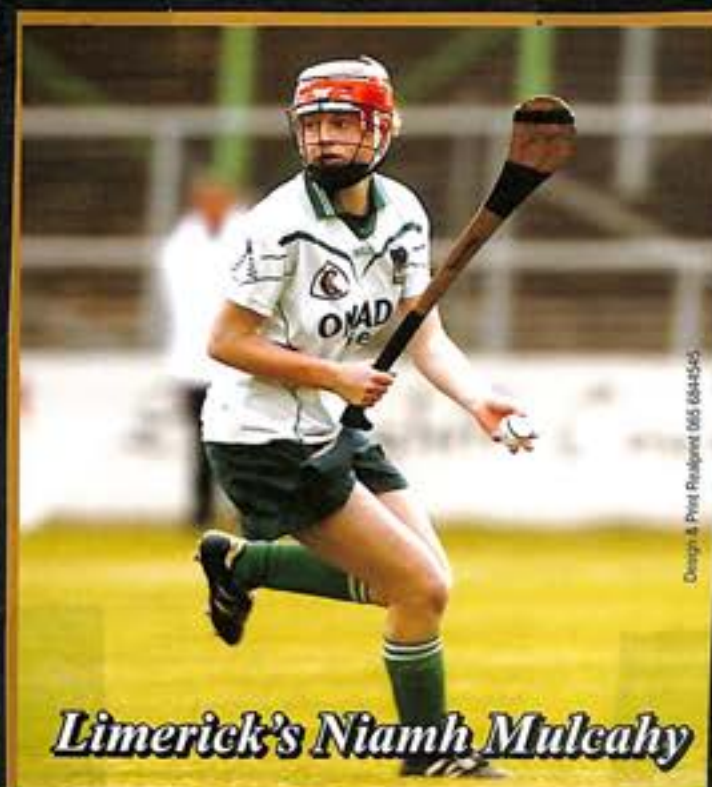
Hopefully, by mid February a web site dedicated to Tipperary Camogie will be up & running. This site will deal with everything related to Camogie, both at club & county level. We are now asking all clubs to submit photos, team news, officer details for inclusion to get it up & running. Please send all news items by e-mail to County PRO.

Also, all clubs are asked to submit all contact details of officers etc which will appear in a booklet which will be distributed throughout the clubs & schools in the County. All information by e-mail please before January 25th to ensure inclusion.

The West Tipp parish of Holyford Kilcommom & Rearcross known in GAA circles as Sean Tracey's are currently re-introducing Camogie into the Parish. Back in the 80s this club combined with Newport played under the name of St. Mary's & were very successful winning County Finals U18, Intermediate & Senior. Anyone interested in being part of this new Camogie club are asked to contact Billy Costello, phone (062) 78141. We wish all involved the best of luck getting started, & look forward to Sean Tracey's grace the Camogie fields of Tipperary.

Some of the second level schools competitions have reached Munster Final stages. Tipperary schools are well represented in some of the grades. Next Saturday January 17th in either Toomevara or Dolla at 1pm St. Flannans will take on Borrisoleigh in the Junior B Munster Final.

On Saturday January 24th at 1pm it will be an all Tipp affair when Carrick on Suir will entertain St. Josephs of Borrisoleigh in the Intermediate A final.



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### 6. Shónagh Enright (Camogie)

Watch out for this name in 2009. Shónagh is still under 18 for the coming year and she will also be expected to continue to make her presence felt on the adult scene for both club and county. The Kilmaley forward is blessed with skill, pace and accuracy from both play and the dead ball.

She was on the Under 18 team that won the Munster final, also broke onto the Junior panel this year and made sure her name would be forever remembered as she turned in a real super sub performance in the All-Ireland final when her last minute goal broke Offaly hearts and snatched victory for the Banner. Shónagh scored 1-1 in the final with a total of 1-5 in the campaign and 1-29 for the Under 18 team.

Her year didn't stop there though as she helped her club to their first ever county senior title. This road continued on to the Munster Final where Enright was awarded player of the game as her club also gained a Munster Junior crown. Although beaten in the All-Ireland club final, it has been a remarkable year for the young Kilmaley girl.

Now a student in UCG, this is a name that will continue to hog the headlines for the coming year.

### CAMOGIE ► Munster Junior A & B School Final Previews

## Clare schools on glory trail

Orla Considine

**St. Flannan's v Borrisoleigh, Saturday 1pm @ Dolla Silvermines, Co. Tipperary. Referee: Willie Barrett (Tipp)**

This is just Flannan's second time to reach this final and though they have never managed to win the competition, this year they are travelling in hope with a strong Junior Team. They had a comfortable win in the semi-final defeating Carrick on Suir by 8 points so it augurs well for a first ever victory.

The experience of Katie Cahill, Clodagh Lawlor, Christina Glynn, Aisling Darcy and reliable goalkeeper Suzy O'Shea will be very important to the result of the game.

Cahill and Darcy - both of Kilmaley - have gained a wealth of experience during the year, while Lawlor of Newmarket was part of the U14A winning team. And Glynn from the Kilnamona club gave assistance to

Inagh last year and has recovered from a foot injury which kept her out of competition at the end of last school term.

Meanwhile O'Shea is from the Ballyea club and a bright prospect for the future.

Many of these girls have come through the U14 county development team and a win in this Munster Final would be a great boost to the development of the game in Flannan's. The team is managed again this year by Claire Ryan and Damien Noonan.

St. Flannan's: Suzy O'Shea, Sinead O'Keefe, Niamh Cahill, Kathleen O'Keefe, Alanna O'Brien, Katie Cahill, Edel Hehir, Clodagh Lawlor, Aisling Darcy, Katie O'Neill, Emma Casey, Christina Glynn, Rebecca Culligan, Sarah O'Keefe, Orla Devitt, Sub: Louise Deloughery, Niamh Daly, Emma Carey, Shaunagh O'Brien, Ciara Phillips, Shona Connolly, Aoife Gullfoyle, Aine Meehan

**Junior A School Final  
St. Caimin's, Shannon v St. Mary's, Saturday, venue to be confirmed**

This game pits the two kingpins of schools camogie in the Munster against each other yet again and Caimin's will be looking to hold onto the title which they won last year with another strong panel ready to do the school proud.

St. Caimin's panel: Chloe Morey, Máire McGrath, Rachael O'Halloran, Ciara Whelan, Rachael Whelan, Mairead Hyland, Sinead Hyland, Laura Mc Mahon, Sinead Touhy, Laura Whelan, Amy Heffernan, Trish Fawc, Caroline Feehily, Zelika Brown, Leanne Boyle, Ali Quinlan, Emily Downes, Brid Enright, Aisling Hawker, Rachael Scanlon, Christine Collins, Kate O'Gorman, Joanne Hartigan, Aislinn Keogh, Saoise Gleeson, Emer Murray, Niamh Murray, Claire O'Brien.

### Magpies camogie

THE Clarecastle Camogie AGM takes place this Sunday (January 18th) at 3.30 in the clubhouse. Your support is urgently required to ensure the continuation of Camogie in Clarecastle. Most Committee positions need to be filled.



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number of weeks and played at 11 a-side will help clubs from the C grades get a chance at competing against the A grade teams.

Here, there were titles for Sixmilebridge, Ballyea, Clooney, Kilmaley and Eire Og.

A major feat for two underage clubs this year as well as the personal achievements of two players. Firstly, Vera Loughnane of Feakle won the Féile na nGael All-Ireland skills competition. This was the Feakle girl's second year in the National finals and with great delight and much hard work she was crowned champion. It was also a great honour for the Kilmaley club to have within its ranks Crusheen native Carina Roseingrave who was crowned National Young Player of the Year in '08. There were further developments at underage level this year with a new club formed in the county. This saw the girls of Lisdoonvarna and its surrounds come together under the name of the Burren CC and take part in competition for the first time ever. They competed in blitzes and also the U11 camogie tournament and the future certainly looks bright for camogie in north Clare.

This year also saw the piloting of the Easter Camogie Camps where girls from 8-14 years were given coaching during the Easter holidays with camps taking place in Tulla and Clarecastle to huge success. They are certainly a project to continue with for the future. The county was also fortunate to pilot indoor camogie coaching to 9-12yr old girls. In a scheme produced by Jamesie O'Connor, six venues were fully booked out for six weeks of coaching.

The Munster Development Plan also saw the introduction of camogie coaching into all girls schools to develop areas where the busy GAA coaches don't get a chance to go.

These developments are crucial to the progression of the clubs and the players involved going forward. Should the clubs continue to produce the standard of games that have been witnessed in the last number of years, then the underage talent will hopefully continue to come through, thus further enriching the exciting development of camogie in Clare.

Opposite page (clockwise from top): The victorious Sixmilebridge Under 18 panel who captured the final underage trophy of the year in December, capping off a remarkable year for the club; St Joseph's Doorra/Barefield squad who captured the Under 12 Championship title in 2008; The Under 14 A Championship winning Newmarket-on-Fergus panel.

#### Underage Role Of Honour

Clare People U11 Ground Camogie  
Div 1 Cup - Sixmilebridge  
Div 1 Shield - Ballyea  
Div 2 Cup - Clooney  
Div 2 Shield - Kilmaley  
Div 2 Plate - Eire Og  
Real Print U12  
A - St Joseph's  
B - Tulla  
C - Corofin  
O'Sullivan and Hansbury U14  
A - Newmarket  
B - Clooney  
C - Feakle/Bodyke  
Clare Champion U16  
A - Sixmilebridge  
B - Inagh  
C - Feakle/Bodyke  
West County U18  
A - Sixmilebridge  
B - Scariff/Ogonelloe  
Jini Keane Féile  
Sixmilebridge  
National Féile Skills  
Vera Loughnane - Feakle

## CAMOGIE ➤ Adult Club Review '08



# Kilmaley's year of success

Kilmaley were unquestionably the team of 2008, capturing a historic domestic double, along with Munster Junior honours and subsequently reaching the All-Ireland final. Orla Considine reflects on a remarkable year for the club as well as the achievements of others at adult level in the county.

IN SUCH a successful year for the county team, competition was strong within the clubs to try and follow suit and gain similar glory for their club and parish.

The senior championship was again fiercely competitive, although it did have its downside in that Clarecastle - as newly promoted Intermediate champions - were unable to field in the competition and withdrew. Wolfe Tones had their first win in a few years and Clooney are getting more and more competitive and survived the second year at the senior grade which can sometimes be a bogey year. Indeed they were unlucky in the final group game not to defeat Kilmaley.

Kilmaley though were the buzzword for success by the end of the season. They fought hard in their last group game and that fighting spirit was called on many times during the year. They produced it again in the County Final - which they won for the first time in their history, also in the Munster Final and were just unlucky in the All-Ireland final. Not bad for a team that had never won the county title to be crowned double champions in '08. They have a balanced squad and dedicated players and mentors and when they returned from intercounty club fare, settled down to U18 club competition and then won the Senior League to really cap off their season and ensure a truly festive holiday for all involved in Kilmaley.

The Intermediate competition took on a new structure for '08. The league was dispensed with and all teams played each other on a league basis

for the Championship. The top four teams from this emerged and entered the championship semi-finals, while the next four were in the shield semi-finals. The competition was not without its teething problems but the general consensus from the clubs is that it was the best Intermediate championship for a number of years.

The final stages were very competitive and it also helped in nurturing team spirit in these clubs that had been absent when clubs were eliminated after one game in recent years.

Bodyke and Corofin contested the championship final with Bodyke winning out and regaining senior status for '09, with the finalists accounting for Kilkishen and Truagh respectively in the semi-finals.

St. Joseph's won the Shield over Ogonelloe after Whitegate had been defeated at the semi-final stage. Tulla and Killanena were the other teams to compete at this level and all agreed that it was worthwhile championship. This structure is to reach the end of its trial period after

the '09 season closes and will be reviewed then.

Scariff were the all-round package in the Junior grading. They won both league and championship honours and did so with a very dedicated bunch of players who will now be advancing into the Intermediate ranks and with the full league format still in place, this should help the junior champions to develop into the grade.

Truagh were disappointed to have lost out at the semi-final stage in the Intermediate Championship this year but the side had much to celebrate this year as they blossomed under the new system and also used the North Munster League to full advantage in the period where games were absent within the county. They eventually won this out and were delighted with their achievement.

While there were some grievances over the length of the playing season this year, there was much to celebrate and with the emergence of new champions in the adult groups, it should provide some added incentive for all clubs in '09.

Above: The Kilmaley players and management form a huddle before the senior championship final against Newmarket-on-Fergus in October.

Left: Sarah Reidy in possession for Kilmaley during their league final win over Newmarket.



#### Role Of Honour

PK Coaches Senior Championship and League Kilmaley  
Intermediate Championship Bodyke  
Intermediate Shield St. Joseph's  
Junior Championship and League Scariff  
County Puc Fada Winner Denise Lynch



# Winning attitude to life

WINNING a camogie All-Star award before Christmas was consolation to Galway captain, Sinéad Cahalan, after the team's All-Ireland defeat in September.

"I was absolutely shocked, delighted, and thrilled. We were so heartbroken after we lost the All-Ireland. A camogie All-Star award is the best individual award you can get and it was some bit of consolation after all the hard work I did," says Sinéad, who also won an All-Star in 2005. A primary schoolteacher in Creagh, Ballinasloe, where she teaches fourth and fifth classes, the 23-year-old lives in the family home in Mullagh, east Galway.

**What shape are you in?**

I did eight or nine months of pretty tough training before the All-Ireland — part of that was a strength-and-conditioning programme to build up core strength. I haven't done any since we lost the final, but I think all the training will stand to me for another while. I wouldn't consider myself slim and I have no desire to be.

**Do you have any health concerns?**

I'm very lucky that I have a good, strong immune system. I don't remember the last time I was sick.

**What are your healthiest eating habits?**

I swear by porridge, which I eat every morning, all year round. I add Udo's Choice to it. I'm a big woman for carbohydrates, especially when I'm training during the summer — I'm always eating potatoes, pasta, and brown bread.

**What's your guiltiest pleasure?**

Every day, when I come home from school, I look forward to having a bottle of Lucozade and a Mars bar.

**What would keep you awake at night?**

Very little — I've a fairly peaceful mind and am easy-going by nature. Coming up to a big game can consume your mind — at those times, I'd be struggling to go to sleep.

**How do you relax?**

I go to the leisure club at the Shearwater Hotel, in Ballinasloe. I use it more for relaxation than exercise, so I'd just go to the pool, the jacuzzi, or the sauna. I love shopping — when we finished the camogie this year, I went to New York with the girls and spent a fortune.

**What would you change about your appearance?**

The girls joke that I have a bit of a J-Lo rear, so I'd change that a bit.

**What's your earliest memory?**

I remember my first day going to Mullagh pitch, dressed in a pink tracksuit. I had my helmet on and everything, but I didn't want to be left there. I had half an eye on the trainer and the other half on my dad to make sure he didn't leave me.

**Who would you invite to your dream dinner party?**

I feel I could make a connection with Christy Moore — he has such a wealth of knowledge, and I love Irish history. I could just sit back and listen to his stories.

**Do you pray?**

I'd consider myself a fairly holy person. I go to Mass at the weekend and I play the organ at Mass. Because I'm a teacher, I say a prayer with the pupils during the day.

**What's your best health tip?**

Everything in moderation. I eat a good, healthy diet and I don't cut out carbs. I think it's best to have a balance.

**What's your most cherished possession?**

I love my piano and I always get a lot of pleasure out of playing it. I love photographs as well. I have a USB key with folders of photos. Every night, I love looking at slide-shows of my photos. And, of course, my two All-Star medals are very precious.

**What would make a positive difference to your day?**

Somebody thanking me for something I did for them, whether a pupil — because you sorted something out in the yard and made a difference in their day — or a parent or teacher who acknowledge the work you've done.

Helen O'Callaghan

**"The girls joke that I have a bit of a J-Lo rear, so I'd change that a bit"**



**SPORTING LIFE:** Sinéad Cahalan trained for nine months in run-up to the camogie All-Ireland. Picture: Andrew Downes

SEPTEMBER



Evening Echo Ladies Sports Star award winner for September was Briege Corkery, camogie and ladies football.

NOVEMBER



Evening Echo Ladies Sports Star award winner for November was Cathriona Foley, camogie.

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Alongside the busy schedule of local games, Avondhu recognised the North Cork contribution on the national playing field — in particular, to Cork's successful Camogie and Ladies Football teams. Pictured above is Regina Curtin in action against Wexford's Mag Kelly. Picture: Matt Browne SPORTSFIRE

## St Josephs' Borrisoleigh Chase Munster Honours



St Joseph's Borrisoleigh Camogie Junior team.

St. Joseph's College Borrisoleigh, have reached the Junior B Camogie Munster Final taking place this Saturday the 17th of January in Dolla at 1pm.

These girls have had a successful campaign to date remaining unbeaten in all their matches. Their first opponents were the Ursuline, Thurles were an historic victory was achieved as St. Joseph's were victorious for the first time in many years.

St. Joseph's girls opened the scoring and this set the tone of the match. Maria Ryan scored an excellent point this was quickly followed with

scores from Nicole Walsh and Aoife Ryan. Sheila Ryan, Teresa Ryan, Michelle Ryan, Louise McLoughlin, Niamh O'Donoghue worked tirelessly creating scoring chances. The defence were quick to smother any attack from the opposition. The score line finished in favour of the Borrisoleigh girls 4-14 to 0-2.

The next opponents were Colaiste Cholm, Ballincollig, Co. Cork. The Borrisoleigh were relentless in their pursuit of victory with a star performance from the 1st year student Maria Ryan with a personal tally of 4-6.

The semi-final was then played on Tuesday the 16th of December in Templederry in atrocious conditions. The opponents on this occasion were Borrisokane Vocational school. This was a much tighter affair with both teams battling against wind and rain. The marking was tight as points were registered from both teams. The score line finished once again in favour of St. Joseph's college 2-7 to 1-3.

This team also represented Munster in the All-Ireland 7's competition in Dublin in early October. They played teams from Mallow,

Cashel and Fermoy in their division to reach the All-Ireland.

This team is made up of players from Toomevara: Moira Ryan (captain), Geraldine Kelly, Sheila Ryan, Claire Ryan, Teresa Ryan, Aoife Ryan, Michelle Ryan, Nicole Walsh, Moira Ryan, Julie Anne Bourke, Regina Cleary, Karen Kenny.

Silvermines: Edel Ryan, Maria Ryan, Louise McLoughlin, Elaine Murphy, Vivienne Glesson.

Burgess: Niamh O'Donoghue  
Killea: Katie O'Meara  
Drom and Inch: Karen Purcell  
Borrisoleigh: Miriam Dunne

### Late Dennehy goal gives St Mary's title

**CAMOGIE:** St. Mary's Charleville dethroned champions St Caimin's of Shannon, 2-2 to 0-7, in an exciting Munster junior camogie final at LIT. A goal in the dying minutes from Sinead Dennehy snatched the lead for the first time for St Mary's, giving them the title that earlier didn't look like going their way.

The Clare school led at the break 0-4 to 0-1, but St Mary's were turning to play with the wind. They took quick advantage with a Nicole O Connor goal to put them back in contention. With 15 minutes left, St Caimin's were in front by two points and it took Dennehy's late goal to dramatically give St Mary's victory.

**ST. MARY'S:** K. Biggane, A. Noonan, N. Browne, F. Twomey, M. McCarthy, R. Sheehy, C. O. Keefe, S. Curtin (Capt), A. Twomey, S. Mulcahy, L. O. Flynn, N. O. Connor, S. Dennehy, C. Griffin, K. Galvin.

**ST. CAIMIN'S:** S. Hyland, A. Heffernan, M. McGee, P. Fowl, G. Whelan, C. Morey, L. Boyle, L. McMahon, Z. Browne, C. Feehily, S. Tuohy, R. O. Halloran, L. Whelan, M. Hyland, A. Quinlan.

**Referee:** E. Browne (Tipperary).



Noreen Spillane and Noreen Vaughan, who were among the many guests celebrating the successes of Ballygarvan GAA Club in 2008 at its annual dinner dance. Picture: Howard Crowdy



At the Ballygarvan GAA dinner dance was Kathleen Crowley with Pauline Browne, secretary of the Ballygarvan Camogie Club, and Noreen Daly, the camogie club chairwoman. Picture: Howard Crowdy





Burgess U-14 camogie panel received their 2008 County 'A' championship and Feile na nGael medals at the club's Presentation Function in Kilcolman with their mentors Timmy Maher, Noel Egan and Pat Cremin. Seated: Jo Griffin, Alice Hodgins, Caoimhe Maher, Lisa Mulqueen, Kathryn Slattery, Shane Maher (Guest Player), Kathrina Kenny, Aisling Cremin (captain), Christine Madden, Lisa Carroll, Sarah Maxwell, Denise Collins. Standing: Sorcha Holohan, Aisling O'Halloran, Sinead Dolan, Niamh Mulqueen, Amy Seymour, Danielle Curtin, Cara Cottam, Tara Kennedy, Aisling Gegan, Clara Bourke, Jennny McGrath, Amanda Egan, Claire Kearns. Photograph: Bridget Delaney

## Camogie convention

# Player transfers pose problems

By Gerry Slevin

Agreeing with the sentiments of the motion but endeavouring to put it into practice was a problem for camogie Board chairman Mickey Browne at last week's adjourned Convention when it came to dealing with something of a hot potato that emerged in a view expressed by the St Cronan's club (Roscrea).

St Cronan's asked that a byelaw be introduced which would see to it that 'where a club exists that no player be given a transfer unless they change address out of the area'.

The chairman said it was very difficult nowadays to know where some people

were living and while the motion might be okay on paper putting it into practice was another matter.

Patsy Carroll (St Cronan's) said the motion did not refer to people already with clubs. The motion did not ask that they be moved from those clubs. However a player attached to a club should have to stay with that club unless she took up a different address. It was realised that there were areas out there with no clubs and that meant that girls in those areas could play with the club nearest to them.

Joe Cahill, Kilruane, supporting the motion said that where he came from was close enough to the Offaly border. Camogie was start-

ing to make waves and they had already moved into certain areas of Tipperary where girls would have gone to schools covered by Roscrea or Borrisokane. They were now being forced to decide whether they wanted to play with clubs in Offaly or Tipperary. Offaly, he maintained, would be the beneficiary if something wasn't done about it.

The chairman said that what was now being referred to was related to county boundaries. But there were also problems within the county itself and he cited parishes such as Boherlahan, Clonoulty, Knockavilla all around Cashel and going to Cashel schools. It was understandable that a girl would like to play for a club

where her cousin or some other relative or friend was playing.

Jean Hayden, Cashel said that from the sentiments of the debate so far it was obvious that what was involved was more than an internal matter but was something to be decided by a higher authority. Also, she believed that when a motion was worded incorrectly, as this one was, it should be ruled out of order.

Patsy Carroll said she had been training young players for the past thirty years and she saw a definite need for this motion to be passed.

"I'm not letting this go, Mr Chairman. Your friend is your pocket at the end of the day. It's alright to say they want to play with their

friends, but you don't have a friend if you have nothing in your pocket. It's as simple as that. Put it to the floor, Mr Chairman and see how it goes," she added.

Following further discussion in which parish rule, inter-county and inter-provincial transfer issues were raised the chairman asked delegates to give the matter very serious consideration in casting their vote. As he saw it the matter had very serious implications for all clubs into the future.

The motion was put to the meeting and lost heavily on a show of hands.

## Burgess Camogie notes

We held our AGM on Sunday evening in Kilcolman. The meeting was well attended. Our chairman, Timmy Maher, took us through the events of the year, both on and off the field. These included our U14 Feile, community games, trip to Dicksboro, our presentation night, involvement of our players in school teams, both primary and secondary, as well as county representation. He thanked the coaches, the parents and all those who helped throughout the year and looks forward to working with them again this year. Timmy is happy with the direction in which the club is heading, with great numbers attending training and a good feeling for the up coming season.

Election of officers: Chairman: Timmy Maher, Vice Chairman: Peter Curtin, Secretary: Caroline Walsh, Treasurer: Margaret Seymour, Vice Treasurer: Phyllis O'Donoghue, PRO: Ray Deering, Child Officers: Liz McKeever and Mary Gillespie. Trainers/Selectors 2009: U8/U10: Ailis Maher, Mairead O'Halloran, Caroline Walsh, U12: Ray Deering, Peter

Curtin, Frances O'Brien, U14: Pat Cremin, Timmy Maher, Noel Egan, Catherine O'Connell.

The meeting agreed on the following matters: We will affiliate teams in U16, 18 and Junior under the Burgess name.

Bag packing will take place at a weekend and venue to be confirmed. The annual street collection will be held Friday 29th May and Sat 30th May 2009. It is hoped to have a church gate collection in the next month and a sponsored walk later in the year.

Membership will remain at 2008 rates - €30 single and €50 family. This is to be paid to the treasurer.

An U14 blitz will be held this Saturday in Kilcolman between Burgess, St Vincent's Dublin and Douglas Co Cork. All U14 girls are asked to be at the pitch at 11.30. We would appreciate if parents could bring food to feed the travelling officials and players. Thank you in advance.

# Senior coach sought

The fall-out from Tony Delaney's decision not to take up the position of Tipperary senior camogie coach, sees, according to county secretary Liza Carroll 'a few people in the frame' with permission sought from the adjourned Convention last week to pursue this issue further, writes Gerry Slevin.

The secretary said that delegates were, no doubt, aware having heard or seen newspaper references that Tony Delaney, who had been appointed at the Convention in December, was not now taking up the position.

"He has been drafted elsewhere and we'd like to wish Tony the very best of luck and I hope he does well with Coolderry (senior hurlers) this year," the secretary said.

That left them as things stood, she went on, without a senior coach for 2009. There were a few people in the frame and she was asking that Convention would grant permission for these people



Former Tipperary senior camogie coach Tony Delaney

to be contacted and interviewed within the next ten days or so and return to the Board with its findings.

This was accepted without comment from the floor.

The selection committees for all other grades have now been finalised as follows: Intermediate - Eoin Brislane, Toomevara with John O'Donnell, Newport, Gerry Cahill, Knockavilla, Carmel O'Brien, Borrisoleigh.

Under 18: Donal Kelly Toomevara with Gerard Murphy Moneygall, P.J. O'Rourke, St Cronan's, Ann Fogarty, Thurles.

Under 16: Noelle Kennedy Toomevara with Nora Dwan, Toomevara, Rory Kennedy, Silvermines.

Under 14: Tim Maher Burgess with Kieran Slattery, Knockavilla and Liza Carroll. St Cronan's.

## Camogie Club notes

### TIPPERARY

The Adjourned Convention was held last week in Youngs bar, The Ragg. This meeting was to deal with some issues left outstanding since the AGM. The Managers of all the County teams were in attendance to give details of their selectors for the coming year.

Unfortunately for Tipperary Camogie, it was announced at the meeting that Tony Delaney, who had got the nomination for Senior Manager, was unable to take up the position due to personal reasons and it was with regret that he had to inform the Chairman of this decision. This is obviously not the best position to be in for the County Board, but the Officers told the meeting that they were confident that a manager will be announced in the next few weeks and full activity can resume on the field.

Meanwhile, all the other selectors were announced and ratified at the meeting and are as follows:

Intermediate Manager: Eoin Brislane (Silvermines); Selectors: Gerry Cahill (Knockavilla), Carmel Harkin (Borrisoleigh), John O'Donnell (Newport).

U18 Manager: Donal Kelly, (Toomevara) Selectors: PJ O'Rourke (St. Cronan's), Ann Fogarty (Thurles), Ger Murphy (Moneygall)

U16 Manager: Noelle Kennedy (Toomevara), Selectors: Rory Kennedy (Silvermines), Nora Dwan (Toomevara)

U14 Manager: Tim Maher (Burgess) Selectors: Kieran Slattery (Knockavilla), Liza Carroll (St. Cronan's)

All Managers, Selectors and panels were wished well for 2009 by Chairman Mickey Browne and the full support of the Board would be available to all concerned.

Not to let the dust settle, the Intermediate management team had all their work done during the Christmas making contact with clubs inviting players to attend the trials for the Intermediate panel. Last Saturday in Dr. Morris Park the first trials took place in atrocious weather conditions. Despite the arctic weather, over 30 girls turned up to the trials. Chairman Mickey Browne spoke to the assembled players and praised their determination and commitment to the selectors. Speaking after the session, manager Eoin Brislane was delighted with the turn out, especially when conditions were so bad. He and his fellow selectors had nothing but the height of praise for all who attended and it is all systems go in terms of preparation as they get ready for their first league game in early March.

Croke Park has announced the date for the first ever National club forum. This event will take place on Saturday March 7th. This forum will offer all clubs involved in Camogie an opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns on how best to advance Camogie. There will be a number of guest speakers also on the day. It is very important that as many clubs would attend this event and the County Board would urge as many Tipperary Clubs would sign up. To find out more and register please check the national Camogie web site; [www.camogie.ie](http://www.camogie.ie) or email [info@camogie.ie](mailto:info@camogie.ie).

Another interesting item on the National Camogie website is the announcement of the Garda vetting process. Full details are available on the website, but clubs should note that it is the duty of each club to appoint a child officer. This is in line with "children first", the national guideline for the protection of children. The County Board also have a duty to appoint a County children officer, who will liaise with all club officers.

A final reminder to all clubs to please submit all contact details of officers. The County Camogie contact booklet will be going to print at the end of the month, so if you want to be included it is each clubs responsibility to ensure the PRO has all the relevant information. Deadline is January Friday 30th.

### TOOMEVARA

**Poker Classic:** Our annual poker classic will take place on Friday 23rd Jan at 9pm in Youngs Latteragh. Tickets are €25 from any committee member and may also be bought on the night. Prize Money €1000 Pro Rata.

**Munster Schools Final:** Due to the inclement weather conditions on Saturday last the Munster Final featuring St Joesphs, Borrisoleigh and St. Flannan's Ennis was abandoned at half time. We wish the team all the best of luck in the re-fixture.



### Camogie Convention

## Camogie Chairman's plea for end to bullying

By Gerry Slevin

An impassioned plea by Camogie Board chairman Mickey Browne for "whoever is doing the bullying or is being bullied, (to) please, for God's sake get it out of the way" was made at last Tuesday night's adjourned Convention.

At the Convention proper in December the then treasurer Rose Mannion informed delegates of telephone calls she had received threatening her, should she seek to retain her position on the Board. She referred to the bullying and intimidation she had to endure as being too much to take and so she withdrew her name for re-election to the office.

Prior to the commencement of last week's agenda a delegate read out a prepared statement in which he said he wanted to refer to rumours circulated regarding his alleged involvement in the bullying and intimidation of Rose Mannion. He said he totally rejected this allegation

and that he found it very hurtful that his name had been connected with this issue. He was prepared to go to any lengths to clear his good name. He said he wanted the matter looked into and his good name cleared.

The chairman said unfortunately the headlines that appeared on one local newspaper following Convention were not good for camogie.

"If there is anybody out there who is being bullied the only way of sorting it out is to make a report to the County Secretary or myself. The rumours going around the county at present are not good for camogie," he said, adding that he was taking that delegate's statement at face value.

The chairman said there were two officers from Munster Council present at the meeting and if delegates preferred, they could go to them so that this matter could get sorted once and for all.

"I have no doubt the Nenagh Guardian didn't report as it did in order to

damage camogie. The relationship between Gerry Slevin, the Nenagh Guardian and camogie over the years has been excellent. So, whoever is doing the bullying or is being bullied, please, for God's sake, get it out of the way," he concluded.

Earlier the chairman had referred to media reports following the December Convention and since in which it was stated that Munster Council or Croke Park should be invited in to look into the affairs of the Tipperary County Board. He said he had tried, as had other officers to find out what the problem was but no one seemed to be getting anywhere. Therefore, he was asking any delegates who might have any input to make for the betterment of Tipperary camogie to do so to the Munster Council officials (Eamonn Browne and Marion Graham) after the meeting. They were present at the meeting, he added, solely in a watching brief capacity.



County Camogie Chairman Mickey Browne

## Clubs' motions reduced to recommendation status

By Gerry Slevin

A large number of motions submitted by eleven clubs could not be entertained at last week's adjourned Camogie Convention because the chairman Mickey Browne ruled that in the absence of the appropriate bye laws being quoted, they would have no authority. Therefore, with the agreement of the proposing clubs the motions were reduced to the status of recommendations.

The chairman said he could see much sense in many of the motions but in the absence of relevant bye laws being quoted his hands were tied in the matter and the best he could do was to suggest that they be accepted as recommendations only.

The only motion in which the relevant bye law was quoted came from St Cronan's (Roscrea) and it sought - successfully - that Bye Law 60 on transfers be changed to, from March 1st to February 1st to facilitate grading.

When a delegate maintained that clubs didn't know what the bye laws were, Board secretary Liza Carroll said that when she was elected to that position in 2007

copies of the bye laws were sent out to all club secretaries.

One of the motions submitted, from Kilruane sought the introduction of a senior B competition for all clubs that failed to make it to the county semi finals and this competition to include intermediate teams. Holycross had a somewhat similar motion but intermediate clubs were not listed in their wording. Siobhan Ryan, Holycross felt that in this competition teams that had conceded walkovers in the championship should not be allowed entry.

The secretary said this was something that seemed to come up every year and it had been tried before. In fact there was a trophy there for a B competition and the staging of such a competition had been discussed at the November meeting.

Another Kilruane motion called for the Referees Committee to be disbanded and when asked why, Joe Cahill said this committee met once in 2007 and didn't meet at all last year. "What's the point in having such a committee if the members don't meet?" he asked.

The chairman said that this seemed to be sufficient grounds for disbanding the

committee, although there was a bye law there stating such a committee should be in existence. He warned delegates that there would be problems getting referees to act.

Toomevara sought that the executive committee comprise the Board officers and five delegates to be elected at the adjourned Convention for this year only and at Convention proper in future. Also that clubs be allowed no more than one member on the executive committee. The chairman said the executive at it stood comprised only the chairman, vice chairman and secretary and that to him was ridiculous. He failed to see how an executive committee could be in being without the treasurer being a member and he would like to see a proper executive constituted. At the same time, no bye law was quoted and, with Toomevara's permission, all that could be done in the circumstances was, again, to accept it as a recommendation.

Suzanne Kelly, Toomevara said that was acceptable. She said that submitting the motion came about following a Board meeting during the year when discussion on the



Suzanne Kelly of Toomevara

venue for Congress (in Tipperary next March) took up almost two hours of debate to reach a decision. This was something that could have been decided by an executive committee, its finding brought back to the Board for ratification. She

said there were several other matters too that an executive could meet on and discuss without taking up the time of Board meetings.



Under-14C Camogie  
Emma Coughlan  
(Ballybrown)



Under-16B Camogie  
Louise Curtin  
(Ballybrown)



Under-16A Camogie  
Claire Casey  
(Na Piarsaigh)



Under-14B Camogie  
Abbie McNamara  
(Patrickswell)



Under-14A Camogie  
Kate Carmody  
(Crecora)



Under-12B Camogie  
Caoimhe Gleeson  
(Crecora)



Under-12C Camogie  
Jessie O'Curry  
(Patrickswell)



Under-12 Camogie  
Jane Wilson  
(Na Piarsaigh)



# Lynch epitomises Clare's rock solid defence

Eoin Brennan

AFTER the heartbreak of the last minute All-Ireland Junior final defeat to Derry in 2007, it took a major strength of character for Clare to bounce back last year but the rewards for years of hard work were finally reaped in 2008. An unbeaten season that included a National League Division 2 title and the coveted New Ireland trophy followed, with goalkeeper Denise Lynch a key factor in that success. Part of a stubborn defensive unit that conceded only

an average of 0-10 per game in the Junior championship, the Kilmaley player only shipped three goals in those six games and considering that in three of those victories, the Banner only clinched defeat by a goal or less, that security from their last line was crucial to their unprecedented year.

Particularly in both deciders, Lynch's experience came to the fore, with her double save from Offaly substitute Janette Feighery in the All-Ireland junior final a highlight.

However, it was not only at county

level that Lynch shone this year. As full-back for her club Kilmaley, she anchored the defence and also contributed at the other end with long range frees.

Again, her rock solid displays inspired her side to a historic year, winning the club's first ever county senior championship title before completing the clean domestic sweep with a league crown. Kilmaley also dominated at provincial level, adding a Munster junior title to their haul before going on to contest the All-Ireland Junior club decider against

The Harps of Laois, who just proved too strong on the day.

Add in Lynch's personal accomplishment of a third successive Clare Puc Fada title while also coming second in Munster and it has been an thoroughly eventful yet extremely beneficial year for the Kilmaley player.

Well worthy of personal acknowledgement with the Camogie Player of the Year award.

Right: Denise Lynch during in action for Clare. Yvonne Vaughan



## CAMOGIE >> Munster Junior A Schools Final

# Caimin's come agonisingly close to victory

St Marys Charleville 2-2  
St Caimin's 0-7  
@ LIT grounds, Limerick

ST CAIMIN'S brave bid for a three-in-a-row of Munster schools' titles came to a heartbreaking end on Saturday as a goal deep into injury time saw them lose by the bare minimum. It was a agonisingly cruel blow for the Shannon school who had led throughout up to that point and in fact, held the Cork side to only six attempts at the posts over the hour, only to see a controversial injury time goal scupper their title hopes.

The umpire appeared to suggest a square ball but referee Eamon Browne ignored any claims and gave the goal, much to the dismay of the Caimins' following.

Atrocious weather conditions throughout the weekend caused a decimation of all sporting fixtures but this decider went ahead regardless as the LIT pitch was in good condition. And it didn't seem to hamper St Caimin's either who stormed into a 0-4 to 0-1 half-time lead, even though they did miss scoring opportunities with the breeze seemingly changing direction mid-way through

the half. While the backs and midfield were firmly on top, it was an overall gritty team performance that battled the conditions and they maintained that impressive form into the second period. Leading by two points heading into injury time, with Chloe Morey the chief scorer with four frees, it appeared as if another Munster title was heading for Shannon. It didn't work out that way though as Charleville hit late, giving St Caimin's no time to hit back.

Still, with nine or ten players under-age for next year, St Caimin's will be confident of bouncing straight

back but that is of little consolation to the players at the moment who left everything on the field but received no luck in return.

**St Caimin's:** Sinead Hyland (Somilebridge), Emily Downes (Wolfe Tones), Máire McGrath (Na Pársaigh), Trish Fawcett (Somilebridge), Ciara Whelan (Somilebridge) (Capt.), Leanne Boyle (Wolfe Tones), Laura McMahon (Newmarket-on-Fergus), Chloe Morey (Somilebridge), Zelika Brown (Newmarket-on-Fergus), Rachel O'Halloran (Somilebridge), Mairead Hyland (Somilebridge), Caroline Feehily (Newmarket-on-Fergus), Joanne Hartigan (Newmarket-on-Fergus), Sinead Tuohy (Somilebridge), Ali Quinlan (Somilebridge)

**Referee:** Eamon Browne (Tipperary)

Meanwhile the Munster Junior B Camogie final between St Flannan's and Borrisoleigh in Templederry, Co. Tipperary was called off at half-time by referee Willie Barrett as the incessant rain and driving wind made it near impossible to play camogie. At the time, St Flannan's were leading by 1-0 to 0-0. The rematch is scheduled for Clare this weekend but will depend on weather conditions and the availability of a field.

## SCHOOLS SPORTS HAZELWOOD COLLEGE

# Four finals in ten days for Hazelwood



The Hazelwood College Junior Camogie side which faces Laurel Hill in the county final this Saturday. Back row: Niamh Cagney, Gemma Barrett, Katie Dillane, Breda Larkin, Aldeen O'Flynn, Caroline Watson, Grainne Sheehy, Clara Fitzgibbon, Loretta Hanley, Sarah Moloney, Aisling O'Brien, Sarah O'Sullivan, Niamh O'Brien & Orla Cunningham. Front row: Katie O'Leary, Norma Kiely, Kallie Hodgson, Joanne Murray, Máire Flanagan, Amy Ryan, Katie Coughlan, Kara Clifford, Katie O'Sullivan, Deirdre Cunningham, Helen Bradley & Emer Cunningham.

Jerome O'Connell

THE parish of Dromcollogher is certainly enjoying sporting success aplenty at present.

Ensuring that all the limelight is not on the local footballers are the students of Hazelwood College.

Four teams from the west Limerick secondary school will contest finals in the coming week.

Leading the way are the girls of the under-19 basketball team.

Next Tuesday, they will travel to the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght for the All-Ireland Schools Cup final against Laois' Clonsilla Vocational School.

Earlier this month, Hazelwood qualified for the under-19 'C'

national final when 42-26 winners over Presentation Tereure. Emma Purcell finished with a personal tally of 10 points and was voted MVP.

Basketball squad: Emma Purcell, Niamh Greaney, Jennifer Roche, Suzanne Sheehy, Miriam Noonan, Maria Korpesiova, Máire Flanagan, Celia Cremin, Clara Meaney, Vickie Harnett, Aoife Leahy.

Another girls team chasing honours are the junior camogie side.

This Saturday, they face Laurel Hill in the Munster final Coached by Michelle Herbert, Hazelwood defeated Roscrea, Mercy from Waterford and St Angelas of Cork to reach the provincial final.

Camogie squad: Niamh Cagney

Loretta Hanley (both Ballyagran), Gemma Barrett, Breda Larkin, Emer Cunningham, Joanne Murray, Deirdre Cunningham, Orla Cunningham (all Killeedy), Katie Dillane, Aldeen O'Flynn, Caroline Watson, Grainne Sheehy, Niamh O'Brien, Katie O'Leary, Máire Flanagan, Helen Bradley, Norma Kiely, Kallie Hodgson, Clara Fitzgibbon (all Milford), Sarah Moloney, Amy Ryan, Katie Coughlan, Becky Ryan, Kara Clifford (Newtownshandrum), Aisling O'Brien (Knockaderry), Sarah O'Sullivan, Katie O'Sullivan (both Feenagh).

Not to be out-done by the girls, the First Year Gaelic football team play Abbeyfeale in the county final this Thursday.

Then on Saturday, January 31 the under-18 hurlers play in the Munster Final.

Under-18 hurling squad: Paddy Sheehy, Seamus O'Connor, Henry O'Gorman, Ian Carroll, Tadhg O'Flynn, Conor O'Brien (all Milford), Ciaran Morrissey, Jamie Coughlan, Laurence Clarson, Jerry Lane (all Newtownshandrum), Mickey Brosnan, Seamus Sheehan (all Liscarroll), Timmy Carroll, Jimmy Kiely, Michael Brosnan, Keith Lacey (all Dromcollogher), Padraig Nolan, Patrick O'Regan, Peter Irwin, John Nix, Bryan Hannigan (all Feenagh), Barry Lynch (Castlemahon), Padraig Cunningham, Christopher Moxey (both Killeedy).

**Camogie**  
Gaelic Gear Munster Senior A Colleges:  
Final: St Mary's Charleville 1-7 Christ the King, Cork 1-7; Senior B final: BCS Lismore 1-6 Carrigrohane 0-4; Senior C final: Mercy Waterford 3-5 Carrigrohane 0-1; Hayes Cup final: Ard Scoil Bruff 3-3 Col an Phársaigh, Cork 1-2; Junior B final: St Joseph's Borrisoleigh 4-7 St Flannan's Ennis 0-3; Junior C final: Hazelwood College Dromcollogher 3-6 Laurel Hill, Limerick 0-2; Intermediate C final: Col Dalsheid Cork 1-3 St Patrick's Cork 1-1

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# Mackey's late point earns Cork city girls a replay

Christ The King, Cork  
St Mary's, Charleville

1-8  
1-8

by Brendan Larkin

KATRINA MACKEY'S injury-time point earned Christ The King a deserved draw in a thrilling Munster Schools Senior A camogie championship final in Mahon on Saturday.

Charleville looked set to land a ninth title in a row when they turned over at half time with a four-point lead after playing into a strong wind.

However the Cork city girls turned in a magnificent second half and went ahead 12 minutes from time with an

Aine O'Donovan goal. But in a thrilling finish, St Mary's pulled ahead before Mackey's late intervention.

Christ The King, in their first A decider, and backed by 12 players from Douglas who had enjoyed phenomenal success at club level in 2008, were expected to trouble the champions.

However apart from the opening 10 minutes during which the sides were level twice, Christ the King struggled to contain the lively Charleville forwards, superbly led by full-forward Kerrie Brosnan.

Kerrie's surging runs caused panic and she finished with 1-3 of her side's first-half tally of 1-5.

Defensively, Charleville were rock-solid with Klara Curtin unbeatable at corner-back, and the game looked beyond the city girls as they turned to play into the wind trailing 1-5 to 0-4.

Positional switches by Christ the King, the most significant of which was the placing of full-back Ciana O'Driscoll at centre-back, worked well, and with the Mackey sisters Pamela and Katrina impressing, the deficit was down to two points by the three-quarter stage.

It was all Christ the King at this stage as they pinned Charleville in their own half through the excellence of Moira O'Mahony at midfield. The pressure

finally told when O'Donovan's first time pull fell to the net to give her side a one-point lead.

Charleville were not ready to give up their title and as the tension mounted the brilliant Kerrie Brosnan tied the game for the third time before Annette McAuliffe looked to have given them their ninth title in a row with the lead point.

Christ The King came back strongly, but they could find no way through the Charleville defence until two minutes into injury time when O'Donovan was fouled 20 metres out and the impressive Mackey tied the game for the fourth and last time to earn her

side a deserved second bite of the cherry.

**Scorers for Christ The King:** K. Mackey 0-6 (0-5 frees); Aine O'Donovan 1-0; C. Murphy 0-2.

**Scorers for Charleville:** K. Brosnan 1-4; A. McAuliffe, E. Healy (frees) 0-2 each.

**CHRIST THE KING:** J. Kavanagh; M. O'Donovan; C. O'Driscoll; S. Duggan; E. Jordan; L. Browne; P. Mackey; M. O'Mahony; T. McCarthy; C. Lynch; C. Murphy; K. Mackey; Ailin O'Donovan; N. Leo; Aine O'Donovan.

**Subs:** M. Moynihan for Duggan (23); S. O'Gallagher for Leo (25).

**ST. MARY'S:** K. Keane; K. Curtin; C. Galvin; S. O'Flynn; E. Reidy; L. Potter; O. Mahony; M. Walsh; D. O'Callaghan; M. Reidy; R. Rea; E. Healy; A. McAuliffe; K. Brosnan; L. O'Flynn.

**Subs:** F. Moloney for R. Rea; R. Rea for O'Callaghan.

**Referee:** O. Webb (Tracton)

## Mackey earns her side a draw

By JOE KENNEFICK

Schools camogie

Christ King, Cork

1-8

St Mary's, Charleville

1-8

A POINTED free in the third minute of injury time by Katrina Mackey earned Christ King a well deserved draw with St Mary's in this exciting Munster Colleges camogie final.

Played at Cork Camogie Grounds in Mahon on Saturday, St Mary's had the upper hand for long periods, before a determined fight back from the Cork City school sent this final to a replay next Saturday.

St Mary's, who have been All-Ireland champions for six of the last eight years, were solid all through.

For Christ King, this is new territory, but having won the All-Ireland B Grade last year, and with their side backboned with players from the successful Douglas, and Ballygarvan clubs, they will have gained valuable experience from this.

On a cold day, the sides were level twice in the opening 10 minutes.

However, St Mary's, who have been down this road so often before, were much quicker to the pace of the game and could have had two early goals as the Christ King back-line started hesitantly.

With their backs and midfield on top, St Mary's gained control of the game and with a plentiful supply of ball, full-forward Kerrie Brosnan went on a scoring rampage, scoring 1-3 without reply between the 15th and 21st minute.

Playing with a slight breeze, Christ King were struggling to stay in touch. Two points each from Christina Murphy and Mackey



The Sacred Heart team (top) who drew with St Mary's, above.

were all they had to show and they were glad to be only four points behind at the interval, St Mary's leading 1-5 to 0-4.

The second half saw Mackey and Emer Healy swap points.

Mackey pointed two frees to leave two points between the teams after 45 minutes, before Aine O'Donovan goal in the 47th minute to leave Christ King one point ahead 1-7 to 1-6.

However, champions die hard, and the excellent Brosnan and An-

nette McAuliffe both had points in the 48th and 49th minute to push St Mary's back in front again.

In a hectic last 10 minutes, Christ King kept the pressure on St Mary's and won a couple of frees. However Katrina Mackey's first effort just tailed wide, and her second from a difficult angle landed in the square but was cleared by a resolute St Mary's defence. However with one last push, Christ King earned a free and Mackey converted to leave this excellent game level at 1-8 each.

**Scorers for Christ King:** K. Mackey 0-6 (0-4), A. O'Donovan 1-0, C. Murphy 0-2.

**St Mary's:** K. Brosnan 1-5, E. Healy 0-2 (0-2), A. McAuliffe 0-1.

**CHRIST KING:** J. Kavanagh; M. O'Donovan; C. O'Driscoll; A. O'Donovan; A. O'Donovan; L. Browne; P. Mackey; M. O'Mahony; T. McCarthy; C. Lynch; C. Murphy; K. Mackey; S. Duggan; N. Leo; E. Jordan. Subs: M. Moynihan for S. Duggan (23); S. O'Gallagher for N. Leo (26).

**ST. MARY'S:** K. Keane; C. Galvin; K. Curtin; L. O'Flynn; E. Reidy; L. Potter; O. Mahony; M. Walsh; D. O'Callaghan; M. Reidy; R. Rea; E. Healy; A. McAuliffe; K. Brosnan; S. O'Flynn. Subs: F. Moloney for R. Rea (45); R. Rea for O'Callaghan (54).

**Referee:** Oliver Webb (Carrigaline).

### WATERFORD COUNTY CAMOGIE NOTES

After the winter break from the camogie scene, Waterford camogie will kick off their year for 2009 on March 8th when Waterford's Adult camogie team begin their National League campaign at home against Galway. This year they are in group two of the National Division 2 League with opponents Galway, Wexford and Cork. Then on March 15th they will play away to Wexford in the sec-

ond round of the competition, and 22nd of March the girls will play away to Cork. Hopefully they will reach the League final which will be played on April 25th. This team will get a break from camogie until after the exams when the Gala New Ireland Cup - Junior Championship will commence on June 20th.

Waterford's under 16 team will begin their championship campaign on March 14th when they will be playing away to opponents

Laois, on March 21st the girls will be playing at home to Carlow in the second round, and on March 28th they will be playing in the third round at home to Kildare. If there will be a play off in this championship the date set for this will be April 18th with the semi-final being set for April 25th and hopefully our girls will qualify for the final which is set for May 9th.

Waterford's Minor team which reached the All Ireland final last year won't

begin their championship until June 28th in which they will meet opponents Offaly, a game which will be once again played away. In the mean time we are awaiting on the Munster fixtures in which our adult team and minors will be taking part in over the coming weeks, watch this space for details of same.

Waterford County Camogie Board would like to Congratulate BCS Lismore as their senior camogie team won the Munster B Colleges

final on Saturday last against favourites Scoil Mhuire Carraig an Suir and also congratulations to The Mercy Secondary School Waterford as they won their Munster final in the senior C competition against Scoil and Craoi Carraig Na Bhí-hear (Cork). Both teams now go on to contest the All Ireland championship in their grades, this is great news for Waterford camogie as its a sign of how strong camogie has got in Waterford.



# Munster camogie title for Mercy girls

## MUNSTER COLLEGES SENIOR CAMOGIE FINAL

MERCY CONVENT WATERFORD.....3-3  
SACRED HEART COLLEGE CARRAIGNAVAR.....0-1

BY PHIL FANNING

THE MERCY CONVENT (Waterford) captured the school's second Munster title with this decisive eleven point win over a fancied Sacred Heart side at Ballygunner on Saturday afternoon last. Though the winning margin might indicate otherwise, this was, in fact, a very competitive tie with the Cork side paying the price for wasting a number of very easy point taking opportunities from frees.

Mercy never had any such problems with the outstanding Trish Jackman accounting for 2-2 of their total but the winners also owed much to an outstanding defence that gave nothing away despite being put under the severest pressure at different points in the game.

Playing into the breeze in the first half Mercy applied the early pressure with Trish Jackman showing the way in mid-field and, after missing an early chance, the Gaultier youngster sent a fifty metre free all the way to the net to open the scoring in the 4th minute. It was the ideal start for the Waterford side and they kept the pressure on the Sacred Heart defence for most of the first quarter before Jackman had her second point in the 15th minute.

In the second quarter Sacred Heart pressed forward in search of a score but found the Mercy defence tight and unyielding while at the same time their failure to register a score from four frees in scoring positions between the 15th and 20th minutes was to prove very costly. The game itself was becoming a very stop/start affair thanks to some very petty refereeing decisions that left players and supporters on both sides baffled. Defences remained on top up to the second minute of added time when Laura Wall sent over a fine point to give the Waterford side a 1-2 to 0-0 half time lead.

With Sacred Heart needing a score to give them confidence they pressed forward at the start of the second half but they lacked the class and leadership to break down a tenacious Mercy defence. On the other hand Mercy had that class and leadership in the person of Trish Jackman and that was demonstrated in the 35th

minute when the Gaultier star gathered a ball on the 20 metre line and showed all of her skill in evading a series of tackles before racing in to lash the ball to the net from the edge of the square.

It was a score worthy of winning any game and when the same player added a point from a free in the 40th minute Sacred Heart appeared to have a mountain to climb. To their credit the Cork girls threw everything forward seeking to get a score on the board with their outstanding captain Edel Murphy moving to centre forward. Once again the Mercy defence was tested and found equal to the task while the Cork side continued to waste scoring chances from a succession of frees. With time running out Edel Murphy finally found the range in the 57th minute with a point from a free but it was too little too late and with the game in added time Mercy struck the final blow when Niamh Ryan raced in along the end line to smash the ball to the Cork side's net and so set the seal on a great victory.

Mercy now go on to face the Leinster champions in the All Ireland semi final and on this form they must have a real chance of advancing to the All Ireland decider. In Patricia Jackman they have a player of great skill and commitment but this team is by no means dependant on one player and others to stand out were goalkeeper Michelle Stone, defenders Caoimhe Fitzgerald, Clara Hogan and Sarah Crowley. Sarah Grennan proved an able captain and partner for Jackman in midfield while in



Mercy's Kim Kelly tries to get away from the challenge from Coláiste An Chroí Naofa's Colleen Foley. Photo: Sean Byrne.



Terry O'Brien PRO Munster Colleges presents the cup to the Mercy's Captain Sarah Grennan. Photo: Sean Byrne.

## MATCH FACTS

Scorers: - Mercy Convent - P. Jackman 2-2 (1-2Fs), N. Ryan 1-0, L. Wall 0-1.

Sacred Heart - E. Murphy 0-1 (F).

MERCY CONVENT - M. Stone (Gaultier), M. Tahney (Butlerstown), C. Hogan (Gaultier), C. Fitzgerald (Butlerstown), U. Jackman (Gaultier), S. Crowley (Mooncoin), E. Fitzpatrick (Mullinavat), S. Grennan (Mullinavat) (Captain), P. Jackman (Gaultier), E. Rowe (Mooncoin), L. Wall (Mooncoin), M. Grace (Mooncoin), K. Kelly (Mooncoin), N. Ryan (St. Annes), R. Tahney (Butlerstown). Subs - Z. Delahunty (Ardkeen) for Wall, B. Reidy (Gaultier) for Grace.

SACRED HEART - D. Kelleher (Waterglasshill), M. Maguire (Blarney), K. M. O'Sullivan (Waterglasshill), A. O'Sullivan (Rockbawn), L. Ryan (Rockbawn), E. Murphy (Waterglasshill), C. Coleman (Rockbawn), C. Foley (Rockbawn), M. Forde (Waterglasshill), R. Crowley (Sarsfields), C. Walsh (Glen Rovers), M. Healy (Rockbawn), A. Connolly (Rockbawn), M. Dunciffe (Sarsfields), K. Donovan (Grenagh).

Referee - P. Downey



Mercy's Laura Wall get in her stroke ahead of Coláiste An Chroí Naofa's Colleen Foley during the Munster Colleges Senior Camogie final in Ballygunner. Photo: Sean Byrne.



The Mercy, Munster Senior C Camogie Champions. Photo: Sean Byrne.



# St Marys stand up to rout champions

WITH Thomond Park in the background, the Munster rugby saying of "Stand up and fight" was never more apt than last Saturday in LIT when St Mary's Charleville Junior Camogie team defeated reigning champions St Caimins of Shannon in a terrific encounter. There is tremendous credit due to both teams for the final was played in terrible conditions for camogie with the gale force wind and driving rain a major deterrent to quality play.

St Marys Charleville had two terrific championship victories over Bandon and Coachford in the lead up to the final while St Caimins were equally impressive in disposing of Nenagh in their semi final. Luckily for both teams the LIT pitch was in perfect condition and the scene was set with the courageous supporters from both schools braving the elements.

St Caimins were first to open their account and got two quick points both from frees from the impressive

Chloe Morey. One of Charleville's best players Louise O Flynn replied with a great individual point from play to close the gap. It was very noticeable that St Caimins were well on top in the possession stakes but the Charleville backline were standing up and fighting for every single ball.

The full-back line of Fiona Twomey, Nicola Browne and Aine Noonan were simply outstanding and even though Caimins were on top they couldn't pass this line. Chloe Morey scored another point from a 45 and the dangerous Sinead Tuohy got one from play to leave the half time score 4 points to 1 in Shannon's favour. Credit must also be given to Sinead Mulcahy, Aoife Twohill, Louise O Flynn and Clare Griffin who were up and down the pitch acting as defenders and attackers as Charleville battled against the strong weather conditions.

In the second half it was Charleville's turn to play with the

wind. Caimins started in whirlwind fashion and constantly attacked the Charleville goal. Charleville centre-back Rebecca Sheehy proved to be an immovable force and stopped many of the attacks and also delivered some fine clearances while Karen Biggane was also very reliable in goal. Captain for Charleville Sharon Curtin tore into the game at midfield and Megan McCarthy and Aoife Twohill after switching places both had great second halves. The Milford dynamic duo Nicole O'Connor and Katie Galvin switched positions and immediately it paid dividends as Nicole, still only a first year, lobbed the ball into the goalmouth and it took a wicked deflection and deceived the Caimins keeper and hit the back of the net. Caimins hit back with a Sinead Tuohy point from play to leave the Shannon school two points in the clear with 15 minutes left. It was very tight for the remainder of the game with every ball being contest-

ed by two hungry sides. Katie Galvin started to win every puckout and together with the hardworking Catriona O'Keeffe and the very impressive Sinead Mulcahy Charleville began to win a lot more ball around midfield and the half-forward line. Louise O'Flynn received a pass from Sharon Curtin and went on a 40-yard solo run through the heart of the Caimins defence and shot for a point.

However, the slotar was dropping short and the Caimins keeper batted it out to the rushing Sinead Dennehy who opportunistically whipped it to the back of the net. Charleville were in the lead for the first time by a point. Sinead proved to be a heroine for St Marys.

But two more minutes of normal time and four minutes of excruciating injury time were played. The Charleville backline was not going to be breached. First year Katherine White played an important role sweeping behind the half backline

and the only time Caimins threatened the heroic Nicola Browne rose majestically to catch the slotar, broken finger and all, and clear the ball. The final whistle blew and it was game over and the score finished 2-2 to 0-7 in St Marys' favour.

**St Marys Charleville:** Karen Biggane (Ballyagran), Aine Noonan (Charleville), Nicola Browne (Milford), Fiona Twomey (Newtownshandrum), Megan McCarthy (Ballyheal), Rebecca Sheehy (Milford), Catriona O'Keeffe (Charleville), Sharon Curtin (Captain) (Newtownshandrum), Aoife Twohill (Newtownshandrum), Sinead Mulcahy (Newcastlewest), Louise O'Flynn (0-2) (Milford), Nicola O'Connor (1-0) (Milford), Sinead Dennehy (1-0) (Charleville), Claire Griffin (Newtownshandrum), Katie Galvin (Milford). **Subs:** Katherine White (Ballyagran), Clodagh Herlihy (Newtownshandrum), Elaine Crowley (Ballyheal), Grainne Hanley (Ballyheal), Tessa Cagney (Charleville), Jane O'Flynn (Charleville), Maeve Doyle (Newtownshandrum), Laura O'Kelly (Ballyheal), Aoife O'Donnell (Kilmallock), Fay Barrett (Charleville), Christine Watson (Newtownshandrum), Geraldine O'Connor (Milford), Jacinta Reidy (Ballyagran), Siobhan Slattery (Newtownshandrum), Niamh Brady (Ballyagran), Helen Dore (Ballyagran), Denise Cagney (Newtownshandrum), Anna Sheehan (Ballyagran), Denise Daly (Ballyagran).

Ref: E Browne (Tipperary)

**CAMOGIE RESULTS:** Gaelic Gear Munster senior A colleges camogie final, St Mary's, Charleville 1.07, Christ the King, Cork 1.07; Gaelic Gear Munster senior B colleges camogie final, BCS Lismore 1.06, Carrig on Suir 0.04; Gaelic Gear Munster senior C colleges camogie final, Mercy Waterford 3.05, Carrignavar 0.01; Hayes Cup final, Ard Scoil, Bruff 3.03, Col an Phiarsaigh, Cork 1.02; Gaelic Gear Munster junior B colleges camogie final, St Joseph's, Borrisoleigh 4.07, St Flannan's Ennis 0.03; Gaelic Gear Munster junior C colleges camogie final, Hazelwood College, Dromcollogher 3.06 Laurel Hill, Limerick 0.02; Munster Colleges intermediate C final, Col Daibheid Cork 1.03, St Patrick's Cork 1.01.



Corkconians Brieghe Corkery, camogie star (left) and Angela Walsh, football captain, with their awards which they received at the Irish Times/Irish Sports Council Sports Woman of the Year Awards held in Dublin. Photo by Robbie Reynolds

## Cork stars shine at sports awards

CORK'S Angela Walsh, Brieghe Corkery and Olive Loughnane were finalists at *The Irish Times/Irish Sports Council Sports Woman of the Year Awards* in the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin on Friday last.

Brieghe and Angela were nominated for their, once again, superb performances in this year's all-Ireland football and camogie finals. They were among 13 sports stars recognised for their outstanding achievements in 2008.

The overall award went to world boxing champion, Katie Taylor, for retaining her title at the Women's World Championships in China in November.

Angela won for leading the Cork team in the football all Ireland final where they beat Monaghan 4-13 to 0-11. Brieghe won for her exceptional performance in the camogie all-Ireland final which lead to a 2-10 to 1-08 victory for Cork against Wexford.

Commenting on her award, Brieghe, who received her third senior All Ireland medal in 2008 year, said: "It's a great honour and I am delighted to see this recognition in our sport. Our trainer, Jim McCarthy, had total faith in us and we wouldn't have won only for him."

"As a player and friend, I'm also delighted to see Angela recognised as she is a real role

model for anyone, an all-round outstanding player"

Speaking after receiving the award, Angela, who saw her Cork team win four years in a row this year, said: "It was hard work all year and we had a great team. I accept this award on behalf of all of the girls."

At the awards lunch, managing director of Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia and guest of honour Mary Davis, said: "Each of these women deserves our recognition for their willingness to battle against the odds."

Other high achievers commended at the awards included Olive Loughnane, the Ballincollig woman who

knocked 93 seconds off her personal best to finish seventh in the 20 kilometre walk at the Beijing Olympics.

Established in 2004, the aim of the Sports Woman of the Year awards is to recognise the abilities and achievements of women in Irish sports. The awards run over a 12-month period, with the judges selecting a winner each month for her ability to excel at sport. From the 12 monthly winners, the overall Sports Woman of the Year is selected and announced.

The winner is decided by a judging panel, which is represented by individuals from *The Irish Times*, RTÉ, and *The Evening Herald*.





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### 2008 EVENING ECHO SUPREME SPORTSTAR AWARD



Briega O'Sullivan, gives a rendition of 'De Banks' at yesterday's Evening Echo Ladies Sports Star of the Year award lunch in the Rochestown Park Hotel.

Picture: Richard Mills



# Ladies are



## Corkery lands Evening Echo ladies Sports star award

By DENIS HURLEY

Evening Echo Ladies Sports Star awards

**DUAL** All-Ireland superstar Briega Corkery was yesterday crowned the Evening Echo Ladies Sports Star of the Year 2008 at a glitzy ceremony in the Rochestown Park Hotel yesterday.

The Cork camogie and football ace was a deserving winner of the prestigious award after an amazing year in Rebel red.

Briega was just one of the top Cork sportswomen who gathered with their friends and family, some local dignitaries — and soccer legend Paul McGrath — to discover the identity of the Evening Echo Ladies Sports Supreme Star for 2008.

The other big winners were Olympian Olive Loughnane, who received a special achievement award and Mary O'Hea, a driving force in both the Bishopstown Camogie Club and Highfield RFC, who was inducted into the hall of fame.

Master of ceremonies, John McHale, sports editor of the Evening Echo, said that these awards showcased all that was good about sport in the county.

The event which is co-sponsored by Rochestown Park Hotel and Newbridge Silverware, Oliver Plunkett St was a highly enjoyable one.

After speeches from County Mayor Noel Harrington, Lord Mayor Brian Birmingham, Evening Echo editor Maurice Gubbins, Finbarr Cotter of Newbridge Silverware and Rochestown Park general manager Shay Livingstone, three-time Olympian Olive Loughnane was invited up to the stage for a question-and-answer session with Evening Echo columnist Lisa Fallon.

Olive Loughnane, who received a special achievement award at the Evening Echo Ladies Sports Star of the Year award lunch at the Rochestown Park Hotel.

Picture: Richard Mills

### MORE PICTURES FROM THE AWARDS LUNCHEON IN TOMORROW'S EVENING ECHO

**LEFT:** Finbarr Cotter, Newbridge Silverware Oliver Plunkett St, presents Briega Corkery with her trophy as the Supreme Sports Star of the year at the Evening Echo Ladies Sports Star of the Year award lunch in the Rochestown Park Hotel.

Picture: Richard Mills



The group of monthly award winners, including Supreme Sports Star of the Year winner Briega Corkery, with guests and sponsors at the Evening Echo Ladies Sports Star of the Year award lunch in the Rochestown Park Hotel.

Picture: Richard Mills



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# winners all round



Maurice Gubbins, editor Evening Echo and Cllr Noel Harrington, Mayor of County Cork present the Supreme Sports Star of the Year award lunch to Briège Corkery at the Evening Echo Ladies Sports Star of the Year award. Picture: Richard Mills

Olive spoke about the gruelling training required to be an athlete at the top level, and the satisfaction with breaking what had been the world record in the Olympics.

After Olive, it was the turn of soprano Cara O'Sullivan to take the stage, and though the multi-award-winning singer said that she wasn't the sporty kind, parallels could still be drawn between what she did and what the sportswomen did — that it is only through hard work that one gets to the very top and that they were prime examples of that.

John McHale then handed over presenting duties to Lisa Fallon and Mary White, and they read out citations introducing each monthly winner.

Up they all came, well almost all as January winner Marie Breen, was away travelling in Australia and was represented by her sister.

Ann Marie Healy and Rhona Lynch, two Eagle AC members who had excelled in athletics, Marion Andrews of

Togher AC who did likewise. There was swimmer Lorna Cummins, Silvia Phelan, a yachting world champion, and Amy Woulfe, who was part of a team that swam from Dover to Calais and then back again.

Geraldine Daly, the garda who was Munster roadbowling champion, and Deirdre Casey, part of the Cork Church of Ireland hockey team which won the Munster Senior Cup last year, were also present, and the line-up was completed by three ladies who had won All-Irelands with Cork in camogie and ladies football in 2008.

These were camogie captain Cathriona Foley, Briège Corkery and football sharpshooter Amy O'Shea.

However, before the announcement of the winner, there were two other awards to present. Olive Loughnane received her special achievement award and then Mary O'Hea, a stalwart with Bishopstown Camogie Club and Highfield RFC, was inducted into the hall of fame.

The person most surprised by this

was Mary herself, who had been taken to the awards after a white lie from her husband John.

With everything else out of the way, it was time for the announcement of the winner.

When 'Briège Corkery' eventually flashed on to the screen, the winner herself looked to be in shock, something she confirmed afterwards.

"Yeah!" she said. "It's easier to play a match than sit through that! I didn't expect to win at all, I thought there were girls there with better achievements."

Coming back and winning the camogie after the 2007 final defeat was a great feeling, she admitted, and now, after three months in Vancouver recharging the batteries, she is ready to go again for '09.

"We're back training soon, so I'm looking forward to the year ahead, I've had a few months off, so I'm going to try and knock off the winter coat now!"

After that, all that was left was for Cara to sing us out with 'De Banks.'



Finbarr Cotter, Newbridge Silverware, Oliver Plunkett St, presents Olive Loughnane, with her special achievement award at the Rochestown Park Hotel. Picture: Richard Mills



Shay Livingstone, general manager Rochestown Park Hotel, presenting the Hall of Fame award to Mary O'Hea at the Evening Echo Ladies Sports Star of the Year award. Picture: Richard Mills



Supreme Evening Echo Sports Star of the Year Briège Corkery, with Guest of Honour Paul McGrath and Shay Livingstone, General Manager Rochestown Park Hotel, at the Evening Echo Ladies Sports Star of the Year award in the Rochestown Park Hotel. Picture: Richard Mills



Supreme Evening Echo Sports Star of the Year Briège Corkery with family members, parents Kitty and Michael, Fr. Jackie, Katherine, Denis, Siobhain, Jim Twomey and Diarmuid Scannell at the Evening Echo Ladies Sports Star of the Year award. Picture: Richard Mills



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# Munster title success for St Joseph's College



St Joseph's College, Borrisoleigh – Munster Colleges Camogie Junior 'B' champions.

## Munster Colleges Camogie Junior 'B' Championship Final

**St. Joseph's College, Borrisoleigh 4-7**  
**St. Flannan's College, Ennis 0-3**

Photograph by Rose Mannion

They may have had to wait seven days but it was worth it for the girls of St. Joseph's College, Borrisoleigh who captured the Munster Junior 'B' Championship title in Ennis on Saturday.

This match had to be abandoned the week previous due to weather conditions. St. Joseph's travelled to Eire Og in Ennis and in near perfect conditions put on a superb display of hurling.

St. Flannan's opened the scoring with two points in the first ten minutes. The Borrisoleigh defense had their work cut out for them as they hassled and harried the Clare girls. Moira Ryan led her team by example clearing ball out to her midfield. The defense worked steadily to over power the Clare forwards with Geraldine Kelly was solid at full back, blocking down and clearing all efforts to get past her.

Sheila Ryan who dominated as centre-back cleared the ball to Nicole Walsh. Nicole passed the ball into Moira Ryan who made no hesitation and shot Borrisoleigh's first goal.

Nicole Walsh added a

point from a free shortly after as St. Joseph's gained the upper hand. Despite being surrounded by five Ennis defenders, Julie-Anne Bourke tapped over the bar for her first from play.

Claire Ryan in the half back line skillfully hooked and blocked her opponent making it impossible for the Clare team to progress. Just before the end of the first half, Julie-Anne Bourke picked up a long ball from Sheila Ryan to score her second point of the match to give St. Joseph's a four point half-time lead.

In the second half, St. Joseph's took control in the centre of the field with Maria Ryan was settling into her new position, snapping high ball over her opponents. Maria Ryan passed to Nicole Walsh who connected with Niamh O'Donoghue who scored an excellent point.

Nicole Walsh followed with a point of her own from the middle of the field. The midfield for St. Joseph's gave St. Flannan's girls little chance as they won the puck out. Niamh O'Donoghue picked up a clearance from Teresa

Ryan and with superb control Niamh sprinted up the field to score a fine goal.

The third followed soon after as Aoife passed to Julie-Anne Bourke who hit the back of the net. St. Joseph's were cruising and Niamh O'Donoghue extended the lead with an excellent point from a tight angle.

With ten minutes to go St. Flannan's were awarded a 21 yard free. The ball was struck and it was saved by Moira Ryan. The St. Joseph's defense remained watertight and the ever calm Edel Ryan controlled her goal line.

Aoife Ryan added a fourth goal soon after, despite being under pressure from the defense but keeping her wits about her she scored a goal. The St. Flannan's puck out was won by St. Joseph's and Sheila Ryan scored a fine point and the final score of the game.

The referee Willie Barrett presented the cup to the winning captain Moira Ryan. He commended both teams on the high level of sportsmanship exhibited in the match and gave a special word of thanks to the parents and supporters for the encouragement they gave the girls.

The St. Joseph's team wishes to thank most sincerely the parents and supporters who travelled on both days to support the team.

**St. Joseph's College, Borrisoleigh panel:** Edel Ryan; Katie O'Meara, Geraldine Kelly, Moira Ryan (Captain); Claire Ryan, Sheila Ryan, Louise McLoughlin; Teresa Ryan, Niamh O'Donoghue; Nicole Walsh, Michelle Ryan, Aoife Ryan; Moira Ryan, Maria Ryan, Julie-Anne Bourke, Elaine Murphy, Karen Kenny, Karen Purcell, Vivienne Glesson, Ceri Healy, Miriam Dunne, Regina Cleary.

## CIT face a tough opener

THE Ashbourne Cup competition swings into action tomorrow at 1pm with the first quarter-final down for decision as CIT hos Garda College in what will be a tough hour's camogie, writes **MARY NEWMAN**.

With UCC hosting this year's Ashbourne competition, near neighbours CIT will be determined to make it to the last four but they face a strong Garda College outfit that can boast inter-county players Michelle Casey from Limerick and Rosie Kenneally from Tipperary while Liz Power has lined out at inter-county level with the Cork junior side.

Both teams have had success in the last few years. CIT tasted success in the Ashbourne Shield in 2006 ironically defeating Garda College to take the spoils but Garda came good in 2007 winning the Ashbourne Shield for the first time.

Garda participated in the Purcell Cup last year for the first time and put up a good performance against WIT.

CIT, coached by Niall O'Mahony from the Newcestown club and Barry Day from Fr O'Neill's, have a strong line and are not lacking in experience with plenty of inter-players in their lineup.

Eimear O'Sullivan was one of the shining lights in Cork's senior All-Ireland victory in 2008 while Charlotte Kearney, Michelle Browne, Lucy Hawkes, Erin Corkery and Denise Luby have featured prominently on Cork teams. Also in the CIT line-out is Julie McGrath, who has lined out for Tipperary.

With two committed sides battling it out to reach the Ashbourne Cup semi-final, it promises to be a lively clash. CIT will be favourites to advance but Garda will no doubt have other ideas.

The game takes place at the CIT grounds at 1pm.

### Battle Royal to make it to Final Four

#### Battle Royal to make it to Final Four

UCC mightn't be the favourites in this season's Ashbourne Cup, but they desperately want to be in the decider. Nothing less than a quarter-final win will suffice according to joint manager Aoife Murray, as the Cork college prepares to host the finals weekend on February 21/22. An Ashbourne medal is a treasured possession, and when the last eight collide next week, no doubt about it, it will be a battle royal to make it to the final four.

"It is all about qualifying," commented Murray - the current county custodian, and brother of All Ireland hurling medallist Kevin. Aoife returned to work in her native city after a spell in Dublin where she was among the backroom team in UCD helping them complete back-to-back Ashbourne titles.

"I'm with UCC now," she warns. "I have my memories of UCD, but I will have to leave it at that. They are a fantastic bunch of girls in UCD, and have most of the team from last year, so they will be strong contenders." However, she hastens to stress her faith in the UCC squad, adding, they have a 'sprinkling of well-known talent.'

"Cork captain Cathriona Foley and Orla Cotter will be there, as will Tipperary's Jill Horan. We have a tough quarter-final against UUJ, which will be played at a neutral venue. They have home advantage but it will be played at a midway venue.

"What I most admire about our girls is their honesty of effort. UUJ are a forceful unit. They have Jane Adams and Fionnuala Carr (daughter of Ross). We all know how well Jane has played for Antrim and how she has led O'Donovan Rossa to All Ireland club honours. So, we will have to be at our best.

"Ashbourne is a special competition. Not alone for the competitiveness, but you could have club mates playing against each other, county players like wise.

"For now though, all that is on our mind, is qualifying for the semi-final. The Ashbourne Cup (3rd level camogie) quarter finals will be played on/before February 7th.

(First named teams at home).

NUJG v UCD (holders); CIT v Garda; UUJ v UCC; UL v WIT.

The finals weekend is on in UCC over February 21st and 22nd.



# Camogie coaching camp is set to be a winner

A NEW event which is sure to attract huge interest among young aspiring camogie stars is the All Star Camogie Camp, to be held on the weekend of February 21 and 22.

The organisers of the camp are All Star and former Cork senior captain Gemma O'Connor, and current senior players and All Ireland medal holders Emer O'Farrell, Lynda O'Connell and Jenny Duffy. The four players will be joined in coaching by other members of the 2008 All-Ireland winning Cork camogie team.

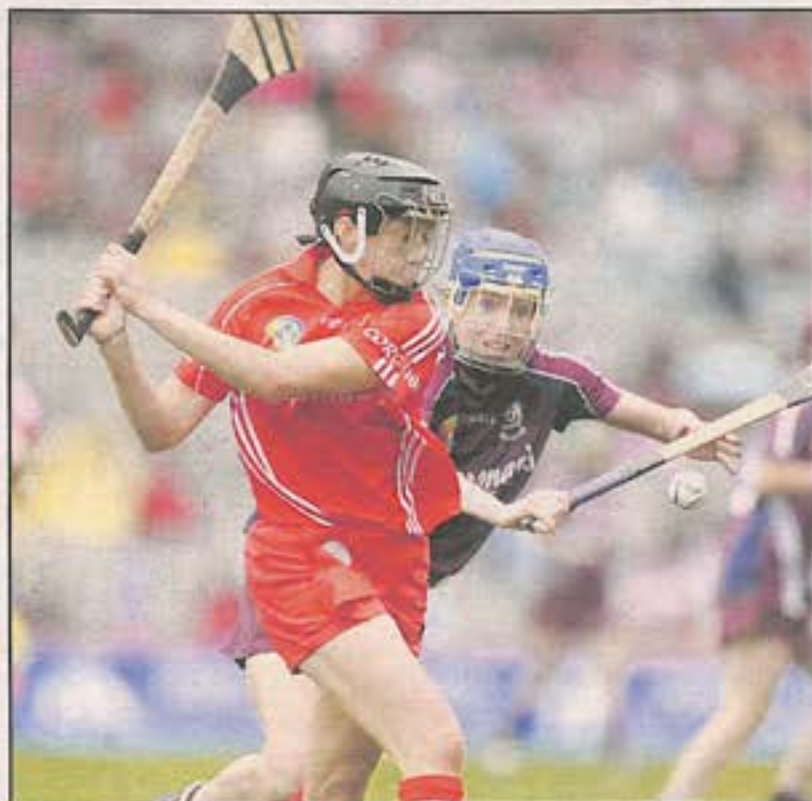
The camp, the first to be dedicated to camogie, is open to all camogie players in Cork clubs and is aimed at girls from 11 years to 16 years.

The camp will be held at St Finbarr's hurling and football club from 10am to 2pm on both days.

The inter-county players will pass on their knowledge and advice to all the young aspiring stars in specialised coaching sessions.

There will also be specific goal-keeping training, which is sure to draw huge interest from the many aspiring young keepers in the clubs throughout the city and county.

The organisers have set out an impressive timetable for both days of the camp. There will be elite and specialised skills coaching specific to each age group, nutritional advice and awareness, indoor hurling alley skills and drills session, goalkeeping



sessions, match play, and a questions and answers session with the players.

There will also be plenty of opportunities for participants to get photos taken with the O'Duffy Cup and members of the victorious Cork

camogie panel.

The highlight of the event will be a visit from Uachtarán Cumann Camógaíochta Na nGael, Liz Howard.

At the end of the camp, all the participants will receive a Certificate



The four organisers of the new camogie camp, clockwise from left, Gemma O'Connor, Jenny Duffy, Emer O'Farrell and Lynda O'Connell. Pictures: Eddie O'Hare, Mike English, Cillian Kelly



of Attendance along with a camogie goodie bag to take home as a souvenir of a very special day.

The cost of the camp is €30 per participant and the entry fee covers both days. As places are limited booking is essential.

Application forms for the camp are available from local camogie clubs and schools.

To book a place directly and for more information, contact Jenny Duffy on 087-4146933 or Emer O'Farrell 087-7984656.

## What a year for Eire Óg

EIRE ÓG celebrated what has been a very successful year for their camogie club at two recent functions.

At underage level there was tremendous success for the club's youngsters. The U11 team were captured the Mid Cork championship title. On their way to victory they had to overcome Ballincollig in a tough battle before going on to defeat Aghabullogue in the final.

The club's U13 team made it a Mid Cork double as they overcame all odds to claim the title. In the final they met a strong Inniscarra side but they showed great determination, work-rate and skill to come out on top.

At county level the club's U16 team made it a double as they captured the U16 C championship and league titles. In the county final they defeated Ballinscarthy and then went on to contest the league final and, after a tough battle, they overcame the challenge of Douglas with a fine display of camogie. Prominent in both finals was Cork U16 duo of Katie McCarthy and Claire Meeney.

At under age level the club organised and hosted an U10 tournament inviting six clubs to participate. The day was a huge success with the young

Eire Óg girls winning the second section. On the day the young players for the six clubs girls got the opportunity to meet Cork captain Cathriona Foley who brought along the O'Duffy Cup and she was accompanied by the club's Cork senior panellist Margaret Herlihy.

At adult level the club continue to make great progress and 2008 was an astounding year for the senior panel as they reached the Senior B county final. Rockbáin who had previously beaten them convincingly twice earlier in the season provided the opposition. In a tight contest Rockbáin eventually gained the upper hand and won by five points. However, right to the finish the result was in the balance.

On the intercounty scene the club were well represented at all levels. Margaret Herlihy was a member of the Cork senior panel and won an All-Ireland medal while Con Malone was a selector with the side. Siobhan Gleeson was a member of the intermediate Cork team that won the Munster title but lost the All Ireland. Alanna McKenna, Ciara McKenna, Margaret Herlihy, Siobhan Gleeson and Marie Gleeson won a Munster Junior medal

at the beginning of the year, while Marie Gleeson also played with the Cork Minor team who lost the Munster final and All Ireland semi final. Katie McCarthy and Claire Meeney represented Cork at U16 level and were unlucky to lose out on an All Ireland title to Kilkenny.

At a function held in the club Con Malone and Margaret O'Herlihy were congratulated for their efforts with the Cork seniors while Rose Malone was presented with a token of thanks for the enormous work she has done for camogie over the years in the Eire Óg club. The club also presented Yvonne Malone with a gift to congratulate her on her recent wedding.

It was then the turn of the underage section to celebrate and on December 19 in the Lee Valley Golf Club a function was held to congratulate the successes of the U16, U13 and U11 teams. Special guest on the night was dual Cork Minor Ciaran Sheehan a member of the Eire Óg club who congratulated all the players on their achievements and encouraged the younger players to continue along the path they are going on and more success was sure to come their way again.



Katrina Mackey of Christ the King puts pressure on Mariah Reidy of St Mary's Charleville in the Munster Colleges Senior A Camogie Championship Final Replay at Mannix College, Charleville on Saturday. Picture: Don Moloney/Press 2





Christ King from Cork city won the Munster Schools Senior Camogie final for the first time.

Christ King 1-11  
St Mary's 2-7  
(AET)

**HISTORY** was made in Charleville on Saturday when Christ King from Cork city won the Munster Schools Senior Camogie final for the first time.

In this thrilling replay that went to extra time, Christ King prevailed by a single point, against a heartbroken St Mary's from Charleville, who were looking to win this title for the ninth year in a row.

As dramatic games go, this had it all. Outstanding individual performances, great scores, a highly contentious refereeing decision, and a nail-biting finale.

After the rain on Thursday and Friday, finding a pitch to hold the game was a problem, but the grounds at St Mannix's College in Charleville provided an excellent playing surface, and contributed to the drama that followed.

Scores were hard to come by as both teams played with a high intensity. As in the drawn encounter St Mary's made the early running and led after 25 minutes by 0-4 to 0-1, with Eimear Healy converting three placed balls for the North Cork side. But it was noticeable that Kerrie Brosnan, who was outstanding in the drawn game, was well held and her point in the 18th minute was her only score.

For Christ King, Aine O'Donovan pointed in the 12th minute, while Katrina Mackey pointed from placed balls in the 27th and 33rd minutes. But St Mary's struck for a vital goal in the 30th minute, when Annette McAuliffe won a ball on the wing, cut through the defence and fired to the net to leave St Mary's ahead at a break 1-4 to 0-3.

Whatever was said at half time worked as Christ King raised their game. With Pamela Mackey taking control of the back line, ably assisted by Lorraine Browne and Molra O'Mahony, they started to wear down the champions.

Three points in a row from Mackey, Clana O'Driscoll and the excellent Ailin O'Mahony brought Christ King to within a point of St Mary's before Maria Walsh replied with two to leave the score at 1-6 to 0-6 after 49 minutes.

Christ King needed a goal and it duly arrived in the 52nd minute when Tracey McCarthy gathered possession in front of the St Mary's

# Christ King hit big time



Katrina Mackey of Christ the King puts pressure on Mariah Reidy of St Mary's Charleville in the Munster Colleges Senior A Camogie Championship Final replay at Mannix College, Charleville on Saturday. Picture: Don Moloney/Press 22

By JOE KENNEFICK

Munster Schools Senior Camogie final

goal and delivered an unstoppable ball to the net. Katrina Mackey then showed her class when she sent over three points from play in the 24th, 27th, and 28th minutes to leave Christ King leading 1-9 to 1-6 as the game entered injury time.

But St Mary's never gave up and kept pressing for the equaliser. But when it came, it created quite a storm. With Rosemary Rea attempting to cut through the Christ King defence, the referee deemed that she was fouled and awarded a penalty, although contact appeared to be minimum.

With time almost up, Eimear Healy showed nerves of steel, and she drilled the penalty to the net. From the puck out, Christ King won a free 90 metres from the St Mary's goal. Out came goalkeeper Jessica Kavanagh, but her effort just drifted past the post, and the referee blew to leave the game tied at 1-09 to 2-6.

Extra time was fiercely contested as both teams struggled for supremacy. Eimear Healy and Katrina Mackey both pointed frees in the first period to leave the teams still tied 1-10 to 2-7 at the interval. Scores were extremely hard to come by and Katrina Mackey looked to have won it for Christ King when she pointed in the 79th minute.

With the game in injury time, one last attack from St Mary's saw a high ball into Christ King keeper Jessica Kavanagh. As the excellent keeper went to catch it, the ball dropped out of her hand, and for a second the hearts of all Christ King supporters were in their mouths, but the ball was scrambled to safety, and the referee blew full time, and the celebrations began.

For Christ King manager Catherine Jordan this was a dream come through. For five years she has looked after the camogie teams in the school.

"Last year we won the All-Ireland B Title. We are the first team from Cork city to reach the Munster final.

We might be underdogs, but we are travelling to win when we take on champions St Brigid's from Callan in the All-Ireland semi-final next Saturday," she said.

**Scorers for Christ King:** K Mackey 0-8 (0-4 F, 0-1 45), T McCarthy 1-0, C O'Driscoll 0-1, Ailin O'Donovan 0-1, Aine O'Donovan 0-1.

**St Mary's:** E Healy 1-4, A McAuliffe 1-0, M Walsh 0-2, K Brosnan 0-1.

**CHRIST KING:** J Kavanagh (Douglas), M O'Donovan (Douglas), C O'Driscoll (Douglas), L Kennefick (Ballygarvan), C Lynch (Douglas), L Browne (Ballygarvan), P Mackey (Douglas), M O'Mahony (Douglas), T McCarthy (Douglas), Ailin O'Donovan (Douglas), C Murphy (Ballygarvan), K Mackey (Douglas), Aine O'Donovan (Douglas), S Quilligan (Ballygarvan), E Jordan (Douglas). **Subs:** A O'Brien (Ballinacorney) for S Quilligan (42), M Moynihan (Ballygarvan) for A O'Brien (70), S Duggan (Douglas) for C O'Driscoll (77).

**ST MARY'S:** K Keane (Charleville), K Curtin (Milford), F Moloney (Kilmallock), C Galvin (Milford), E Reidy (Newtownshandrum), L Potter (Glenagh-Ballingarry), O O'Mahony (Milford), M Walsh (Ballybes), L O'Flynn (Milford), E Healy (Buttevant), R Rea (Ballygarvan), M Reidy (Newtownshandrum), A McAuliffe (Ballygarvan), K Brosnan (Ballygarvan), S O'Flynn (Milford). **Subs:** D O'Callaghan (Buttevant) for K Curtin (50).

**Referee:** Damien Fox (Wolfe-Tones, Shannon)



# UCC focus is on qualifying for Ashbourne Cup semi-final

PREPARATIONS are well underway both on and off the playing fields as UCC camogie club and players put the final touches to hosting this seasons Ashbourne Cup competition.

Cork intercounty All-Star goalkeeper Aoife Murray is joint manager of the UCC side as the Cork and preparations to host the finals on the weekend February 21/22 have been going well.

No stranger to Ashbourne competitions, Aoife spent a spell in working in Dublin where she was among the backroom team in UCD, helping them complete back-to-back Ashbourne titles.

Now back working in Cork, she is looking forward to this week's quarter-final title with UUJ "I have my memories of UCD but I will have to leave it at that, they are a fantastic bunch of girls in UCD, and with most of the team still available from last year they will be strong contenders. I'm with UCC now and we will give it everything in quest of a semi-final spot."

Aoife has huge faith in her UCC squad and is quick to point out the talent at their disposal. "What I most admire

about our girls is their honesty of effort. All Ireland-winning Cork captain of 2008 Cathriona Foley and Orla Cotter will be there as will Tipperary's Jill Horan. We have a tough quarter-final against UUJ, which will be played at a neutral venue.

UUJ are a forceful unit; they have Jane Adams and Fionnuala Carr (daughter of footballer former Down star Ross).

"We all know how well Jane has played for Antrim and how she's led O'Donovan Rossa to All-Ireland club honours. So, we'll have to be at our best to put one over them."

An Ashbourne medal is a treasured possession, and when the last eight collide in the coming week it will be a battle royale to make it to the final four.

"It is all about qualifying. Ashbourne is a special competition. Not alone for the competitiveness, but you could have club mates playing against each other, county players, likewise. For now though all that is on our mind is qualifying for the semi-final."

## ASHBOURNE CUP QUARTER-FINALS

First-named at home) NUIG v UCD (holders); CIT v Garda; UUJ v UCC; UL v WIT.

## Club notes

### ST CATHERINES

**Dubai Trip:** On Sunday, January 18, a group of St Catherine's camogie club members left for Dubai to take part in the Dubai Golf Gaelic Sevens, swapping traditional Irish January weather for the sun filled skies of the east.

We returned one week later having enjoyed a fantastic week of beautiful weather, exciting matches, both camogie and football, and a variety of other activities such as skiing, desert safari and horse racing, to mention but a few.

There was a range of activities to suit everyone with most nights finishing up at Fibber Magee's which became the meeting place for all participating teams.

This was an absolutely fantastic experience for everyone and we returned home exhausted, but with friendships enhanced and a great sense of identity and pride in ourselves, our club, our games and our country.

Having an abundance of players, we entered into the

spirit of things and fielded two teams in both the camogie and ladies football competitions, winning the football outright, the Plate competition in camogie and losing the Premier Camogie final by two points after extra-time.

Annemarie Hayes was awarded player of the tournament for camogie and Orla Cotter for football.

**Panel of Players:** Denise Leahy, Noreen Mulcahy, Orna Neville, Karen Higgins, Maria Daly, Annemarie Hayes, Denise Twomey, Deirdre Mulcahy, Mary Mulcahy, Orla Cotter, Ann Galvin, Helen Lane, Maeve O'Keefe, Jill Hurley, Trish Fitzpatrick and Lisa Higgins.

Congratulations to fellow east Cork club Carrigrohilly who also travelled and enjoyed success in the hurling and football.

Finally, a special word of thanks to our club chairperson, Ann Galvin, for her fantastic work in organising this trip which was a truly memorable and enjoyable time for all involved.

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Cork camogie players Emer Farrell, Jenny Duffy, Gemma O'Connor and Lynda O'Connell with Niamh O'Regan, Julie Allen, Chloe Aherne, Lucy Allen, Shirley Burns, Jessica Keating and Ally Barry at the launch of the All-Star Camogie Camp at St Finbarr's, Togher.

Picture: Cillian Kelly

# Cork stars to hold camogie camps

By LINDA MELLERICK

Camogie latest

**ST FINBARR'S** will host a camogie coaching camp for players aged between 11-16 years on February 21-22.

The camp will be run by a select group of Cork camogie stars and is open to all camogie players from the city and county.

The idea behind this camp is to promote the skills of camogie to future stars.

Jenny Duffy, one of the event organisers thinks that the camp is coming at an opportune time for camogie.

"Sport in Cork is thriving and particularly gaelic games. Camogie participation levels are on the increase and we hope to pass on our knowledge, expertise and advice on to these young stars."

Current Cork camogie players providing this expertise include Emer O'Farrell, Lynda O'Connell, Gemma O'Connor and Jenny Duffy.

They will be coaching in the camp along with other prominent inter-county Cork players.

The camp will be varied and fun featuring elite and specialised coaching (specific to each age group), nutritional advice for players and those in training. There will be an indoor hurling skills and drills session, goalkeeping sessions, match play, and a Q and A session with Cork's All-Stars.

Photo opportunities with the O'Duffy Cup and members of the victorious Cork camogie panel will also be available.

The highlight of the event will be



Cork camogie players Emer Farrell, Jenny Duffy, Gemma O'Connor and Lynda O'Connell with Niamh O'Regan, Julie Allen, Chloe Aherne, Lucy Allen, Shirley Burns, Jessica Keating and Ally Barry at the launch of the All-Star camogie camp at St Finbarr's, Togher.

Picture: Cillian Kelly

a visit from Uachtarán Cumann Camógaloachta na nGael Liz Howard.

At the end of the camp all participants will receive a certificate of attendance along with a camogie 'goodie' bag to take home.

It promises to be real fun event while at the same time enhancing the players' skills.

Application forms are available from local clubs and schools or by calling one of the organisers below.

The cost of this camp is €30 per participant and all proceeds from this camp are going towards the players' holiday fund.

For those interested, contact: Jenny Duffy 087-4146933 Emer O'Farrell 087-7964656.



# UCC have class to win in Ashbourne

**TOMORROW**  
Ashbourne Cup quarter-final: UCC v UUJ, 2pm. UCC will go into tomorrow's Ashbourne Cup quarter-final clash with UUJ as favourites.

The tag is hardly surprising given the strength of the Cork side.

They boast a wealth of talent both on the field and in their management line-up.

Last year's senior Cork camogie captain Catriona Foley is one of their leading players.

This season they have been boosted by players such as Orla Cotter, who has established herself as one of Cork's brightest young stars, while Jill Horan of Tipperary and Amy Butler of Kilkenny are experienced Ashbourne campaigners.

By MARY NEWMAN  
Camogie

Having lost to both UL and WIT in the league campaign, the UCC management, which includes Cork seniors Aoife Murray and Mary O'Connor, will be determined to make it to the semi-final stages.

With UCC hosting this year's competition, a win is a must.

UUJ are managed by John Crossey and they are looking forward to the challenge that UCC will pose.

In recent years St Mary's of Magherafelt have become a force at secondary colleges level and with many of these players in the UUJ line-up, the northern college are a side to be reckoned with.

Crossey has coached

Antrim and Down in the past and with players such as Rhona Torney, Niamh McGoldrick and Fionnuala Carr, a daughter of the current Down Football manager Ross, in his panel he will be confident of pushing UCC close.

Despite going in as underdogs UUJ will give it their all in their bid to oust UCC.

Verdict: UCC

## Kearney goal seals CIT comeback

**CIT** 2-9  
**Garda College** 3-3

by Therese O'Callaghan

CIT qualified for an Ashbourne Cup semi-final tilt against either holders UCD or NUIG following a hard-earned win over Garda College in CIT yesterday.

But the outcome wasn't finalised until a couple of minutes from the end when CIT's Charlotte Kearney's goal propelled her side into the lead for the first time.

Two further points from Michelle Browne yielded a three-point win, but it was tough on the Templemore girls who, although slight underdogs, led from the outset and went very close to securing victory.

The visitors, coached by former Tipperary keeper Ken Hogan, played with the strong wind in the opening half and took full advantage with a goal

from Milford's Noelle O'Riordan on three minutes. While their defence, bolstered by Maureen Finnerty and Faith Noonan, withstood fierce CIT pressure, a second Garda College goal arrived from the industrious Elaine Gallery seven minutes from the interval to give them a deserved 2-2 to 0-4 lead.

Despite CIT starting the second half well, a second goal from Gallery three minutes after the resumption put it up to the Cork girls. But they showed remarkable spirit and when Denise Luby goalied five minutes later, the gap was down to three points.

Backed by Julie McGrath and Lucy Hawkes, the scores started to arrive from an Eimear O'Sullivan free and one from play from Erin Corkery. Still, Garda College battled on. Michelle Casey and Paul Kenny worked tirelessly at midfield, but they failed to penetrate a sound Cork backline. And when Kearney's dipping shot beat

Rosie Kennelly — who otherwise had an outstanding hour — CIT never looked back.

The three remaining quarter-finals will be played tomorrow, with the final weekend hosted by UCC on February 21/22.

**Scorers for CIT:** C Kearney 1-2, D Luby 1-1, M Browne 0-4 (0-2 frees, 0-1 65m), E O'Sullivan (free) and E Corkery 0-1 each.

**Scorers for Garda:** E Gallery 2-1, N O'Riordan 1-0, C Heffernan and M Casey 0-1 (free) each.

**CIT:** L M O'Mahony (Cork); A O'Keefe (dol); C Lynch (dol); B Browne (dol); L Hawkes (dol); J McGrath (Tipperary); C McKenna (Cork); E O'Sullivan (dol) (Capt); M O'Sullivan (Limerick); C Long (Cork); D Luby (dol); K Kearney (dol); M Browne (dol); E Ronayne (dol); E Corkery (dol).

**Subs:** S Lynch (dol) for C Long; N Nagle (dol) for B Browne; P Moloney (dol) for C Kearney; S Lee (Clare) for A O'Keefe (all 60 mins).

**Garda:** R Kennelly (Tipperary); L Prendergast (Wexford); V O'Donnell (Tipperary); M Dorgan (Cork); M Finnerty (Galway); S Keogh (Wexford); F Noonan (Cork); M Casey (Limerick); P Kenny (Galway); E O'Herlihy (Cork); E Gallery (Galway); L Murphy (Wexford); S McGrath (Galway); L Power (Cork); N O'Riordan (dol).

**Subs:** C Heffernan for S McGrath (35).

**Referee:** C Egan (Cork).

### Review of all Weekend Action!

KILDARE'S Susie O'Carroll was the UCD hero as they now set their sights on three-in-a-row Ashbourne titles following their emphatic quarter-final victory over NUIG in Dangan on Saturday. On a scoreline of 5-8 to 0-8, Wexford girl Una Leacy also impressed with her return of 2-2. The holders will play CIT in the semi-final in two weeks time after their narrow triumph over Garda College midweek.

Courtesy of their 5-7 to 0-2 win against UUJ, Ashbourne hosts UCC, have set up a penultimate meeting with WIT who were pushed all the way by UL, 2-10 to 0-7.

Tipperary pair Jill Horan and Aoife McLoughney were crucial to the UCC victory, firing all but one point of their tally. Galway senior panelist Susan Keane and Slaney's Ursula Jacob, between them claimed 2-8 of the WIT total, while the accuracy of Limerick's Niamh Mulcahy kept UL in the hunt for long stages.

Elsewhere, outstanding Katrina Mackey's injury time point earned Christ the King, Cork a deserved draw in a thrilling All Ireland senior college's semi-final in Pittown. When it looked as if champions St Enid's, Callan had done enough, Mackey soled through from midfield to land a late equaliser (1-6 to 0-9).

Callan through the accuracy of Anna Farrell, Dara Holden, Niamh Phelan and Captain Denise Gaulie, held a 0-5 to 0-2 interval lead. However, powered on by Mackey and her twin sister Pamela in defence, they fought back through Katrina Mackey's goal at the three-quarter stage, and then at the death her point that gave the Cork city girls a second bite of the cherry on February 28. Portlanna Community School

await the winners following their six-point triumph over Ulster champions, St Mary's Magherafelt, Derry.

St Mac Nissi's Garraon Tower, Antrim are through to the B final, however the other semi-final fell foul to the weather yesterday. And in the C decider, St Colm's Draperstown, Derry will meet Grennan College, Thomastown, Kilkenny.

All five matches in the Division Three and Four of the National League were postponed because of the inclement conditions.

### CAMOGIE

All-Ireland Colleges Camogie

**Senior semi-finals: Today:** Senior

A: Portlanna CS v St Mary's, Magherafelt, Tynagh, 1pm; IL Moran, Laois; St. Brigid's, Callan v Christ the King, Cork; Pittown, 1pm; ID Leahy, Tipperary

**Senior B:** Athenry VEC v Colaiste Mhic Naosa, Garranower, Ballindereen, noon; IL Davitt, Westmeath

**Senior C:** Mercy, Roscommon v St. Colm's High School, Draperstown, noon; Kilbride, ID Connolly, Galway; Grennan College, Thomastown v Mercy, Waterford; Thomastown, 1pm; ID Boland (Wexford)

**Tomorrow: Senior B semi-final:** Sacred Heart, Tullamore v BCS Lismore, Killeigh, 11am; LJ Morrissey, Tipperary

**Munster Colleges Camogie U16 semi-final:** St. Declan's, Kilmacthomas v Ard Scoil, Dungarvan, Kil, 1pm; IM Conroy, Waterford



Club Chairman Tadhg Twohig makes a presentation to camogie and football heroine Briege Corkery at The Aghinagh GAA club dinner dance at the Abbey Hotel, Ballyvourney last weekend.

## CIT leave it late to steal win

**CIT** 2-9  
**Garda College** 3-3

A SPIRITED display by CIT helped secure a spot in the forthcoming Ashbourne Cup semi-finals, which are being hosted by UCC, writes MARY NEWMAN.

CIT had to dig deep to fashion out a victory, trailing for 57 minutes of the game.

CIT always looked as if they had enough to fashion out a victory and in the end their spirit and determination saw them succeed.

Garda, aided by the gale force wind opened up a 2-2 to 0-4 interval advantage, after a half where the CIT defence came under enormous pressure. However with Tipp's Julie McGrath a tower of strength at centre-back, and Cork seniors Lucy Hawkes and Eimear O'Sullivan doing Trojan work they managed to stay within shouting distance.

First-half goals from Noelle O'Riordan and Elaine Gallery were crucial for Garda, but CIT kept pace with points from Michelle Brown and Charlotte Kearney.

On the resumption Denise Luby fired over an early CIT point but they were dealt a blow when Elaine Gallery edged Michelle Casey's long range free over the line to open up a six-point lead inside three minutes.

CIT enjoying plenty of possession before Denise Luby finished to the net to cut the lead, though Laura Murphy responded with a point to keep Garda four ahead with 14 minutes remaining. However it was to be their last score as CIT upped the pace. Captain Eimear O'Sullivan pointed a free before Erin Corkery left just two between the sides and with three minutes of normal time remaining.

Charlotte Kearney then finished to the net from an acute angle to give CIT the lead, and Browne added two points to ensure CIT's place in the last four for only the second time, much to the delight of their joint manager Niall O'Mahony.

"We made hard work of it but were in the semi and that is what it was about today, credit to our girls they never let their heads drop."

**Scorers for CIT:** C Kearney 1-2, M Browne 0-4 (0-2 f, 0-1 45), D Luby 1-1, E O'Sullivan, E Corkery 0-1 each.

**Garda College:** E Gallery 2-1, N O'Riordan 1-0, M Casey (f) L Murphy 0-1 each.

**CIT:** L M O'Mahony (Cork); A O'Keefe (Cork); C Lynch (Cork); B Browne (Cork); L Hawkes (Cork); J McGrath (Tipperary); C McKenna (Cork); E O'Sullivan (Cork, captain); M O'Sullivan (Limerick); C Long (Cork); D Luby (Cork); C Kearney (Cork); M Browne (Cork); E Ronayne (Cork); E Corkery (Cork).

**Subs:** P Moloney (Cork) for C Long (60); N Nagle (Cork) for B Browne (60); S Lynch (Cork) for C Kearney (61); S Lee (Clare) for A O'Keefe (62).

**GARDA COLLEGE:** R Kennelly (Tipperary); F Noonan (Cork); V O'Donnell (Cork); M Dorgan (Cork); M Casey (Limerick); S Keogh (Wexford); L Prendergast (Waterford); P Kenny (Galway); M Finnerty (Galway); L Power (Cork); E O'Herlihy (Cork); L Murphy (Wexford); S McGrath (Galway); E Gallery (Clare); N O'Riordan (Cork).

**Referee:** Cathal Egan (Glen Rovers).



# O'Carroll stars as champs UCD march on

by Therese O'Callaghan

**HOLDERS** UCD remain on track for a hat-trick of Ashbourne Cup titles following their decisive 5-8 to 0-8 defeat of NUIG in the quarter-final at Dangan on Saturday.

They will meet CIT in the semi-final in two weeks time, while competition hosts, UCC, who had an equally comfortable win over UUJ in DCU, (5-7 to 0-2), will come up against WIT in the last four. The Waterford girls beat UL comfortably on a scoreline of 2-10 to 0-7.

Susie O'Carroll from Kildare was the UCD heroine,

## Ashbourne Cup

bagging 2-4. Equally impressive for the Dublin college was 2007 All-Ireland senior medallist, Wexford's Una Leacy who hit 2-2.

UCD captain, Cork senior Rena Buckley downplayed the margin of their win. "I'd have to say the victory was not as one-sided as it suggests. The goals made the difference. We are looking forward to the final weekend in a fortnight, but it can be a very tough few days. There isn't much time for players to recover if you pick up injuries on the Saturday and are in action

again on Sunday. It can be a rush to regain full fitness, especially in trying conditions like we have at the moment."

When asked about their favourites tag, Buckley replied: "I suppose we would be considered favourites in many people's eyes because we won the last two Ashbournes, and that is fair enough analysis."

"We have 13 of last year's team, which is also a big plus. But, it is a burden to be favourites. As you well know, anything can happen in a weekend competition."

"But, of course, we would love to get to the final. There are some very good teams in the last four."

"A lot of us know each other extremely well. Some of us are even club mates. That is going to be a different experience. But, we will have to focus on the job, and will want to win the Cup for the team we are playing with."

Galway's Susan Keane and Ursula Jacob from Wexford, between them claimed 2-8 of the WIT total, while the accuracy of Limerick's Niamh Mulcahy kept UL in the hunt. In UCC's encounter with UUJ, Tipperary pair Jill Horan and Aoife McLoughney were the stars, amassing all but one point of their scoreline.

**Semi-finals, February 21:** UCD (holders) v CIT, UCC v WIT.



Cork senior Aoife Murray guided UCC to success against UUJ.



CIT's Charlotte Kearney and Garda College's Faith Noonan in the Ashbourne quarter-final. Picture: Cillian Kelly

## CIT book semi-final spot

**CIT** 2-9  
**Garda College** 3-3

CIT ensured themselves of a spot in the forthcoming Ashbourne cup semi-final — which is being hosted by UCC — when they fashioned out a superb victory over a strong Garda College side. CIT had to dig deep to carve out their victory and they worked hard to secure that elusive spot having trailing for 57 minutes of the game CIT never gave up the chase and two second-half goals at vital stages of the second-half ensure victory was secured.

CIT were always in contention and at the full-time whistle it was their spirit and determination that saw them succeed, Garda aided by the gale force wind for the opening half opened up a 2-2 to 0-4 interval advantage after a half where the CIT defence came under enormous pressure. Tipperary's Julie Mc Grath was a tower of strength at centre-back for CIT while Cork seniors Lucy Hawkes solid and reliable and team captain Eimear O'Sullivan did trojan work and they stay with Garda College through the half and this

was vitals they turned with the elements in their favour.

First-half goals from Noelle Ó Riordan and Elaine Gallery were crucial for Garda as CIT stayed in touch with points from Michelle Brown and Charlotte Kearney. Gallery and Michelle Casey had points for Garda as they held their lead to the break. On the turn over Denise Luby fired over an early CIT point but when Elaine Gallery edged Michelle Casey's long range free over the line Garda open up a six-point advantage inside three minutes of the restart. CIT enjoying plenty of possession and the goal they needed arrived when Denise Luby got inside the Garda defence and finished to the net to cut the lead to three points but Laura Murphy responded with a point to keep Garda four ahead with 14 minutes remaining however it was to be their last score as CIT upped the pace. Captain Eimear O'Sullivan pointed a free before they Erin Corkery had just two between the sides and with three minutes of normal time remaining Charlotte Kearney finished to the net from an acute angle to give CIT the lead,

Browne added two points as the CIT played down the clock with heroic defending to ensure their place in the last four for only the second time in their history much to the delight of their joint manager Niall O' Mahony.

"We made hard work of it but were in the semi-final and that is what it was about today to get a result and we got the one we wanted, credit to our girls they never let," he said.

**CIT:** L M O' Mahony (Cork); A O' Keefe (Cork); C Lynch (Cork); B Browne (Cork); L Hawkes (Cork); J Mc Grath (Tipperary); C Mc Kenna (Cork); E O' Sullivan (Cork); M O' Sullivan (Limerick); C Long (Cork); D Luby (Cork); C Kearney (Cork); M Browne (Cork); E Roynane (Cork); E Corkery (Cork). Subs: P Moloney (Cork) for C Long (60); N Nagle (Cork) for B Browne (60); S Lynch (Cork) for C Kearney (61); S Lee (Clare) for A O' Keefe (62). Scorers: C Kearney 1-2, M Browne 0-4/0-2 f, 0-1 45l, D Luby 1-1, E O' Sullivan, E Corkery 0-1 each.

**Garda College:** R Kenneally (Tipperary); F Noonan (Cork); V O' Donnell (Cork); M Dorgan (Cork); M Casey (Limerick); S Keogh (Wexford); L Prendergast (Waterford); P Kenny (Galway); M Finnerty (Galway); L Power (Cork); E O' Herlihy (Cork); L Murphy (Wexford); S Mc Grath (Galway); E Gallery (Clare); N O' Riordan (Cork). Scorers: E Gallery 2-1, N O' Riordan 1-0, M Casey (f) L Murphy 0-1 each.

**Referee:** Cathal Egan (Glen Rovers).

## UCC advance to semi-final

**UCC** 5-8  
**UUJ** 0-2

**HOSTS** for this season's prestigious Ashbourne Cup camogie competitions UCC ensured they will participate at semi-finals stages as they secured a spot at the expense of UUJ in Dublin on Saturday.

Coached by Cork seniors Aoife Murray and Mary O' Connor the UCC girls were always in control and by the half time whistle they lead 4-5 to 0-2. All over the pitch UCC held the upper hand up front Tipperary senior star Jill Horan caused huge problems for

the UUJ defence striking 3-2 in the opening 30 minutes and she had plenty of support from Aoife McLoughney who struck 1-2 as UCC set the pace of the game.

UUJ battled hard to get into the game but found it hard against a strong UCC defence that were always in control, Finola Carr and Mairead McGoldrick had first half points for UUJ but they failed to breach the Cork defence for the goals they needed to keep them in the game.

From the start of the second-half, UCC continued to hold the upper hand Aoife McLoughney and Siobhan Burke

added to the UCC tally as they safely advanced to a semi-final meeting against last year's defeated finalist WIT.

**UCC:** E White; A Connery, S Collins, C O'Neill; A Butler, C Foley, V Browne; O Cotter, J Byrne; G Kenneally, S Burke, M Crowley; A McLoughney, J Horan, R Kaiser. Subs: T Muldowney for J Byrne (h/t), F Dore for J Horan (40), C Kaiser for R Kaiser (41), H O'Regan for C O'Neill (45), A Farrell for G Kenneally (50). Scorers: J Horan 3-2, A McLoughney 2-5, S Burke 0-1.

**UUJ:** E Mallon; S Murphy, L Canavan, E McCormick; M K McNicholls, F Carr, C Hamill; K McMullen, P Gribble; E Wilkinson, S Carr, S McKernan; M McGoldrick, M Cotvery, R Turney. Scorers: F Carr, M McGoldrick 0-1 each.

## UCC cruise past their outclassed opponents

By MARY NEWMAN

Ashbourne Cup

**UCC** 5-8  
**UUJ** 0-2

FROM the throw-in the gap in standards was evident, as UCC secured themselves a place in the last four of the Ashbourne Cup at the expense of UUJ in Dublin on Saturday.

Hosts for this year's Ashbourne competition UCC were determined to secure themselves a semi-final spot and the hard work put in under the guidance of Cork seniors Aoife Murray and Mary O'Connor paid huge dividends.

By the half-time whistle the result was a foregone conclusion with the Cork representatives leading 4-5 to 0-2, with Tipperary senior star Jill Horan leading the way causing huge problems for the UUJ defence.

She notching up 3-2 in the opening 30 minutes, ably assisted by Aoife McLoughney who struck 1-2 and UCC were dominant.

UUJ battled hard but found it hard to make progress against a strong UCC defence, where last season's Cork senior captain Cathriona Foley, Christine O'Neill and Valerie Browne were always in control.

Finola Carr and Mairead McGoldrick had first-half points for the northern side but it was never going to be enough to keep them in the game.

On the turnover Aoife McLoughney and Siobhan Burke added to the UCC tally to see them safely through to a semi-final meeting against last year's defeated finalists WIT.

Holders UCD, going for three in a row, defeated NUIG to set up a semi-final meeting with CIT.

**Scorers for UCC:** J Horan 3-2, A McLoughney 2-5, S Burke 0-1.

**UUJ:** F Carr, M McGoldrick 0-1 each.

**UCC:** E White; A Connery, S Collins, C O'Neill; A Butler, C Foley, V Browne; O Cotter, J Byrne; G Kenneally, S Burke, M Crowley; A McLoughney, J Horan, R Kaiser. Subs: T Muldowney for J Byrne (h-t), F Dore for J Horan (40), C Kaiser for R Kaiser (41), H O'Regan for C O'Neill (45), A Farrell for G Kenneally (50).

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# ST CATHERINE'S

CONGRATULATIONS to St Catherine's Ballad Group who won the Munster Senior na nG final recently. Well done to Clara Clancy, Nicola O'Donoghue, Fiona Feeney, Emma Wray and Melanie O'Connor. We wish them the very best of luck in the All-Ireland final in Athlone on February 21.

Table Quiz: Our annual table quiz will take place on Friday, February 13, in the Big Tree at 9pm.

## DOUGLAS

We are all geared up for action for 2009 following our recent AGM. The following officers were elected: Chairperson: Joe Long, Vice-chairperson: Conan Duggan, Secretary: Fiona Shine, Treasurer: Ken Jordan, Registrar: Tina Sheehan, P.R.O.: Jim Hurley. Child Welfare Officer: Catherine Jordan. The meeting reflected on what was a memorable year for the club which won the senior championship and league. The minor A championship was also won while we reached the Junior B final, the U16 A Championship, U14A league

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and Cork Felle. We were also U16 C league runners-up.

In the Seandun Division, our U11A and U11B teams and our U13 A teams, were winners while the U13 C team were runner up in B and U15A were winners.

We had five players on the Cork U16A panel for 2008, one player on Cork minors, two on the Cork intermediate and the same number on the Cork Senior panel for 2008 and we also have a number of players on Cork senior and intermediate panel and one player on Cork U16 panel for 2009.

The club is a very vibrant and is in need of help all through the year be it on or off the pitch. A little help goes a long way. If you would like to have more information please contact our secretary Fiona Shine on 0871344651.

Congratulations to Christ King Secondary School on winning senior A Munster title. They now go on to the All-Ireland semi-final against St Brigid's Secondary School tomorrow.

For Douglas camogie club gear, rain jackets, hoodies, T-shirts etc, contact Jimmy @086-2778436 to place orders.

Indoor training times:

Street Leagues: Monday 4.30 to 5.30pm

U13s: Monday 7pm to 8pm

Seniors: Monday 9pm to 10pm

U14s: Tuesday 5pm to 6pm

U16s: Wednesday 4.30 to 6pm

U18s: Wednesday 8pm to 9pm

U12s: Thursday 5pm to 6pm

U18s: Thursday 7pm to 8pm  
U11s: Friday 4.45 to 5.45pm  
Mixed: Friday 9.15 to 10.15pm  
Mixed: Saturday 4pm to 6pm  
Saturday, February 21, open day for Street Leagues.

Outdoor Moneygurney:  
Monday U12s: 5pm to 6pm  
Monday U14s: 5pm to 6pm  
Monday U13s: 6pm to 7pm  
Monday seniors: 8pm to 9pm  
Tuesday U14s: 5pm to 6pm  
Tuesday U16/U18s: 6pm to 7pm  
Wednesday U16s: 4.30pm to 6pm  
Thursday U12s: 5pm to 6pm  
Thursday U18s: 6pm to 7pm  
Friday U11s: 5pm to 6pm

## GLEN ROVERS

We will resume training shortly for all teams. With this in mind a players meeting to organise for the season for senior, junior and minor players will be held in the club next Wednesday at 7.45pm. All players asked to attend. Our U14 team will start back on Sunday, February 15, at noon. All players will be reminded of this in the week ahead. Our younger girls from 12 years downwards are now back into full training on Tuesday nights at 5.45 and Sunday at 11.45. Everybody asked to be in attendance while new members are welcome. Glen Rovers camogie club wish to offer a vote of sympathy to the Newman, Buckley and Boyle families on their recent bereavements.

## JUVENILE COUNTY BOARD

Clubs are asked to pass on to club delegates that there is a change of venue for juvenile board grading meeting next Tuesday night. The meeting will now take place at Lemore Tree, Blarney Castle Hotel, and The Square Blarney at 7.45pm.

## Milford aim to deny Douglas a double

**SUNDAY**  
**U16 A League final**  
(2008): Douglas v  
Milford, Blackrock, 3pm  
THE destination of the  
U16 A league title for  
2008 will be decided on  
Sunday when the final  
of the only competition  
held over from last year  
will take place.  
The season begins in  
earnest when county  
champions Douglas bid  
to make it a double in

Castle Road on Sunday  
when they take on de-  
feated county finalists  
Milford.  
Back in November  
Douglas retained their  
championship title with  
eight points to spare  
over Milford in a game  
which Douglas dictated  
for the opening 30  
minutes and never al-  
lowed Milford to settle.  
They led 1-5 to 0-3 at  
the interval despite hav-

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ing played against the  
strong wind and on the  
resumption fired over  
three points in a row  
and it looked as if Mil-  
ford were in for a ham-  
mering.  
However Milford began  
to find their feet and  
settled before playing  
with a bit of confidence  
and they battled to get

into contention.  
Douglas upped the pace  
with four points in a row  
to open up a 10-point  
lead, but Milford never  
let their heads drop and  
they cut the deficit to  
seven and were unlucky  
not to grab a second.  
However, Douglas, with  
the experienced Katri-  
ona and Pamela Mackey  
and Aileen O'Donovan  
leading the way, held  
their composure to take

the title.  
Milford will have learned  
a lot and they will come  
to Castle Road deter-  
mined to make amends,  
but they know a good  
start is vital if they hope  
to take the league title  
and players such as  
Sinead O'Flynn, player  
of the match in the  
championship clash,  
Niamh O'Brien and Katie  
Galvin will need to be at  
their best.

## Douglas untouchable in league decider

**Douglas** 0-20  
**Milford** 0-3

DOUGLAS added the U16 A  
league title to the 2008  
championship crown with a  
superb performance win a  
Milford side, who showed  
fierce commitment at Castle  
Road.

Again the superb playing  
surface at the county camo-  
gie board's venue helped in  
no small way to make this  
an entertaining contest, des-

pite what the scoreline sug-  
gests.

Both sides gave it their all  
in an effort to secure the  
title.

From the throw-in  
Douglas were always that  
little bit ahead of the Mil-  
ford girls.

Aine O'Donovan had  
Douglas on the score board  
inside a minute and their  
ability to pick up points was  
evident as they struck seven  
without reply all from play  
in the opening 30 minutes.

By MARY NEWMAN  
Camogie news

Milford battled hard to get  
on the score board but er-  
ratic shooting saw them  
strike five wide's in the  
opening half where Douglas  
led 0-7 to nil at the short  
whistle.

Through the second half  
Douglas continued their  
dominance Aine  
O'Donovan, Katharine  
Mackey and Lauren Jack-  
son were all impressive and

by the third quarter they  
led 0-16 to no score.

But credit to Milford who  
continued to play with de-  
termination and they re-  
warded with points from  
Louise and Sinead O'Flynn.  
However it was too late to  
make a difference as  
Douglas brought the curtain  
down on a superb season  
with a polished display.

**Scorers for Douglas:** K Mackey  
0-10 (0-10), Aine O'Donovan 0-5, L  
Jackson 0-3, Aileen O'Donovan 0-2.  
**Milford:** S O'Flynn 0-2, L O'Flynn

0-1.  
**DOUGLAS:** J Kavanagh; L Mc-  
Carthy, E O'Sullivan, A Peate; R Ca-  
sey, C Lynch, S Duggan; P Mackey,  
Aileen O'Donovan; D Cotter, K  
Mackey, L Jackson; Dempsey, Aine  
O'Donovan, C Shine.

**Subs:** C Hickey for S Dempsey  
(4-1), R Baxter for D Cotter (4-1), E  
Shine for R Casey (4-1), H Bradley  
for L McCarthy (5-0), L O'Brien for L  
Jackson (5-0).

**MILFORD:** S O'Flaherty; N O'Con-  
nor, N Browne, C Fitzgibbon; C Wat-  
son, N O'Brien, K Galvin; S O'Flynn,  
K Hodgkinson; L O'Flynn Flanagan,  
A O'Flynn; G O'Connor, S Fitzgib-  
bon, B O'Connor (4).

**Sub:** E Bradley for J O'Connor  
(4-1).  
**Referee:** John O'Leary (Mallow).

## Former Tipp Star to Manage County Camogie Team

The County board are delighted to  
announce the appointment of Fr. Peter  
Brennan as manager of the Tipperary  
Senior Camogie team. A native of Lough-  
more Castleiney, Fr. Peter brings a wealth  
of experience to this position. With his  
native parish, he has won numerous under-  
age titles, 1 county Senior Hurling title, 3  
County Senior Football titles. While curate  
in Clonoulty Rossmore, he won a County  
Senior hurling title & was instrumental in  
promoting Clonoulty Camogie up to the  
senior ranks. County Junior football titles  
were also won by Fr. Peter while in Dran-  
gan & New Inn. To add to this array of hon-  
ours, Fr. Peter won 2 All Ireland U21 titles  
with Tipperary.

Speaking about his appointment, the new  
manager was looking forward to the chal-  
lenge of bringing this panel a step further  
along the path of reaching the All Ireland  
final. His selectors for the year are Liza  
Carroll (St. Cronans), Mike Ryan (Nenagh)  
& team physio Mary O'Connor, Roscrea.

Another step forward in promoting  
Camogie in Tipperary is the announcement  
also of a new dedicated website for Tipper-  
ary Camogie. This website will prove  
invaluable to the board & clubs in the  
County as a means of making all the latest  
news items, fixtures, team news etc avail-  
able at the click of a button. It will also  
help introduce Camogie to a wider audi-  
ence, which can only benefit everyone  
associated with the sport. All clubs who  
may have photos of teams (of all ages)  
from 2008 are invited to e-mail them to the

County P.R.O. for inclusion in the photo  
gallery.

The web site is: [www.camogie.tipperary.gaa.ie](http://www.camogie.tipperary.gaa.ie). There is also a link on the Tip-  
perary GAA website.

The County Intermediate management  
team continue with their training schedule  
& challenge matches as they prepare to  
finalise their panel for 2009. Last weekend  
in arctic conditions 29 girls travelled to  
Ahane to play Limerick Seniors in a chal-  
lenge. Despite losing on a scoreline of  
1.09 to 2.09 the visitors were delighted  
with the commitment & level of fitness  
shown by all, & next weekend will see the  
panel take on W.I.T. who themselves have  
reached the semi finals of the Ashbourne  
cup.

The management team of the U16s are  
also busy finalising their panel for 2009, &  
the fact that they are getting over 30 girls at  
training every night indicates how much so  
many girls want to play for their County.

Most clubs have by now emailed their  
officer's contact details for inclusion in the  
Camogie booklet, but unfortunately there  
are a handful of clubs who still have to do  
so. This booklet is going to print next  
week, so all details must be with the pro by  
this weekend. If these details are not made  
available the clubs will not be included in  
this publication.

The re-scheduled February meeting of the  
County Board will take place on Tuesday  
17th at 8.30pm in the County Clubrooms.  
The same agenda will apply.

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## Mackey free sets up Christ King replay

By JOE KENNEFICK

Colleges Camogie

**Christ King (Cork)** 1-6  
**St Brigid's (Kilkenny)** 0-9

A POINTED free by Katrina Mackey in the  
second minute of injury time earned Christ  
King a well-deserved draw with reigning  
champions St Brigid's from Callan, in this  
excellent All-Ireland Colleges Camogie  
Senior semi final.

Played in good, but cold conditions in  
Piltown on Saturday, both served up a most  
entertaining game. However, Christ King will  
have to perform a little bit better in the replay,  
which is fixed for February 28 at a Cork ven-  
ue.

Christ King, playing against the wind in the  
first half, started well, but unfortunately they  
didn't put their advantage on the scoreboard.

Aileen O'Donovan opened the scoring in the  
second minute, before Shelly Farrell replied  
for St Brigid's in the fifth minute. In the next  
15 minutes, Christ King had three goal  
chances, but shots from Emma Jordan and  
two from Aine O'Donovan flashed wide.

With Katrina Mackey also off target with a  
number of chances, St Brigid's remained in  
the game and gradually upped the pace.  
Naimh Phelan and Ciana O'Driscoll ex-  
changed points to leave the sides level after  
23 minutes at two points apiece.

However, St Brigid's upped the ante and  
three unanswered points from Anna Farrell,  
Ciara Holden and a free from Denise Gaulie  
left the champions ahead at the break 0-5 to  
0-2.

From the restart St Brigid's won posses-  
sion, and Louise Dunne pointed. Then in the  
33rd minute, Shelly Farrell cut through the  
Christ King defence, but her shot bounced  
back off the crossbar, and she put the re-  
bound wide. Having been let off the hook,  
Christ King became more dominant.

Katrina Mackey pointed a free before she  
gained possession from a puck out, beat  
three defenders and found the net to leave  
the game tied 1-3 to 0-6 after 40 minutes.

The game now became a tough struggle as  
both teams fought to take control. Denise  
Gaulie hit the side netting when a goal was  
on, before she pointed to put St Brigid's back  
in front.

With the Mackey sisters now in full flow,  
Christ King drove forward. Katrina pointed a  
free in the 52nd minute, with Anna Farrell  
pointing for St Brigid's in the 53rd minute.  
When Mackey pointed another free in the  
57th minute, a draw looked on the cards.

But in a welter of excitement, Louise Dunne  
looked to have won it for St Brigid's in the  
60th minute when she hand passed a point,  
when a goal was begging. However Christ  
King kept going forward and won a free 30  
metres out, which Mackey duly pointed to  
leave the final score 1-6 to 0-9.

**Scorers for Christ King:** K Mackey 1-4 (0-4 ft), A  
O'Donovan 0-1, C O'Driscoll 0-1.

**Scorers for St Brigid's:** D Gaulie 0-2 (0-2 ft), L  
Dunne 0-2, A Farrell 0-2, S Farrell 0-1, N Phelan 0-0,  
C Holden 0-1.

**CHRIST KING:** J Kavanagh (Douglas); S Long  
(Douglas), M O'Donovan (Douglas), L Kennefick (Bal-  
lygarvan); C Lynch (Douglas), L Browne (Ballygar-  
van), P Mackey (Douglas); M O'Mahony (Douglas), T  
McCarthy (Douglas); Aileen O'Donovan (Douglas), C  
Murphy (Ballygarvan), K Mackey (Douglas); Aine  
O'Donovan (Douglas), C O'Driscoll (Douglas), E  
Jordan (Douglas). **Subs:** D O'Quinn (Ballygarvan)  
for C O'Driscoll (57).

**ST BRIGID'S:** L Walker; E Friaby, A Walsh, L Dunne,  
L Carey, M Power, A Manning, S Farrell, J Cunningham,  
A Farrell, D Gaulie, L Dunne, N Phelan, C Holden,  
N Dowling.

**Referee:** Donal Leahy (Moyne).



# Champs Brigid's do well to survive, yet they might have won

**St Brigid's College 0-9  
Christ the King 1-6**

THERE is a slogan in the deep South of the US that suggests "Ya takes ya chances boss, ya wins da game boss". The reigning All-Ireland champions did not, and St Brigid's College (Callan) were fortunate to survive in this frantic All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final against the Cork and Munster champions, Christ the King from Douglas.

It was bitterly cold in well-presented Piltown on Saturday as challengers, Christ the King threw down a considerable gauntlet

let to the champions. The game was rather fragmented, with some good patches of play. However, for many reasons, not least of which was the concession of midfield space by the Callan girls to their opponents, it degenerated into a pseudo kind of tennis between both sets of defenders.

A tricky cross-field breeze turned long-range shooting into a bit of a lottery for free takers. The Cork mentors threw a real curver when they started their well-proportioned full-back, Ciara O'Driscoll at number 14. Windgap's outstanding Alison Walsh had a rare battle with the

strong-running O'Driscoll. It could be justifiably stated that Walsh won the spoils by a distance.

points. Anna Farrell, Ciara Holden and Denise Gaule obliged with scores in the 24th, 29th and 31st minutes. Gaule's point came from a free.

**Exciting**

An early exchange of points between Michelle Farrell and O'Driscoll set the scene for what was to be a nail-biting, exciting at times, whole-hearted contest. Niamh Phelan shot the Callan girls ahead in the 11th minute. They were never to be headed.

Eleven minutes later, O'Driscoll again levelled. The challengers were not to score for the remainder of the half, while St Brigid's increased their take to five

over from 15 yards. Exceptionally brave work by Anna Farrell and Ciara Holden were the craft masters of this score.

**Hanging on**

Two seminal moments certainly cost the champions dearly during the frantic second half. In the 34th minute Shelly Farrell drove through the heart of the Cork defence. A smart piece of inter-play with her elder sister, Anna, Denise Gaule and Ciara Holden found the all-action Shelly, ball in hand, some 14 yards from the Cork goal. The shot at goal thundered against the crossbar

and the ball rebounded back over Shelly's head. Christ the King were hanging on, but there was a big kick left in them. Katrina Mackey was unerring with a fine free in the 38th minute. Things got better for the Cork college and Mackey in particular in the 40th minute.

**Played well**

In a game in which added time could not have been justified to the extent played, Mackey tied it all up with a great point in the 53rd minute, Shelly setting up Anna, whose blistering shot zoomed just over the bar with Jessica Kavanagh scrambling to get over to the danger area.

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## All-Star Camogie Camp

AS young aspiring camogie stars thoughts focus on the return to club training sessions and the competitions that lie ahead for players from under-12 upwards, the announcement of and All-Star Camogie Camp to be held on the weekend of February 21 and 22 is sure to be greeted with huge enthusiasm.

Current Cork camogie stars five times All-Star Gemma O'Connor, Emer O'Farrell Lynda O'Connell and Jenny Duffy are the organisers of the camp and they will be coaching in the camp along with other members of the 2008 senior All-Ireland winning Cork camogie team.

The coaching camp is open to all club camogie players in Cork clubs only and is aimed at girls from 11 years to 16 years. The venue for both days is the St. Finbarr's hurling and football club, 10am to 2pm, and through both days there will be inter county players in attendance passing on their knowledge and advice to all the young aspiring stars where they will give specialised coaching sessions.

There will also be specific goalkeeping training and this is a section which is sure to draw huge interest with many aspiring young keepers in the clubs through the city and county.

The organisers have set out an impressive time table for both days which will include elite and specialised skills coaching - specific to each age group, nutritional advice and awareness, indoor hurling alley skills and drills session, goal-keeping sessions, match play, and a questions and answers session with Corks All-Star camogie players.

There will also be plenty of photography opportunities with the O'Duffy Cup and members of victorious Cork camogie panel. The highlight of the event will be a visit from Uachtarán Cumann Camógachta Na nGael Liz Howard.

At the end of the camp all the participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance along

with a camogie goodie bag to take home as a souvenir of a very special day.

The cost of this camp is €30 per participant and all proceeds from the Camp are going

towards the Players Fund. It's sure to be something which is hugely popular and as places are limited booking is essential. Application forms are available from local camogie clubs

and schools, or to book a place directly and for more information anybody interested can contact Jenny Duffy on 087 4146933, or Emer O'Farrell 087 7984656.

## Ballygarvan Camogie Club AGM

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The chairperson, Michael Moynihan, congratulated the players on their achievements during the year. The senior A team performed extremely well in their third year playing at the top level. While they narrowly lost to St. Finbarr's in the first round, they went on to beat Courcy Rovers and Inniscarra, but were beaten by St. Finbarr's in the county semi-final. After an excellent league campaign, they were unfortunate to meet Douglas in the final on a day when they were short five of their starting players.

A substantial number of Ballygarvan players had been selected to play on county and divisional teams. Suzanne Lynch won a Munster medal with the Cork senior B team. Jennifer Brown (team captain) and Aine Moynihan won Munster medals with Cork juniors.

At under-age level, Aisling Byrne, Lauren Kennefick, Rachel Keohane, Maeve Moynihan, Mary Ellen O'Donovan, Lorraine Brown, Sara Quilligan and Christina Murphy played on the under-16 Carrigdhoun team that reached the inter-division county final last April. Mary Ellen O'Donovan, Maeve Moynihan, Aisling Byrne, Lorraine Brown, Sara Quilligan and Christina Murphy played with the Cork under 16-teams and won Munster championship medals.

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Particular tributes were paid by many present to the outgoing chairman, Michael Moynihan, who has done Trojan work for the club over the past decade. He has worked tirelessly in both administration, and coaching under-age, junior and senior teams. Michael is taking a temporary break from club activities to concentrate on his voluntary work for the Chernobyl Children's Project.

Officers elected for the coming season include: President,

Nora Brady; vice-president, Ollie Hallahan; chairperson, Noreen Daly; vice-chairperson, Ollie Hallahan; secretary, Pauline Brown; treasurer, Marie Quilligan; PRO, Maria Murphy; registrar, Anne Byrne.

Committee members elected were Michael Moynihan, Yvonne Lane, Kieran Quilligan, Claire O'Callaghan, Catherine Keohane, Eily Kidney, Jennifer Brown, Aileen O'Neill, Amanda Murphy, Mary Hallahan, Anne O'Mahony, Deirdre Daly and Nora Hallahan.

## Camogie venture

THE Cork camogie board became the first county board to acquire their own playing facilities with the acquisition of their superb development at Castle Road, Blackrock, in summer of 2008.

The superb playing surface led to several games taking place when conditions were far from favourable and there has been huge praise from players and mentors alike regarding the facilities.

Finance plays a huge part in the venture and the county board are continuing their fundraising drive for the further development at their new pitch with the publication of a recipe book.

The venture was organised by board president Kay Dunne with Lesley Aherne

and Niall McLoughlin and priced at just €20 the book is available from all camogie clubs. It is hoped that the venture will receive big support to help with the ongoing development of the magnificent new pitch which is a credit to the county board.

County chairperson Marion McCarthy is calling on all past players to come on board and help by purchasing a copy of the book.

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The Gort Community School Junior A team, which defeated St Brigid's, Loughrea, in the recent Connacht final, for the school's first provincial camogie title (front - from left) Lorraine Coen, Sarah Keehan, Shauna Healy, Aoife Callanan, Emma Lynskey, Rachel Mahon, Niamh Rock and Clara Linnane, with (back) Aoife Lynskey, Jessica Dooley, Olivia Keehan, Eimear Geoghan, Rebecca Hennelly, Roisin Gardiner, Sara Skehill, Sheilla Forde, Noreen Murphy, Aine Hillary, Samantha Hayes, and Pat Conole.



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The three Shortt sisters and their first-cousins The McGraths received County & Munster senior club championship medals at the Drom & Inch GAA & Camogie Celebration Dinner Dance in Younge's The Ragg on Saturday night (l to r) - Therese Shortt, Siobhan McGrath, Caitriona Shortt, Patricia McGrath and Michelle Shortt. Picture: Bridget Delaney

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Pictured at the Kilkenny Camogie Board annual dinner and presentation of awards, were, from left, Davina Tobin, Emeralds, Urlingford, (Under 16 Player of the Year); Clara Holden, Mullinavat; (Joint Under 14 Player of the Year); Michelle Quilty, Mullinavat; (Minor Player of the Year); Lydia Fitzpatrick, St. Lactans, Freshford (Joint Under 14 Player of the Year); and Jacqui Frisby, Ballyhale, (Senior Player of the Year). Picture: Michael Brophy



### The camogie ladies have a night out

Pictured from left, Nicola Doyle, Ardboy; Trish Kelly, Hebron Park and Imelda Kennedy, Freshford.



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## Mary I Launch Purcell Cup Weekend..



Eamonn O'Leary, MIC Camogie Team Coach, Orna Neville, Team Captain, President of MIC, Prof. Peadar Cremin at Purcell Cup Press Launch, Mon 2nd Feb

### Mary Immaculate College

to host the prestigious Purcell Cup for the first time in a decade.

Mary Immaculate College, the inaugural winners of the Purcell Cup in 1977, is to host the Purcell Cup on the 14th & 15th February at various venues around the city, including Mary Immaculate College grounds, with the final being held on Sunday in the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick. The Purcell Cup, the 3rd level Camogie Championships was established in 1977, when Limerick woman Agnes Purcell and her husband Paddy donated the cup in an effort to promote the game. Mrs. Agnes Purcell, nee Hourigan, was originally from Ballygarra, Co. Limerick. She attended UCD from 1938 - 1941 during which time she won 4 Ashbourne medals. She also played at county level for Dublin and won an All Ireland medal with them in 1937. During her life time Agnes served in many roles such as the first ever President of Cumann Camógaidhna Ard Oideachais, CCAD (formerly known as the CCJA), President of the Camogie Association from 1976 - 78 and Chairperson and PRO of the Leinster Council and President of the Camogie Association in 1976. In addition she wrote on camogie affairs on a weekly basis for many years providing copy for newspapers and radio. Her husband was Gaelic Games correspondent for the Irish Press. Speaking at the announcement of Mary Immaculate College to host the Purcell Cup later this month, Lynn Kelly, current Uachtarán of CCAD said "As a Limerick woman I take great joy in continuing to promote the legacy of Agnes Purcell, a fellow Limerick woman whose contribution to Camogie was immense. Also as a Limerick woman I am especially delighted that this year's Cup is being hosted by Mary Immaculate College, the College who won the first ever Cup in 1977 and have gone on to win it four times since". Purcell Cup action got underway when Mary Immaculate College met with last year's Cup holders, Queens Belfast at Maynooth last weekend resulting in a win for Mary Immaculate College. Other teams partaking this year include Institute of Technology Tralee, Athlone Institute of Technology, Dublin Institute of Technology, Dublin City University, Maynooth and St. Pat's, Dublin.

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The Limerick College's brave bid came unstuck in added time, and according to Athlone IT joint manager Camillus King, their superior fitness was a major factor.

"The girls put in the work, they trained three nights over the past few months and they were still flying even after 80 minutes."

The victory was all the more significant as the midland's side started without regular wingback Irene Leech from Kivara, who was missing due to a family bereavement. On Saturday, before playing their semi-final against IT Tralee, her team-mates attended her mother's funeral in Galway.

Athlone IT led 1-7 to 1-3 after 30 minutes, the goal from Offaly's Arlene Watkins, who incidentally top-scored with 2-3. However, after a titanic struggle, Mary I leveled 2-9 to 1-12 at full time, through the outstanding contribution of Clare county player Carina Roseingrave (totalled 2-8). However, Athlone pulled away in added time, hitting 2-1 to the Limerick team's solitary point.

In Saturday's other semi-final, Mary Immaculate defeated St Patrick's Drumcondra.

Meanwhile, the Shield final, produced another epic encounter, with Queen's University Belfast emerging narrow winners over NUI Maynooth, 0-11 to 2-3. Managed by Down boss Joe Baldwin, their defence was sublime. Armagh star Colette McSorley was in tremendous form, notching 0-7, while Sinead McHugh and Catherine Walsh, despite coming up short, bagged two fine Maynooth goals.

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Congratulations & Well Done to the following girls who were selected on the Combined All Star team from the Purcell Cup & Shield Competition last weekend..

- 1 Fiona O'Grady (NUIM)
- 2 Marisa Nolan (St. Pats)
- 3 Orna Neville (Mary I)
- 4 Muireann Kelleher (St. Pats)
- 5 Louise Donoghue (AIT)
- 6 Edele Henry (QUB)
- 7 Kate Lynch (Mary I)
- 8 Fiona Stephens (AIT)
- 9 Colette McSorley (QUB)
- 10 Siobhan Flannery (AIT)
- 11 Carina Roseingrave (Mary I)
- 12 Sinead Cassidy (QUB)
- 13 Arlene Watkins (AIT)
- 14 Edwina Keane (ITT)
- 15 Sinead O'Loughlin (Mary I)

\*\*\* PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT: Carina Roseingrave (Mary I)\*\*\*

# Cork camogie board's plea for support

THE Cork Camogie Board chairperson Marion McCarthy has put out a call to all former camogie players to row in behind them as they continue their fundraising venture for a new camogie field.

Midway through 2008 the Cork camogie board became the first to acquire their own playing facilities with the acquisition of land at Castle Road, Blackrock. The first games took place during summer 2008 and the superb playing surface led to several games taking place in all weathers and there has been huge praise from players and mentors alike regarding the facilities. A testament to the quality of the surface was the playing of five games over one particularly bad weekend in November when venue through city and county were unplayable.

Finance has played a huge part in the venture and the county board have spent many years raising money to see their dream become a reality, when one realises that it took one hundred

and two year before Cork camogie had their own pitch it speaks volumes for the sheer dedication of a legion of mentors down through the years who had to beg and borrow pitches to get their fixture schedules completed.

A pitch of their own was always a dream and down through the years many hard working mentors gave of their time freely to keep the game to the fore and to make it what it is today in Cork and the facility is a fitting tribute their hard work.

Now the venture is moving on and the hard work has not stopped and as they continue their fund raising drive for the further development of their facilities Marion is making a plea to and trying to get the word out to all former players with clubs and county.

"I am appealing to former Cork players especially and indeed anybody who ever played the game at any level at all to row in behind us and give us a little bit of support and help us

continue the dream we and legions of camogie players gone before us have. I ask them to help us see it come to fruition it is something special and I am asking them to give us just €20 to support this venue which is a first for not alone the camogie players of Cork but in Ireland. Many people may no longer have a connection to a club so I am hoping to use the media to help spread the word and to this end I am grateful for the opportunity afforded to us to spread the word," she said.

"We are thrilled with the pitch and that at long last we have a home for Cork camogie but a huge amount of work remains and our fundraising is continuing to firstly cover the costs of the work to date which saw us having to laying out the pitch and the erecting of out of dug outs, the fencing in of the pitch, the nets behind the goals and the temporary changing facilities which were so important," Ms McCarthy said.

The next phase of the devel-

opment is the building of permanent dressing rooms which will incorporate a meeting room and a referees and first aid facility. "I am appealing particularly to anybody who may have played camogie and is no longer involved to support our latest venture which will cost them just €20. Recently we launched the publication of a celebrity recipe book and the venture was organised by board president Kay Dunne, Lesley Aherne and Niall Mc Loughlin and we hoped that the venture will receive big support to help with the ongoing development of the new pitch," she said.

Anybody interested in acquiring a copy of the book can contact their local camogie club where copies are readily available, it's available also Eason's or they can contact the county chairperson on 087-2662690 or by email from corkpro@camogie.ie. So come on the women of Cork and get behind these Rebel ladies as they strive to continue the good work.

# UCD ones to stop in Ashbourne Cup

THE weekend ahead will see some of the country's top camogie players in action for their respective colleges as UCC host the prestigious Ashbourne Cup competition.

Holders UCD set out in quest of three-in-a-row when they defended their Ashbourne Cup crown with a semi-final meeting against CIT. One of camogie's oldest and most prestigious competitions it's hugely competitive and is without doubt the highlight of college sporting life. Huge preparations will have been made by all concerned

since term began and the scene is now set for what promises to be a feast of colleges camogie.

Last season UCD made it back-to-back titles and they have been to the fore in the last number of years having contested the last three finals.

In this year's semi-final UCD will face a CIT side that had a quarter-final victory over Garda College and the Cork girls, boosted by this, will be determined to make it to their first Ashbourne Cup final. UCD are favourites to make it three-in-a-row and when one

takes a glance at the talent available to them it's hard to argue with that tag. They defeated NUIG in their quarter-final outing and, backed by inter county players such as Cork's Rena Buckley and Wexford's Una and Mary Lacey, they will be hard to stop. CIT have excellent performers in Lucy Hawkes, Charlotte Kearney, Eimear O'Sullivan, Denise Luby and Michelle Browne but they face a mighty task if they hope to stop the champions.

Hosts UCC are determined to do well as they aiming for their

32 title. It's been 2003 since UCC last tasted success but with inter county players such as last year's senior Cork camogie captain Catriona Foley, Orla Cotter and Jill Horan of Tipperary and Amy Butler of Kilkenny they had little trouble disposing of the challenge of UUJ in the quarter-final.

Last year's beaten finalists WIT had a good victory over UL in a game where they showed huge determination to make it to Saturday's semi-final against UCC who should have enough power to make it to the last two.



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# Diarmuid O'Donovan

LAST WEEK this column looked at inter-varsity aspect of one of the GAA's other sports, handball.

What we found was a band of enthusiasts who are working away at developing their club, UCC, their game and having great craic while they are at it.

Perhaps it's the aura of their college days but they didn't seem to mind the fact that they are, to a large extent, the forgotten children of the GAA.

This week we look at the Universities Camogie Championship, one of the longest running events in the university sporting calendar.

The championship is known as the Ashbourne Cup. The UCC Camogie Club are hosting this year's event which will take place at the Mardyke, the UCC Farm and Páirc Uí Rinn next Saturday and Sunday.

The semi-finals will take place at the Mardyke on Saturday afternoon. UCC will play Waterford Institute of Technology at 1.30pm and current holders University College Dublin will play Cork Institute of Technology in the same venue at 3.15pm.

Two miles further west, at the UCC Farm, the semi-finals of the Ashbourne Shield, a competition for the colleges defeated in the quarter-finals of the Cup proper will be played between NUI Galway and Garda College at 1.30pm with University Jordanstown and University of Limerick finishing off the days activities at 3.15pm. The finals are on Sunday. The Shield final will be in the Farm at 1.15pm and the main event is in Páirc Uí Rinn at 3.30pm.

If handball, is a forgotten child of the GAA, then camogie often plays the role of the forgotten cousin. True, things have improved in the quarter century since the GAA celebrated its centenary; the All-Ireland senior final is covered live on TV; the county championships are well covered — here in Cork at any rate — but camogie coverage is still sporadic.

It is hard to lay the blame at any one door for this. There is no doubt that some of the fault lies within the Camogie Association for not pushing their sport in to the limelight. Most sports associations in Ireland however, suffer in the same way, because the sports media has a very few female personnel and it tends to be hogged by the money spinning 'men's' games.

Ladies basketball, ladies golf and ladies athletics are examples of other codes that suffer the same malaise; they get trampled in the rush to see the big boys play.

There are notable exceptions of course, such as Sonia O'Sullivan in athletics and, more recently Katie Taylor in boxing, but their feats are often greeted by the comment 'Isn't she a tough nut', rather than genuine admiration and awe for whatever achievement has been accomplished.

It is the same in world of print and film. There have been countless books published on the history of hurling and football. RTE, our national broadcasters, has thousand of files, films and documentaries on the deeds of the great hurlers and footballers, but the amount of material available on camogie would hardly fill a shelf of a local library.

Even the World Wide Web, the modern source of all knowledge, contains very little on the history and origins of camogie.

If it wasn't for [www.camogie.ie](http://www.camogie.ie) and the efforts of the PROs that work on club websites, it would be difficult to find any information beyond the very basic facts of the game.

Mary Moran, a former chairwoman of the Cork County Camogie Board has written the only comprehensive history on the theme of



UCC players Christine O'Neill, Amy Butler, Eimear White and Caithriona Foley at the announcement at the Mardyke, UCC, of details of the Ashbourne Cup finals.

Picture: Neil Danton/News Digital

## Recognition of camogie is sub-standard

camogie. This is titled *Cork's Camogie Story* and it was published in 2000.

The game of camogie was founded in 1904. It was born out work out of the Gaelic League. At that time the Gaelic League, which was founded by Dr Douglas Hyde to promote the Irish language and all thing cultural, was thriving.

The Keating Branch of the League was the leading branch in Dublin. They included hurling and football in their programme of activities.

The female members, who were probably influenced by the cause of suffrage and the rights of women to vote (which was not granted until 1918) were frustrated by this; they wanted to play sport too. In response to their demands the branch committee agreed to draw up the rules of a new game for women which would be based on hurling.

The first camogie team was made up of members of Keating branch of the Gaelic League. A second team, Cuchullain's was founded shortly after that, and the first official game was played in Navan in 1904.

This was a giant step forward for women in

sport. To put it in the context of the Olympics, women were only allowed play tennis and golf at that time. It was 1912 before they were allowed swim and 1928 before they were allowed run on the track.

The story was much the same in education. In 1892 there were eight female students at UCC and it was 1904 before Trinity College finally opened its doors to women.

By 1914 however, there was a sufficient number of female students in UCD to form a camogie club.

Agnes O'Farrelly presided at the first meeting of the new club and she remained president until 1951. She was responsible for influencing Edwin Gibson, Lord Ashbourne, to present a cup bearing his name for colleges' camogie and the Ashbourne Cup was born. The first competition took place in 1915, UCD won and apart from 1943 and 1963 the Ashbourne Cup has been contested every year since then.

Over the years, UCD and UCC have enjoyed long periods of success in the competition. UCC dominated the 1920s, UDC and 1930s and '40s and so on only UCC interrupted the pat-

tern with any degree of regularity.

This carried on until the 1980s when the competition was opened up to the 'new' colleges and institutes of technology. UCD won the trophy for the eighth time in nine year in 1988.

They could hardly have imagined that it would be 19 years and seven different winners, including Jordanstown, Waterford Institute of Technology and University of Limerick before they would hold the Ashbourne Cup again. What a pity for Camogie in general that the All-Ireland senior inter-county title cannot be so keenly contested! UCD finally made their way back to the winner's podium in 2007 and they retained the trophy last year. Once upon a time, three title in-a-row would have been a common feat for the Dublin college, but the competitiveness of the last 20 years suggests that they will not succeed this time.

It is certain that weekend will be an enjoyable one; not only for those taking part, but for anyone that wishes to pass away Saturday afternoon in the 'Dyke or the Farm or Sunday for the final at Páirc Uí Rinn.



# Mum praises community's heartfelt tribute to Ballineen teenager

by Áilín Quinlan

A FUNDRAISING night in memory of Ballineen teenager Ciara O'Connor, who passed away unexpectedly just over two years ago, has raised more than €11,000 — enough money to buy several life-saving defibrillators.

Five defibrillators have so far been donated to different organisations, including Enniskeane Camogie Club, the Ballineen Enniskeane Development Association, Togher Boys National School, Ballyphehane Community Centre and the community of Ahiohill.

A decision will be made shortly on what organisation is to receive the sixth defibrillator.

The money was raised at a special fund-raising night in memory of 15-year-old Ciara O'Connor, who passed away due to sudden cardiac death on December 8 2006.

"We feel defibrillators should be in every sporting club and every school, and in every community — every parish should have a designated defibrillator. I think they are very important," said Ciara's mum Sylvia. "It's due to people's generosity that we can donate this equipment," she added.



**NEWS 13/2/2009** Pictured at the presentation of a defibrillator to Enniskeane Camogie club that was purchased with the proceeds of a fundraising night at De-Barrs football club recently in memory of 15 year old Ciara O'Connor who died suddenly in December 2006 and pictured is Ruairi O'Connor Michael O'Reagan, Enniskeane Camogie club that recieved one of the Defibrillators from Mark Callanan who organised the event and his granddaughter Leah O'Connor. Picture Denis Boyle

A formal presentation of a defibrillator will be made to Enniskeane Camogie Club at a function in the Parkway Hotel Dunmanway on February 20 next.

"We are delighted by this wonderful donation to the club," Eileen Scannell, club chairperson said. "It is a marvellous facility to have available to us in the event of

an emergency. We are in the process of training as many coaches and mentors as possible in the use of this very valuable piece of equipment."



**CUP FEVER:** UCC's Eimear White, Christine O'Neill, Amy Butler, and Caitriona Foley at The Mardyke, Cork, yesterday, when details of the Ashbourne Cup finals were announced. Picture: News Digital

## UCC hold all the Ashbourne aces

by Jim O'Sullivan

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# Cork colleges can meet up in decider

CAMOGIE'S oldest competition the Ashbourne Cup takes place on Leeside this weekend, writes **MARY NEWMAN**.

UCC play host to what is one of the game's most prestigious events.

The Ashbourne is renowned for its competitiveness. In many cases inter-county team-mates come face to face.

We look forward to a feast of camogie with two semi-finals in both the cup and shield down for decision on Saturday, with the finals of both taking place on Sunday.

Hosts UCC have put in a huge effort both on and of the

playing fields and they are determined to do well as they go in search of their 32nd win.

It's been 2003 since UCC last tasted success but with inter-county players such as last year's senior All-Ireland winning Cork captain Cathriona Foley and Orla Cotter, Jill Horan and Aoife McLoughney of Tipperary and Amy Butler of Kilkenny in their ranks, they overcame the quarter-final challenge of UUJ with ease.

Cork senior players Mary O'Connor and Aoife Murray are in UCC back-room team and they have left no stone unturned in their quest for victory, but they know the task ahead

**TOMORROW**  
Ashbourne semi-finals,  
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CIT 3.15pm, the Mardyke.

is a big one as they face last year's defeated finalists WIT.

The Waterford college had a good victory over UL in a game where they showed huge determination to make it to Saturday's semi-final.

Having lost out at the final stage last year they would love a chance to make amends.

They will look to Wexford star Ursula Jacob and Kilkenny duo Keeva Fennelly and Ann Dalton as well as Tipperary's Therese Shortt to

fashion out a win over UCC.

On form though UCC should have enough power to make it to the final.

UCD are aiming for three in row and will go in as firm favourites when they take on CIT in the day's second semi.

They are a strong side with plenty of talent at their disposal and its hard to argue with the tag of favourites.

They experienced little difficulty in defeating NUIG in their quarter-final and backboned by Cork's Rena Buckley and Wexford's Una and Mary Lacey and Susie O'Carroll (Kildare) they will be hard to stop.

CIT, in their quarter-final victory over Garda College, showed plenty of determination and a never-say-die attitude which helped them secure their semi-final spot.

They are determined to give a good account of themselves as they battle to reach their first Ashbourne Cup final.

Lucy Hawkes, Charlotte Kearney, Eimear O'Sullivan, Denise Luby and Michelle Browne have all worn the Cork jersey with distinction while Tipperary's Julie McGrath is a super player.

They face a huge task to dethrone the champions, but it's within their grasp.

## UCC aim to wrest title off Dublin

AFTER A convincing quarter-final win over UUJ, UCC serve as eager hosts for the prestigious Ashbourne Cup this weekend.

The Mardyke will host both semi-finals on Saturday, while Sunday's decider will be held at Páirc Uí Rinn.

Shield semi-finals will also take place on Saturday at the UCC Farm, Curraheen Road.

UCC will be led by Cork All-Ireland winning captain Cathriona Foley, while her Rebel teammates Aoife Murray and Mary O'Connor provide the management skills.

Big things will be expected from Orla Cotter and college stalwart Jill Horan, coming on the heels of successful campaigns with Cork and Tipperary respectively.

Additional support from Aoife McLoughney, Grainne Kenneally and Kilkenny's Amy Butler and an improving cast have launched UCC into their semi-final tie against WIT. Foley is excited about UCC's chances.

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Beaten finalists in 2008, WIT will again have a say in matters at the weekend. Taking on the hosts at the Mardyke on Saturday, WIT will look to Wexford star Ursula Jacob up front.

With many intercounty team-mates lining out against each other in the competition, there are plenty of sub-plots.

Favourites and Cup holders UCD travel to Cork in fine form. 2008 Ashbourne player of the tournament Susie O'Connell (Kildare) pairs up with Cork star Rena Buckley, who is relishing the return home to retain the cup.

"We're looking forward to the weekend, its shaping up to be a great weekend of camogie with four very good teams in the final."

The Dubliners take on underdogs CIT, who have a short journey from Bishopstown to the Mardyke. CIT will be reliant on Tipperary's Julie McGrath, as well as Michelle Browne and Charlotte Kearney.

## Cork star Buckley enjoying capital life as UCD eye title



**Therese O'Callaghan**

**R**ENA BUCKLEY is captain of the treble-seeking UCD team in this weekend's Ashbourne Cup, but the Inniscarra club player could just as easily have been starring for the side they meet in today's semi-final. Four years ago, after completing her leaving cert, she was accepted by CIT to do Chemical Engineering. But, after spending a week in the college, she was offered a place in UCD as a Physiotherapy student.

"I never really intended to go to UCD," she says. "I'd just won my first All-Ireland senior camogie medal with Cork. I had applied to a few universities, including UL. I didn't get that one, so when the UCD offer came along, I took it."

Not knowing too many people in Dublin, getting involved in camogie and being part of the campus family, helped enormously.

"Camogie made college for me," says the 21-year-old. "It helped me to settle. It's a brilliant social outlet. The friends you make, you go on to share a house with them. These people are very important especially when you are away from home."

UCD top the roll of honour in this, the oldest competition in the history of camogie. However, the Ashbourne Cup was an absent friend those days; it hadn't been brought to Belfield since 1988.

"It was almost 20 years since they had won an Ashbourne," she concurs. "The first year I played (2006) we were beaten by UL. They were the better team, we didn't perform well."

It was not long though before UCD

bridged the gap, becoming Ashbourne champions in '07 and '08. Back-to-back titles mean they travelled south last evening with lots of experience and can boast the majority of last season's team. Now in her fourth year of college, Rena has since added a few more All Ireland medals and many of her team-mates are medallists too.

"Yeah, we have more or less the same line out. We are down one or two from last year. Great friendships have developed from our previous two wins. We are as eager as ever. Not alone because we are going for three-in-a-row, but because of how special winning an Ashbourne is."

Just ask anyone who has played Ashbourne, and they will all tell you the same — about the enthusiasm, and how special an occasion it is. Students in college live in one another's pockets. We are best friends. Many of us are not from the same county but yet we share the same interests."

So, why does the Ashbourne Cup still remain a firm favourite among the sporting public?

"I suppose it is because of the excellent array of camogie players on view that makes it such an excellent competition. There are so many inter-county players to be seen in one

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"But, it can be a tough weekend. The ground is heavy. It is different to summer camogie. If you work hard enough though, you will reap the rewards. If Fitzgibbon and Sigerson were played in the summer, it would be like championship hurling. The same can be said about Ashbourne."

Last year Rena took rare time out from camogie. July and August were spent in Hawaii.

"We renovated a house for the first four weeks to make a bit of money," she chortles. "We travelled after that."

Joining her on that trip was her midfield partner in today's semi-final Julianne Woodcock from Kilkenny. When they returned to Ireland in September, Rena was still in time to be part of the successful All-Ireland winning Cork teams in camogie and football. Alas, Julianne's season was over as the Cats had bowed out of the senior championship.

Against CIT today, they have another chance to excel, as UCD are warm favourites to advance to tomorrow's final. The other semi-final between hosts UCC and WIT is not as clear cut. It is six and eight years respectively since either college lifted the trophy. This should be incentive enough to make for a great decider.

Both the Cup and Shield finals will take place tomorrow afternoon in Páirc Uí Rinn, 1.30 and 3.30pm.

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### Ashbourne Fixtures

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UCD v CIT 3.15pm REF Cathal Egan.

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NUIG v Garda College 1.30pm REF Ollie Webb  
UUJ v UL 3.15pm REF John Morrissey

Ashbourne Cup Sunday 22nd Final Páirc Uí Rinn  
Time 1.30pm. REF Eamonn Browne

**FIXTURES**  
**ASHBOURNE SHIELD**  
**SATURDAY**  
NUIG v Garda College 1.30pm,  
UUJ v UL 3.15pm, the Farm.  
**SUNDAY**  
Final, the Farm, 1.15pm.  
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**Managers:** Mary O'Connor, Aoife Murray.  
**RECENT WINNERS**  
2000 UCC; 2001 WIT; 2002 UCC; 2003 UCC; 2004 UL; 2005 UL; 2006 UL; 2007 UCD; 2008 UCD.



# Century of work went in to this new pitch

By MARY NEWMAN

Camogie

MIDWAY through 2008 the Cork camogie board became the first county camogie board to acquire their own playing facilities with the acquisition of their superb development at Castle Road, Blackrock.

The first games took place during summer 2008.

When one realises that it took 102 years before Cork camogie had their own pitch it speaks volumes for the sheer dedication of a legion of mentors down through the years who had to beg and borrow pitches to get their fixture schedules completed.

A pitch of their own was always a dream and thanks to the hard work done by people like the late Ida Bean Uí Shé, Mary O'Callaghan, Síle Golden, Kay Dunne, Mary Moran, Siobhán O'Sullivan, Miriam Higgins, Rose Malone, Nora Newman, Mary Nott, and the late Lillie O'Sullivan. They were but a few who never gave up on the dream and to this end it's a fitting monument to their hard work.

Present officers such as Marion McCarthy have seen the dream come to fruition but the work has not stopped as they continue their fundraising drive for the further development of their facilities.

"We are thrilled with the pitch and that at long last we have a home for Cork camogie," McCarthy said.

"A huge amount of work remains and our fundraising is continuing.

"Firstly to cover the costs of the work to date. The next phase of the development is the building of permanent dressing rooms which will incorporate a meeting room and a referee's room and first aid facility.

"We are appealing to everybody for support. I am appealing particularly to anybody who may have played camogie and is no longer involved to support our latest venture which will cost them just €20.

"Recently we launched the publication of a celebrity recipe book and the venture was organised by board president Kay Dunne, Lesley Aherne and Niall McLoughlin.

"We hope the venture will receive big support to help with the ongoing development of the magnificent new pitch."

The chairperson is calling on all players past and present and supporters of the game to come on board and help by purchasing a copy of the book.

"I am appealing to former Cork players, especially and indeed anybody who ever played the game at any level at all to row in behind us and give us a little bit of support and help us continue the dream we and legions of camogie players gone before us have.

"I ask them to help us see it come to fruition it is something special and I am asking them to give us just €20 to support this venue which is a first for not alone the camogie players of Cork, but in Ireland."

Anybody interested in acquiring a copy of the book can contact their local camogie club where copies are readily available.

It's available also Eason's or they can contact the county chairperson on 087-2662690 or by email from corkpro@camogie.gaa.ie.

## Announcements

### Death of Nell McCarthy former President - Wednesday, February 18, 2009

It is with sadness that I announce the death of Nell McCarthy former President of Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael who died this morning in a Dublin nursing home, where her sister Peggy also lives.

She was a native of Carrigtowhill in Cork she came to Dublin to join the Department of Education and worked in the National College of Art. She came from a strong Gaelic family, her uncle Jimmy Kennedy captained Cork to All Ireland honours in 1919. She was grand-aunt of Cork hurler Niall McCarthy.

Nell joined and played with the Celtic Club in Dublin and later coached them to win the first club championship in 1964. She was way ahead of her times as a coach, focusing on skill, teamwork and fitness. She trained and coached Dublin senior teams for many years and guided them to All Ireland success many many times in the 50'S AND 60's.

Nell served as Chair of Dublin County Board from 1952 TO 1970 and was elected President of Cumann Camogaiochta in 1971.

Nell had many interests outside of Gaelic games including travel and art. All of us who knew her respected her. She was a wonderful story teller and knew many people from the world of art.

I joined Celtic while Nell was still training the senior team. She was a marvellous coach and had the ability to get the best out of players. Her word was law and she could put you in your place with a few well chosen words! She had a vibrant personality and kept up to date about camogie and her beloved Cork, but Dublin was a huge part of her life and she was quietly proud of all the players whom she trained.

Nell made a huge contribution to camogie and we will remember as a woman who enjoyed life to the full. She will have a front row seat in Heaven. Sleep peacefully dear Nell.

Liz Howard

Uachtaran Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael

**MCCARTHY** (Dublin and formerly of Carrigtowhill, Co Cork): On February 18, 2009, peacefully, in the tender and loving care of the matron and staff of Maryfield Nursing Home, Chapelizod, Dublin, ELLEN (NELL). Deeply regretted by her loving sister Peg Cogan, nephews, nieces, grand-nephews, grandnieces, relatives and friends. May she rest in peace. Funeral Mass on tomorrow (Friday) at 2pm in St Mary's Church, Carrigtowhill, followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery. No flowers please. Mass offerings only.

### Former camogie chief Nell McCarthy dies

**CAMOGIE:** The death has occurred of Nell McCarthy, former Camogie Association President.

A Carrigtowhill native, her uncle Jimmy Kennedy captained Cork senior hurlers to All-Ireland honours in 1919 and Cork hurler Niall McCarthy is a grand nephew.

Nell played with the Dublin club Celtic and also managed them, winning the first All-Ireland Club championship in 1964. She coached

Dublin senior teams to several All-Ireland titles in the 1950s and 60s. She was Dublin County Board chair from 1952 to 1970 and was elected President of the Association in 1971.

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## Douglas girl Clare to Shine for Cork U14 team

DOUGLAS player Clare Shine has made history.

She has opened a new chapter in the history of Douglas Ladies Football Club by becoming the first player to represent Cork in ladies football having been selected for the 2009 U14 panel.

Clare has achieved in a short space of time what most could only wish for in a lifetime - she has no less than five Sciath na Scoil medals, two U12 county camogie medals, a Cork camogie Féile

medal, an All-Ireland camogie Féile medal, two All-Ireland Community games medals, an U16 county camogie medal, an U14A football championship medal, as well as medals with Cork Colleges.

As if that wasn't enough she also won an U12 national soccer medal with Douglas Hall.

What is truly remarkable about Clare's achievements is that she has not yet reached her

14th birthday and has to divide her time between her school work, ladies football, camogie and soccer.

She was a member of the 2008 Cork Colleges camogie team and is currently on the U15 Irish soccer team and now also the U14 Cork Football panel.

This shows amazing commitment not only by Clare but also by her parents, Fiona and Liam.

Congratulations Clare on your achievement.



Douglas player Clare Shine has made history by becoming the first player in the club to represent Cork. Also pictured are her coaches in 2004, Eddie Murphy and Anthony Davis.



# Dillon's heroes



Niall Lochlainn, coach, Kay Dunne, president Cork Camogie Board, Terry Dunne and Margaret O'Sullivan, at the Brian Dillons' dinner dance.

Picture: Ger Bonus



Therese Drummond, Orla Lawrence, Emma Lane and Emer Keane, Brian Dillon's camogie section, pictured at the club's dinner dance.

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Liz O'Mahony, Christie Kearns and Barbara O'Sullivan at the Brian Dillon's dinner dance.

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Denise, Ray and Valerie O'Mahony, pictured at the Brian Dillon's dinner dance.

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Rebecca O'Mahony and Sarah Cotter, Brian Dillon's U18 camogie section at the club's dinner dance.

Picture: Ger Bonus



Karen and John O'Leary, chairman Brian Dillon's hurling and football club.

Picture: Ger Bonus



Donal Lyons, secretary, Brian Dillon's, Claire O'Mahony, Tommy Boland, half-back in the junior hurling team and Therese Drummond, at the club's dinner dance.

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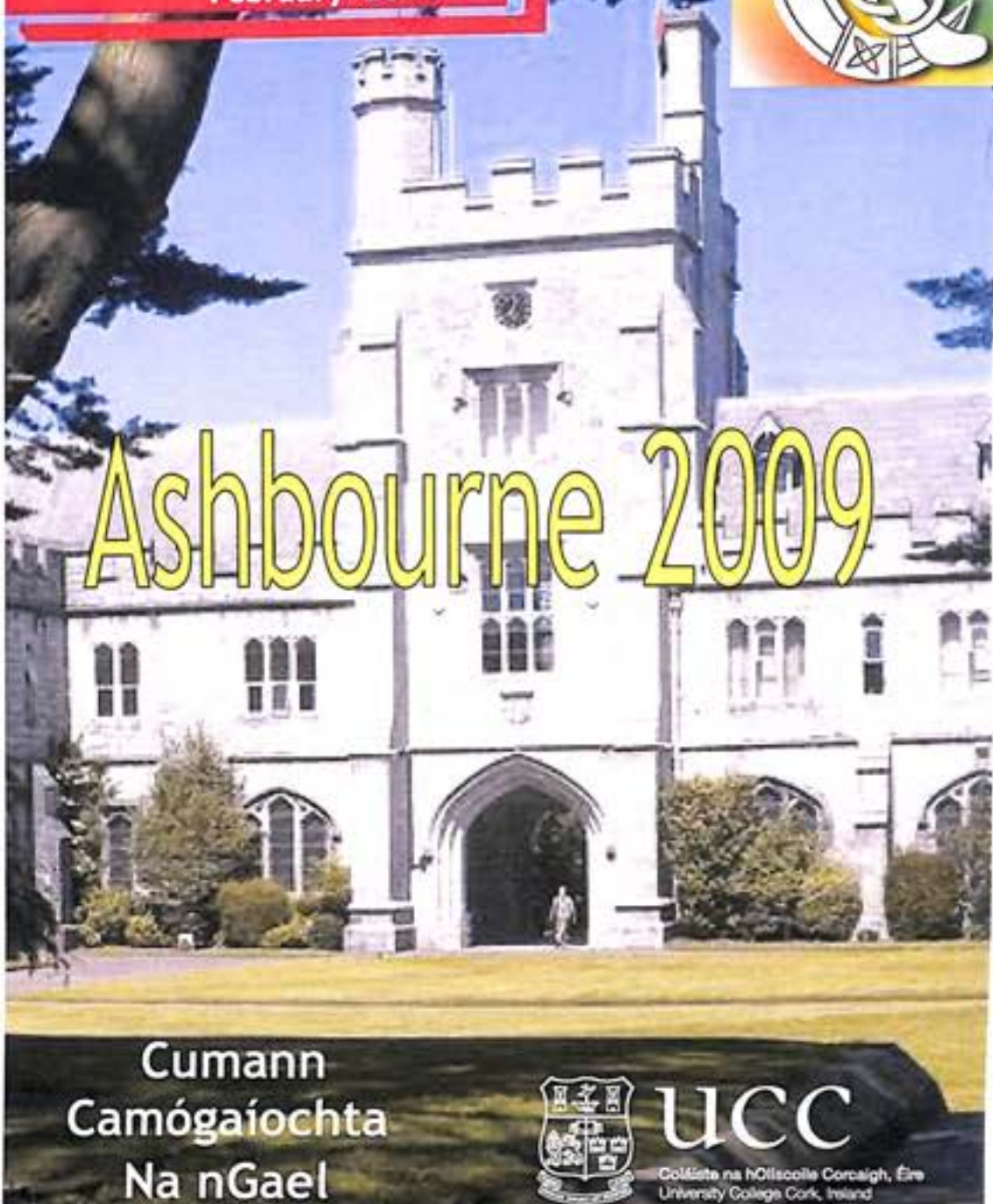
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Club: Creggan (Aontroim)
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Course: MBS  
Club: Freshford (Kilkenny)
3. Sarah Collins  
Course: Sports Studies  
Club: Ballyagran (Limerick)
4. Christine O'Neill  
Course: Biochemistry  
Club: Courcy Rovers (Cork)
5. Amy Butler (C)  
Course: BIS  
Club: Mullinavat (Kilkenny)
6. Cathriona Foley  
Course: Biochemistry  
Club: Rockban (Cork)
7. Valerie Browne  
Course: Commerce  
Club: Ballygarvan (Cork)
8. Julie Brien  
Course: Food Business  
Club: Killimor (Galway)
9. Orla Cotter  
Course: Sports Studies  
Club: St. Catherines (Cork)
10. Grainne Kenneally  
Course: Sports Studies  
Club: Lismore (Waterford)
11. Jill Horan  
Course: Masters in Town Planning  
Club: Cashel (Tipperary)
12. Miriam Crowley  
Course: Dentistry  
Club: Bishopstown (Cork)
13. Aoife Mc Loughney  
Course: Arts  
Club: Shannon Rovers (Tipperary)
14. Siobhan Bourke  
Course: Biomedical Science  
Club: Templemore (Tipperary)
15. Ruth Kaiser  
Course: HDip  
Club: Newmarket-on-Fergus (Clare)
16. Denise Leahy  
Course: Financial Maths  
Club: St. Catherines
17. Hazel O'Regan  
Course: Arts  
Club: Clonakilty (Cork)
18. Elaine O'Shea  
Course: Arts  
Club: Windgap (Kilkenny)



**WIT**

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Club: St Brigid's Ballycallan (Kilkenny)
2. Therese Shortt  
Course: Psychiatric Nursing  
Club: Drom and Inch (Tipperary)
3. Karen Atkinson  
Course: Interbationalisation  
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Course: Criminal Justice  
Club: Kilkenny
7. Kellyanne Cottrell  
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Club: Tullogher (Kilkenny)
8. Stacey Redmond  
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Club: Oulart The Ballagh
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Club: Granagh Ballingarry (Limerick)
11. Collette Dormer  
Course: Architecture  
Club: Paulstown/Goresbridge (Kilkenny)
12. Jenny Simpson  
Course: Multimedia Applications  
Club: St. Annes (Kilkenny)
13. Michelle Quilley  
Course: Rec Management  
Club: Mullinavat (Kilkenny)
14. Ursula Jacob  
Course: Sports Psychology  
Club: Oulart The Ballagh (Wexford)
15. Susan Keane  
Course: Exercise & Health Studies  
Club: Kilimor (Galway)
16. Marie Therese O'Neill  
Course: Rec Management  
Club: St. Martins (Kilkenny)
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Course: Business Studies  
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19. Lorraine Keena  
Course: Agricultural Science  
Club: Kilcormac (Offaly)



**Munster Colleges Intermediate A final:** Scoll  
Mhuire Greeshil, Castletown Sur v St. Joseph's  
Barrisoleigh, 1pm, P. Brown.

**All-Ireland Colleges Senior A semi final  
replay:** Christ King, Cork v St Brigid's Callan,  
Castle Grounds, Mahon, 1pm.

**National League Div 2: Meath 2-7: E Lynch 2-4  
A Donnelly 0-2, S Hackett, M Solovna, A Keogh, L  
Donoghue 0-1 each.**

**Dublin 1-3: M Twomey 1-0, A Murphy 0-2**





WIT players celebrating after defeating UCD in the Ashbourne Cup final at Páirc Uí Rinn, Cork, yesterday.

Picture: Denis Minihane

# WIT bridge eight-year gap

Waterford IT  
UCD

1-9  
1-6

by Therese O'Callaghan

THERE was a big upset at Páirc Uí Rinn yesterday as tenacious Waterford IT regained the Ashbourne Cup after a lapse of eight years.

And for captain Keeva Fennelly from Kilkenny, it must be said she enjoyed better fortune than her club Ballyhale Shamrocks did against Portumna in the All Ireland senior club hurling championship.

WIT's deserved victory denied UCD a hat-trick of titles, and for Fennelly – daughter of famous Kilkenny great, Ger – this was barely more than she could comprehend.

"We were confident enough coming into the final, especially after beating UCC in the semi-final yesterday (Sat 3-9 to 2-9). We trained hard for this, but

UCD are a formidable outfit, and you saw there it could have gone any way in the end."

The Waterford side owed their success to a hugely impressive opening half, after which they led 1-6 to 0-1, but their backs were to the wall in the closing 15 minutes. Still, they were staunch, and while they left the Dublin college in for 1-2 in the final eight minutes, their work rate was awesome over the hour.

There were many heroes. However, Therese Shortt, Fennelly and Kelly-Anne Cottrell were outstanding in defence, as was their midfield duo Stacey Redmond and Ann Dalton – in particular Dalton from Freshford who was in control. Up front, Ursula Jacob was always dangerous at full forward, although Mairead Luttrell from Tipperary did well to keep her scoreless from play.

All five forwards worked their socks off – Fiona Morrissey, Colette Dormer, Jenny Simpson, Susan Keane, and

Michelle Quilty who grabbed the only goal of the first half after a splendid passing movement involving Redmond and Jacob on five minutes. The wind was a huge factor, and while WIT held an eight-point lead at the changeover, one wondered if it would suffice.

UCD did re-emerge in more determined mood. However, blood injuries twice to their captain Rena Buckley upset their momentum. Mary Leacy and Buckley were delivering long ball into the square, and while Una Leacy fired an unstoppable goal 10 minutes from the end, followed by a pair of points from Susie O'Carroll from a free and Alison Maguire, they were never allowed through for the goal they needed to force extra time.

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Cunningham (Waterford); A Fahy (Kilkenny); K Cottrell (do); S Redmond (Wexford); A Dalton (Kilkenny); F Morrissey (Limerick); C Dormer (Kilkenny); J Simpson (do); M Quilty (do); U Jacob (Wexford); S Keane (Galway).

**UCD:** M Darcy (Wexford); E Dunne (Cork); M Luttrell (Tipperary); T Manton (Galway); L Fennelly (Kilkenny); M Leacy (Wexford); E O'Neill (Kilkenny); R Buckley (capt, Cork); J Woodcock (Kilkenny); C Maher (Waterford); A Maguire (Dublin); F Phelan (Kilkenny); S O'Carroll (Kildare); U Leacy (Wexford); E Dermody (Kilkenny).

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● In a thrilling Shield final, a strong second half display powered NUIG to narrowly triumph over holders UL, 1-14 to 2-10. Although trailing 0-4 to 2-7 at the break, a splendid overall return of 1-8 from Lorraine Ryan helped her side to victory. UL's brace of goals on 27 and 29 minutes came from Edel Maher and Marie O'Neill. Fittingly, it was a 59 minute free from Ryan that eventually separated the sides.



Bainisteoir: Niall O'Mahony & Barry Day

Captain: Eimear O Sullivan

1. Lisa Marie O Mahoney  
Course: Design  
Club: Eire Og (Cork)

2. Aisling O'Keefe  
Course: Rec/Leis  
Club: Inniscarra (Cork)

3. Ciara Lynch  
Course: Rec/Leis  
Club: Kilworth (Cork)

4. Barbara Browne  
Course: BIS  
Club: Ballygarvan (Cork)

5. Lucy Hawkes  
Course: Chemical Eng  
Club: Valley Rovers (Cork)

6. Julie Mc Grath  
Course: Sustainable Energy Eng  
Club: Cashel (Tipperary)

7. Clara Mc Kenna  
Course: Bio Eng  
Club: Eire Og (Cork)

8. Eimear O Sullivan (Captain)  
Course: BBS  
Club: Ballinhassig (Cork)

9. Mairead O Sullivan  
Course: Social Care  
Club: Tournafilla (Limerick)

10. Colleen Long  
Course: Rec/Leis  
Club: Newcestown (Cork)

11. Denise Luby  
Course: BBS  
Club: Glen Rovers (Cork)

12. Charlotte Kearney  
Course: Rec/Leis  
Club: Na Piarsaigh (Cork)

13. Michelle Browne  
Course: Rec/Leis  
Club: Mallow (Cork)

14. Evelyn Ronayne  
Course: Culinary Arts  
Club: Dungourney (Cork)

15. Erin Corkery  
Course: Rec/Leis  
Club: Eire Og (Cork)

16. Aoife Finegan  
Course: Rec/Leis  
Club: Brian Dillons (Cork)

17. Siobhan Lee  
Course: Chemical Eng  
Club: Clooney/Quin (Clare)

18. Suzanne Lynch  
Course: BioScience  
Club: Ballygarvan (Cork)

19. Patricia Maloney  
Course: BBS  
Club: Barryroe (Cork)

20. Nicola Nagle  
Course: BBS  
Club: Dungourney (Cork)



NUIG

1. Noirin Ryan  
Club: Clonoulty Rossmore (Tipperary)

2. Jennifer Coone  
Club: Mullagh (Galway)

3. Shauna Rabbitte  
Club: Toomevara (Tipperary)

4. Sinead Boyle  
Club: Eoghan Rua (Derry)

5. Collette Gill  
Club: Kinvara (Galway)

6. Michaela Morkan  
Club: Shinrone (Offaly)

7. Krystle Ruddy  
Club: Athenry (Galway)

8. Niamh Kilkenny  
Club: Pearses (Galway)

9. Attracta Mc Peake  
Club: Lavey (Derry)

10. Lorraine Ryan  
Club: Killmordaly (Galway)

11. Fiona Kennedy  
Club: Silvermines (Tipperary)

12. Noreen Coen  
Club: Athenry (Galway)

13. Aine O'Brien  
Club: Newmarket-on-Fergus (Clare)

14. Catriona Cormican  
Club: Cappataggle (Galway)

15. Maria Ryan  
Club: Tipperary

17. Maeve Mac Allister  
Club: Ruairi Og (Antrim)

18. Natalie Mc Cabe  
Club: Tullamore (Offaly)

19. Deidre Twomey  
Club: St. Catherines (Cork)

20. Elaine Gibson  
Club: Cullion (Westmeath)

21. Celine Finn  
Club: Pearses (Galway)

22. Theresa Loughnane  
Club: Pearses (Galway)

23. Siobhan Hinderson  
Club: St. Annes

24. Deirdre O'Donovan  
Club: Cullion (Westmeath)

25. Laura Young  
Club: Toomevara (Tipperary)

26. Orla Aherne  
Club: Tullamore (Offaly)





# UCD

**Manager: Willie Cleary**  
**Selector: Maurice Nolan**

**1. Mags Darcy**  
Course: Sports Management  
Club: St. Martins (Wexford)

**2. Emma Dunne**  
Course: Physiotherapy  
Club: Cloughduv (Cork)

**3. Mairead Luttrell**  
Course: Engineering  
Club: Windgap (Tipperary)

**4. Therese Manton**  
Course: Nursing  
Club: Mullagh (Galway)

**5. Leann Fennelly**  
Course: Science  
Club: Mullinavat (Kilkenny)

**6. Mary Leacy**  
Course: Urban Planning  
Club: Oulart the Ballagh (Wexford)

**7. Leona Monaghan**  
Course: Nursing  
Club: Mullagh (Galway)

**8. Rena Buckley (C)**  
Course: Physiotherapy  
Club: Iniscarra (Cork)

**9. Julianne Woodcock**  
Course: Physiotherapy  
Club: Danesfort (Kilkenny)

**10. Charlotte Rahe**  
Course: Nursing  
Club: St. Annes (Waterford)

**11. Alison Maguire**  
Course: Arts  
Club: St. Vincents, Dublin

**12. Fiona Phelan**  
Course: Radiography  
Club: Clara, Kilkenny

**13. Susie O'Carroll**  
Course: Economics  
Club: Celbridge, Kildare

**14. Una Leacy**  
Course: Social Science  
Club: Oulart the Ballagh, Wex

**15. Emilie Darmody**  
Course: Higher Diploma  
Club: Ballyhale Shamrocks, Kilkenny

**16. Ash Byrne**  
Course: Medicine  
Club: Lusmagh, Offaly

**17. Iris Kaiser**  
Course: Veterinary  
Club: Newmarket-on-Fergus, Clare

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Ashbourne Cup: WIT 1-9 UCD (holders) 1-6  
Ashbourne Shield: NUIG 1-14 UL (holders) 2-10



RAMPANT WIT regained the Ashbourne Cup after a lapse of eight years at Páirc Uí Rinn on Sunday, while also denying UCD three-in-a-row titles. On a scoreline of 1-9 to 1-6, the Waterford girls were full value for the win, and can be thankful to a productive opening half after which they led by eight points. However, turning to play into the strong wind, they had a battle on their hands to keep UCD at bay.

Playing with the elements, Waterford IT got the perfect start with a goal on five minutes from Mullinavat's Michelle Quilty, who combined effectively with Wexford duo Stacey Redmond and Ursula Jacob to fire past a helpless Mags Darcy. With their forward line in particular toiling hard, they added two pointed trees from the industrious Ursula Jacob at full forward who enjoyed a right old tussle with Mairead Luttrell from Tipperary.

All the while, UCD were struggling to find their rhythm. The exchanges were tense, but it was the WIT defence who stood defiant, especially Kellianne Cottrell and Kevea Fennelly - daughter of famed Kilkenny hurler Ger. WIT were dominant too at midfield through Redmond and Ann Dalton.

They turned over leading 1-6 to 0-1, but much more was expected from the Belfield College on the resumption. And while they produced a more solid second 30 minutes, including a rasping goal from Una Leacy 10 minutes from the end, their much improved finish could not provide the equalising goal.

Meanwhile, in the Shield final, Galway's Lorraine Ryan with a total of 1-8, helped NUIG to a 1-14 to 2-10 victory over a gallant UL. The Limerick side had been the dominant force in the first half going in at the break, 2-7 to 0-4 in front, thanks to goals from Edel Maher and Maire O'Neill. However, NUIG came storming back, and in a welter of excitement Ryan rifled over the winning point a minute from time.

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Cup semi-finals: UCD 1-13 CIT 1-6; WIT 3-9 UCC 2-9

Shield semi-finals: NUIG 4-13 Garda College 2-6; UL 2-12 UUJ 1-9.

Ashbourne All Stars

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2009 Ashbourne All-stars

1. Joanne Nolan UL
2. Therese Shortt WIT
3. Mairead Luttrell UCD
4. Fionnuala Carr UUJ
5. Leann Fennelly UCD
6. Julie McGrath CIT
7. Niamh Kilkenny NUIG
8. Stacey Redmond WIT
9. Rena Buckley UCD
10. Lorraine Ryan NUIG
11. Colette Dorner WIT
12. Eimear O'Sullivan CIT
13. Susie O'Carroll UCD
14. Ursula Jacob WIT
15. Cora Hennessy UL

Most Valuable Player: Stacey Redmond (WIT)



Cork Senior camogie team, defeated by Tipperary in the Munster final in 1960 and they lined out as follows: E Cummins, B Walsh, K Barry-Murphy, J Clancy, L Coughlan, M Buckley, J O'Grady, A Crotty, R Manley, D Young, M O'Callaghan. Sub used N Finn.  
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# New blood can help the Tribe



LINDA MELLERICK

ONCE again Cork are paired with their All-Ireland final opponents for their opening National League game this Sunday.

They make their way west on Sunday morning for a 1.30pm throw in against Galway.

At home Galway will be eager to atone for their All-Ireland defeat and maybe the start of a National League campaign is the time to do it.

Unless Galway find fine some new blood for 2009 it is hard to see them taking honours. They reached both the league and championship finals in 2008 which is a huge step forward for the county and without question they have players of quality.

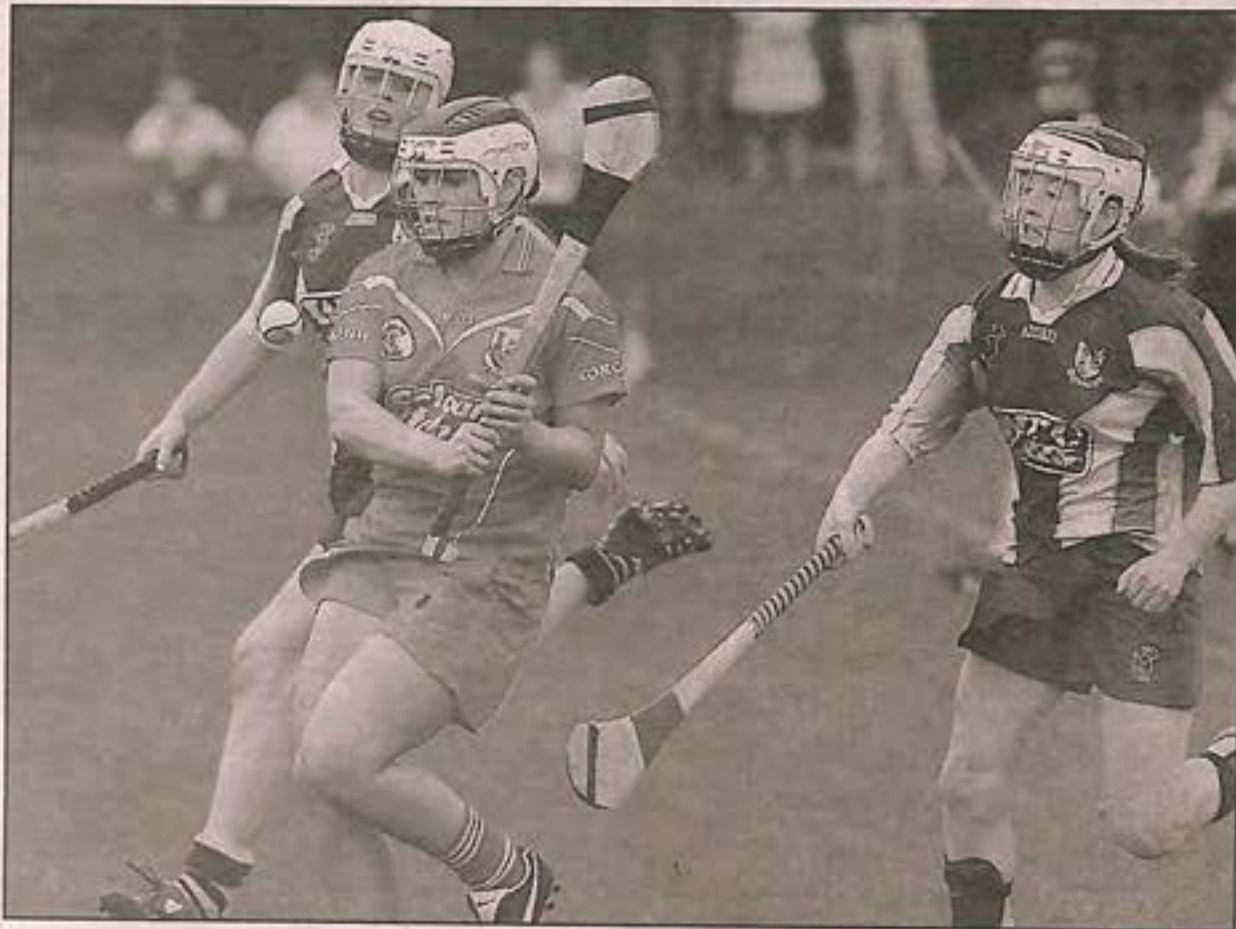
But they need more. If they sit on last year's success with the same panel of players they will fall back. Jessica Gill is the name on everyone's tongue in the west of Ireland, her scoring ability from placed balls and general play out of the top drawer.

But she is often alone. Last September Galway weren't getting the return they needed from Veronica Curtin, Molly Dunne or Therese Maher and Gill had to play deep into her own half to gather possession.

She was never going to pose too much of a threat outside and it suited Cork. Curtin has retired from inter-county camogie this year with her husband Damien also taking a back seat.

Having six good forwards, with one or two lethal strikers is a recipe for success and Galway doesn't have that.

They have three or four on a given day. Equally, Galway has an excellent half-back line in Ann Marie Hayes and Sinead Cahalan in particular, but their full-back line is weak.



Anna Geary's return to the Cork panel has made the squad even stronger this year.

When Aine Hillary is on form, their midfield is sufficient. Overall, Galway need a minimum of four additional players of senior inter-county standard spread across the field.

They seem to be aware of this as rumour has it that 50 players have been selected for ongoing trials. The county has three senior teams on the go at present, their strongest surely lining out against Cork this weekend.

Galway remains one of the top four contesting for league and championship honours in 2009. That is more to do with the lack of strong senior counties competing than anything else. They will test Cork at this time of the year.

Cork find themselves in a far stronger position than they did 12 months ago.

They had an extremely topsy turvy start to 2008, but this year has started out with their feet more firmly on the ground.

Denise Cronin remains at the helm and she is joined for 2009 by Douglas representative Michael O'Regan and Lillian Zinkant, a previous selector to the 2005-2007 panels.

Add in the fact that Emer Dillon and Anna Geary have re-joined the panel after a year's absence and Cork look untouchable.

The strength of a panel is determined by who's sitting on the bench. These two remaining on the bench is doubtful and regardless of who's position they take, Cork's bench is all the stronger for it.

Players remain relatively fit all year round now with the average age of senior panellists, college stu-

dents. Cork played a number of challenge games against the colleges recently and with the Ashbourne cup competition completed last weekend it's full speed ahead at inter-county.

Cork has a panel of 35 players going through their paces, but a number of issues prevented management from naming their starting 15 ahead of the game.

The ladies' football clash with Dublin switched to Sunday, directly clashing with the Camogie game and a number of players are also nursing niggling injuries. Naming the team has been delayed to afford them ample time to recover.

SUNDAY

National League Division 1: Cork v Galway, Duggan Park, Ballinasloe, 1.30pm.

## O'Regan honoured at getting captaincy

By LINDA MELLERICK

Camogie latest

WHEN Douglas took their first senior county championship title in 2008 it was an historic day for the club.

It seems that the 'firsts' just keep occurring in Douglas; their latest, the honour of Cork senior captaincy being bestowed on Amanda O'Regan.

The honour is something Amanda doesn't take lightly. "I'm looking forward to the challenge. Growing up I think everyone dreams of being captain of their senior team and for me I thought it was always going to be a dream, coming from what used to be a very small club."

"Four years ago we were playing junior A and although the underage players were coming through I didn't think we would win a senior title so quickly. I'm very honoured to be chosen and hope that I can do the club proud during the year."

With the Cork squad back training six weeks Amanda is happy with the start to the 2009 season.

"It feels like it was only yesterday that we finished playing and even this year when we went back training there was about six weeks to



New Cork captain Amanda O'Regan.

our first game and it's hard to believe that that time has gone by already.

"I'm really looking forward to this year. With the change in championship format it means that every game will count. So far the atmosphere at training has been very positive. There are some new faces involved this year and I think it has brought freshness to the team."

"At the moment we're training twice a week. We've been training in Supernova once a week then a game at the weekend or we train in the county board's new pitch in Castle Road."

"The new pitch is great for us. It is in great condition for the time of year. Hopefully we will be able to continue training there throughout the year."

Looking ahead to Sunday? "Galway was the only team to beat us in the championship last year, so we are well aware of the strength of their team."

"Having beaten them in the All-Ireland final, they are sure to be out to show that they are strong contenders for this year's championship. League games are always hard to read as each county uses the league to experiment with their teams and introduce new players."

## Early league test for Cork's second team

SUNDAY

National League Division Two: Cork v Galway, Duggan Park, Ballinasloe, 3pm

CAMOGIE returns to inter-county activities this weekend as Cork's division two team get their National League campaign underway with a trip to Galway on Sunday. This year there is a change in format to the previous structure as two groups of four teams battle it out, with the top two progressing to

semi-final stage.

Cork and Galway are joined by Wexford and Waterford in a section which is sure to be competitive with every game vital.

With division two, it's hard to judge the early season form and the first round of games is usually a guide to the counties' panel strengths.

This season the second Cork team will be without the services of several of last season's side, who were members of the victorious

By MARY NEWMAN

Camogie

senior All-Ireland winning panel and having been named in the first 25 on All-Ireland day, are senior championship medal winners and thus ineligible for the second division.

Cork made it to the All-Ireland division two final last year only to lose to Kilkenny with the last puck of a titanic contest and they are determined to go all the way this year, so they

will once again use the league to build up their side.

Sheila Golden continues as selector and she is joined by last year's coach Bobby Thornhill and Esther O'Leary. The sides met in last year's championship when Cork recorded an impressive victory and the back-room team will be hoping that players such as Michelle Browne, Leah Weste, Ann Marie Fleming, Gillian Harrington, Jennifer Lynch and Christine O'Neill will help get this season's

league campaign off on the right road with a victory. Galway are always formidable and on home ground will prove tough opposition. It's expected that their line-up will be built around former senior players such as Martina Harkin, Aisling Hobbs and Caroline Murray, while several players who have come through underage in recent years such as Tara Rutledge Lorraine Lally, Sinead Keane and Dorelle Coen should figure also.



**BALLINCOLLIG** camogie club recently launched their floodlight senior camogie tournament which began this week and will continue until Friday, March 13.

This time of the year clubs are just getting back into training with many still just in the first or second week of their programmes and the venture is primarily aimed at getting teams back onto the playing fields and helping everybody get fit.

The tournament is sponsored by Ballincollig Credit Union and in the current economic climate they are to be congratulated for coming on board with the club and giving the venture a huge boost. Present at the launch was Michael Nugent, who spoke on behalf of the sponsors.

"We in Ballincollig Credit union are delighted to be involved as sponsors with the camogie club. We like to give something back to the community and this is our way of showing support. We wish the club and all the participating teams well in what we know will be a huge success."

The camogie club vice-chairperson, Garrett Irish, is the organiser of the tournament.

"We think this is an ideal



Janet Harrington speaking about nutritional values to participants at the All Star camogie coaching camp held at St Finbarr's GAA complex.

Picture: Mike English

## Camogie club launch senior tournament

opportunity for clubs to get their season up and running. We have teams from both senior A and B grade competing and this is a good mix. At this time of the year its all

about getting back into training and with each club guaranteed a minimum of three games it will help enormously clubs to get back into action."

Ballincollig Camogie club chairperson Máiréad Donovan was on hand to help lunch the venture and she expressed delight at the organising of the tournament. She

thanked the clubs central committee for allowing the competition go ahead under lights. She had particular praise for John Purcell and the pitch committee. The

clubs own sponsor, Barry Downes, was also present to launch the event which will be refereed by Peter Downey and Ger Sheehan.

Participating teams are: Cloughduv, Rockbawn, Inniscarra, Aghabullogue, Glen Rovers and Ballincollig. The competition will consist of six teams divided into two groups of three teams. Each team will play the other two teams in the group. The top two teams in each group will progress to the semi-final stage with the group winner playing the runner up from the other group in the semi-final. The fifth and sixth teams will contest a shield final.

The competition will be played under normal rules; all games must produce a result on the night with extra-time being played in the event of a draw. In the event of a tie for the top two teams the decision will then be made on score difference. In the event of a tie for group winner the decision will then be made on score difference, then on highest scoring average, then on lowest average conceding score.

The groups are as follows

**Group 1:** Glen Rovers, Inniscarra, and Cloughduv.

**Group 2:** Rockbawn, Ballincollig, Aghabullogue.

# Champions look ready for opener

**CORK'S start to 2009 seems to be a million miles apart from 12 months ago.**

Despite the fact that the management team have yet to secure a coach after the departure of Jim McCarthy, their manager Denise Cronin and selectors Mick O'Regan and Lillian Zinkant has a panel of 35 training for the past six weeks.

The atmosphere is good, freshness evident and they open their National League campaign tomorrow with a spring in their step.

It's a far cry from January '08 when the Cork team had no manager, coach or third selector and had also lost the services of three key players, Anna Geary, Emer Dillon and Jennifer O'Leary.

In stepped Denise, Jim, Con Malone and Pat Murray and between them they guided the team to All-Ireland glory.

No such turmoil this season. Added to the side's strength is the fact that Emer and Anna have returned to the squad making competition for places intense.

The team have had a number of challenge games against various colleges and Denise is happy with the enthusiasm of her squad to date. It's given the management team a

chance to view the many new players introduced to the panel.

There is always the risk of complacency setting in after winning an All-Ireland and Cork are their own worst enemy in this regard.

The competition for places however, with the return of Emer and Anna in particular should prevent that creeping in for '09.

Mick O'Regan, instrumental in guiding Douglas to their first Senior County title in 2008, forms part of Cork's management team as selector. The fact that his daughter now captains the side makes it an extra special year for the family.

Cork are a stronger outfit this year. Thrown together in 2008 they took advantage of the league to bond and find a 'fit'. It is hard to see any-



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one taking their title from them in '09. Wexford, I feel, will be the team to watch out for. Kilkenny have a bit to go yet. As do Galway if they fail to add a few more key players to their squad.

Wexford impressed me greatly in '07. Their All-Ireland triumph was a fairytale come true for them. However, it was their league final performance and opening championship encounter against Cork in Ballincollig a week later which truly displayed the talent they had.

They failed to impress me at all last year; their mental approach a pale shadow of 12 months previous.

They looked disinterested in every game. When you experience winning an All-Ireland title, particularly one which generated so much media attention and hype in Wexford, and then experience losing one, the contrasting euphoria and pain is immense.

In a short 12 months Wexford experienced both and that alone is what is going to make them serious contenders this year.

The revised format eases the burden on counties somewhat. Pooling all seven senior inter-county teams into one group thus having to play six league and six championship matches before ever advancing to

the knockout stages last year was too much. The local club scene, particularly in Cork with the large volume of clubs, came to a standstill last summer due to the heavy fixture schedule.

This year two groups of four (Clare having made the step up) will see each county play three games with the top two from each group advancing to the semi-finals. Cork are paired with Galway, Limerick and Wexford for the league campaign and Dublin, Tipperary and Kilkenny for the championship.

It's exciting to hear that the Mackey's, Katrina and Pamela, of the successful Douglas side have been called up to the senior squad. County final 'Player of the Match' Katrina grabs the headlines often with her exceptional scoring ability. Pamela, however, is equally effective and her 'man marking' capabilities were instrumental in Douglas being County champions today.

I'm looking forward to their development over the coming months and beyond. St Finbarr's Orla O'Sullivan also deserves her call back to the senior panel after a lapse of a few years. She had an excellent club season in 2008.

We look forward to the year ahead.

## Cork camogie supporters' club AGM

The Cork Camogie Supporters club in their fourth year in operation again had a very busy year in 2008 and they were of enormous help to the players and mentors of the various teams who

represented the county during the season gone by. They held a very successful golf classic during the summer which generated good support and helped ease the huge burden of raising finance for day to

day expenses which are incurred by the teams. The supporters club will hold their Annual General Meeting on Monday night next, March 2, at St Finbarr's GAA club at 8.30pm, and are hoping for

a big turnout as they look back over their work and set out their plans for what will no doubt be another huge year for Cork camogie in 2009 as the county set out in search of back to back All-Ireland senior titles.



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## Brigid's return to finish the job

**TOMORROW**  
All-Ireland Colleges Senior A Championship semi-final  
Christ The King (Cork) v St Brigid's (Callan)  
Castle Road Camogie Grounds, Blackrock, 2pm

REIGNING All-Ireland champions, St Brigid's Callan, were fortunate to survive the challenge posed by the Cork and Munster champions Christ the King Turner's Cross when the sides met three weeks ago at semi-final level, **writes MARY NEWMAN.**

Christ the King, last year's Senior B All-Ireland winners, proved they are capable of mixing it with the best and its back to the drawing board tomorrow as the sides battle it out again for a place in the final.

Last day out the Callan girls held a three-point interval lead and they extended it to four shortly after the break. But Christ the King held their nerve.

Katriona Mackey got a goal and a point and had them on level inside 10 minutes of the restart and so it stayed as the sides battled it out for a winner.

Mackey gave Christ the King a second chance with a point three minutes into added time and once again it is all to play for.

St Brigid's, with inter-county players Anna and Shelly Farrell, Louise Dunne, Denise Gaule and Niamh Phelan in their line-out, they will once again prove a stumbling block.

They were bitterly disappointed given they led entering injury time not to have held out and they know the huge threat Christ the King pose to their title aspirations.

The Cork girls are concerned that an injury to Mackey in a midweek friendly game may keep her out of the action and, were she to be ruled out, it will be a huge blow.

But on the plus side they will be hoping that Julia White, who missed out last day through illness, may be fit to take her place.

The return of White may just be the trump card Christ the King need to boost their chances, but the champions, as they have shown, won't give up their title without a battle.

Another close contest is on the cards.

Christ the King, with top-class performers such as Pamela Mackey, Lorraine Browne, Danielle Connolly, Christina Murphy and Moira Donovan, have it within their grasp to make it to the final.

## Farrell's hat-trick powers holders St Brigid's to final

### All-Ireland Schools' SCC

**Christ The King (Cork) 2-6**  
**St Brigid's (Callan) 6-6**

by Brendan Larkin

A HAT-TRICK of goals by full forward Shelly Farrell powered St Brigid's to a comfortable victory in this All-Ireland schools senior camogie championship semi-final replay at Mahon, Cork, on Saturday.

Shelly was magnificent, tormenting the Christ The King defence all afternoon while Denise Gaul, Laura Dunne and goalkeeper Laura Walker, who made a number of superb saves, also impressed.

The Cork girls, who won the B title for the first time last year, were unfortunate not to have won the game three

weeks ago in Callan but they can have no complaints on this occasion.

Forced to play without playmaker Katrina Mackey (broken finger), Christ The King had the wind in the opening half and needed to build a sizeable lead if they hoped to dethrone the champions. They got the perfect start when Ciana Driscoll slipped home a goal in the second minute and soon after Emma Jordan got through for a second to open a five-point lead at the end of the first quarter.

However encouraged from the sideline by Kilkenny legends Angela and Ann Downey, St Brigid's put in a storming second quarter and a brace of goals by Farrell had the Kilkenny school 2-3 to 2-1 in front at the break.

Christ the King threw down the gauntlet to their opponents

early in the second half when Ailin O'Donovan tied the game for the first time, but it was a temporary respite.

Inspired by the Farrell sisters, Shelly and Ann and the towering figure of Gaul at centre forward, St Brigid's hit back and Shelly completed her hat-trick with a third goal to give her side a lead they never lost.

Only some great work by goalkeeper Jessica Kavanagh, Pamela Mackey and Lorraine Browne prevented the hosts from falling further behind. Christ The King continued to surge forward with Moira O'Donovan far more effective after being switched from full back to attack but the Cork side were denied at least two goals by the defending of Laura Walker and Alison Walsh.

At the other end Farrell continued to impress and she set up Gaul for their fourth

goal in the 50th minute. The goal rout was completed with one each from Kate McDonald and Ciara Holden. St Brigid's must be fancied to retain their All-Ireland title when they face the Galway champions in the final in a fortnight.

**Scorers for St Brigid's:** S. Farrell (3-3); D. Gaul (1-2); K. McDonald, C. Holden (1-0 each); A. Farrell (0-1).

**Scorers for Christ The King:** C. Driscoll (1-1); Ailin O'Donovan (0-3 (all frees)); E. Jordan (1-0); T. McCarthy, P. Mackey (0-1 each).

**ST BRIGID'S:** L. Walker, E. Frisby, A. Walsh, L. Dunne, L. Carey, M. Power, A. Manning, J. Cunningham, A. Farrell, C. Holden, D. Gaul, L. Dunne, N. Dowling, S. Farrell, N. Phelan.

**Subs:** K. McDonald for Cunningham (50); D. Mackey for Manning (60).

**CHRIST THE KING:** J. Kavanagh, S. Long, M. O'Donovan, L. Kennefick, P. Mackey, L. Browne, C. Lynch, M. O'Mahony, T. McCarthy, Ailin O'Donovan, Aine O'Donovan, C. Murphy, E. Jordan, C. Driscoll, S. Quilligan.

**Subs:** J. Walsh for Lynch (27); C. Lynch for Kennefick (42); M. Moynihan for Quilligan (47); A. Byrne for Walsh (54); C. Murphy for Long (55).

**Referee:** E. Browne (Tipperary).

### National League Division One gets underway this weekend

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FRESH from individual outstanding performances with NUIG in last weekend's Ashbourne Shield, Galway are returning to the national arena with a much-awaited National League Division One clash with arch-rivals Cork on Sunday. Memories of the 2008 Gala All Ireland senior championship final defeat haven't gone away. However, sterling displays by NUIG's Niamh Kilkenny, Katrina Cormican, and Lorraine Ryan against UL - to name but a few - mean they are ready to welcome the All Ireland champions to Connacht.

In particular, Kilkenny from the Pearsons club was in flying form, showing plenty of early season form.

"Training is going well," she explained. "We are back together awhile, the last few weeks were interrupted by College training, but other than that we are looking forward to the opening round of the league."

"We have a few girls back this year, which is a big boost to Liam Donoghue (manager). Regina Glynn and Brenda Hanney have returned. Both these girls were travelling last year. We have a few more names in as well, so there is fair competition for places."

Veronica Curtin has decided to call it a day following her untimely service to the Maroon and White jersey, while her husband Damien Coleman has also stepped down from the backroom team.

Donoghue is joined by Anne Broderick - part of his setup from last year - Anne is a sister of former All-Star Kevin Broderick. The rest of his high profile team includes Carrone's Declan Walsh, and Barry Downey who guided Cortoon Shamrocks to their first Galway senior football final last year, and Seanie Crowe.

Meanwhile, Kilkenny boss Ann Downey will have been especially impressed with the character shown by her players last weekend as WIT edged past UCD to Ashbourne Cup glory. The Cats, who are the reigning National League champions, play Dublin in the other Division One fixture.

WIT owes much of its success to the hard graft of the Black and Amber players, Captain Kevea Fennelly from the Ballyhale/Shamrocks club, who performed steadily in defence alongside Aine Fahy and Kelly-Anne Cottrell. Freshford's Ann Dalton was a colossus at midfield and is certainly a player to watch for this season, while the attacking power of Collette Dorner, Jenny Simpson and Michelle Quilty up front was very encouraging.

Elsewhere, All Ireland champions of two years ago, Wexford will have to plan this year without Brone Furlong. The Saney Olympic athlete has been selected by Athletics Ireland for the European Indoor championships in Turin, Italy on March 6-8. The 21-year-old who is trained by Jim Kilty had an excellent indoor season in 2008 when she took the 400m national title has decided to concentrate solely on athletics this year.

### National League Division One wrap

WHILE the Galway hurlers were dishing out a heavy defeat to Cork in Páirc Uí Chaoimh yesterday, the Galway camogie team were creating quite a stir in Duggan Park, Ballinasloe defeating All Ireland champions Cork in a rematch of last year's Gala senior final. Not alone did they capture the two points on offer in this National League round one game, but psychologically, this reshaped side will be boosted by the 1-10 to 0-7 victory.

Jessica Gill, once again, started the new season where she let off last September, her return of 1-8 proving to be the big difference. A few familiar faces were back for the Maroon and White, so no doubt about it, Therese Maher was happy with the victory.

"I suppose many outsiders would see this as a big match for Galway because we were playing Cork, but for us it was just another game. Any day you go out and meet Cork you want to beat them of course. But, our main aim was to get the league off to a winning start and we are glad to have done so. We are realistic and know what is ahead, but it is good for the new girls to get off on a positive note."

Galway boss Liam Donoghue included Aisling Connolly, Brenda Hanney, Lourda Kavanagh and Clodagh Glynn in his line up to the exclusion of the retired Veronica Curtin, Sarah Noone, Molly Dunne who is injured and Brenda Karins from the team that lost to the Rebels last autumn. Another alteration saw regular wing back Niamh Kilkenny move to corner forward where she joined her sister Orla who was lining out in the other corner.

After playing with the breeze the Maroon and White turned over 1-6 to 0-2 in front - Gill blasting a fifth minute free to the net to give her side an early cushion.

Cork were in experimental mode too with new captain Amanda O'Regan leading out her charges. Five points between Gemma O'Connor and Orla Cotter provided the bulk of the visitor's return.

Elsewhere, title holders Kilkenny made an impressive start, putting Dublin to the sword, 4-14 to 1-5, in Kilmanagh. Katie Power and Marie Dargan bagged a pair of goals each, while the Dublin green flag came from Joellenne Hoary.

With Sinead Hillia and Brigid Mullaly after calling it a day, Ann Dalton, Catherine Doherty and Leann Fennelly were strong in the heart of the Kilkenny rearguard.

Meanwhile, there was further good news for Kilkenny with St Brigid's Callan defeating Christ King Cork, 6-6 to 2-6, in their replayed All Ireland senior A College's semi-final at Castle Grounds, Cork. Shelly Farrell showed the way with 3-3 - all from play. They meet Portumna CC of Galway in the final on March 14.



Pictured at the Kilkeny Camogie Board annual dinner and presentation of awards, were from left, Katie Power, Piltown; Catherine Doherty, Galmoy and Jacqui Frisby, Ballyhale Shamrocks. (Senior Player of the Year). Photo: Michael Brophy

## Galway shock Rebelettes

### National Camogie SL

by Therese O'Callaghan

WHILE the Galway hurlers dished out a heavy defeat to their hosts in Páirc Uí Chaoimh yesterday, their camogie team created a stir in Duggan Park, Ballinasloe, defeating All-Ireland champions Cork in a rematch of last year's final (1-10 to 0-7).

Galway's Therese Maher admitted the outcome is a huge shot in the arm for the 2009 season. "Our main aim was to get the league off to a winning start and we are glad to have done so. We are realistic and know what is ahead, but it is good for the new girls to get off on a positive note."

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Connolly, Brenda Hanney, Lourda Kavanagh and Clodagh Glynn in his line up while regular wing back Niamh Kilkenny moved to corner forward where she joined her sister Orla.

Jessica Gill was the heroine hitting 1-8 and her fifth-minute goal from a free helped Galway to a 1-6 to 0-2 lead.

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## Farrell's firepower makes a difference

By MARY NEWMAN  
Colleges' camogie

St Brigid's Callan  
Christ King

6-6  
2-6

GIVING an exhibition of skilful forward play, St Brigid's Callan full-forward Shelly Farrell was the difference between the sides in the replay of the All-Ireland colleges senior A camogie Championship semi-final at Castle Road on Saturday.

From as early as the sixth minute as she sailed past the Christ King defence to strike a superb point.

Despite turning over to play against the strong wind Brigid's led by a point at the interval 2-3 to 2-2 and they were deserving of their slender lead.

Throughout the game Farrell made use of every bit of possession she gained and in the finish her tally of 3-3 could have been a lot more.

Christ King were forced to line out minus the injured Katrina Mackey and her drive and enthusiasm was missed as her team mates struggled to make headway.

Cianna O'Driscoll's early goal was the start they needed and by the mid-way stage they had opened up a five point lead after Emma Jordan first timed O'Driscoll's cross to the net. With Denise Gaule and Tracy McCarthy swapping points St Brigid's dug deep and with Farrell causing havoc in their inside line grabbing two superb goal they enjoyed a half-time lead.

Ailin O'Donovan had the side's level with an early second half free but applying strong pressure on the Christ King defence St Brigid's regained control as Farrell struck for her third goal. Twice the sides exchanged points but Christ King were finding the going tough.

With 13 minutes remaining St Brigid's effectively put the game beyond Christ King. Niamh Phelan linking up with Shelly Farrell who set up Denise Gaule with a superb pass for the centre forward to blast the ball to the roof of the net. From here to the finish St Brigid's were in control.

Pamela Mackey had a late consolation point for Christ King.

**Scorers for St Brigid's:** S Farrell 3-3, D Gaule 1-2 (0-2), K McDonnell, C Holden 1-0 each, A Farrell 0-1.

**Christ King:** C O'Driscoll 1-1, E Jordan 1-0, Ailin O'Donovan 0-3 (0), T McCarthy, P Mackey 0-1 each.

**CHRIST KING:** J Kavanagh, S Long, M O'Donovan, L Kenefick, C Lynch, P Mackey, L Browne, T McCarthy, M O'Mahony, Aine O'Donovan, C Murphy, Ailin O'Donovan, S Quilligan, C O'Driscoll, E Jordan.

**Subs:** J White for C Lynch (27), C Lynch for L Kenefick (42), M Moynihan for S Quilligan (47), A Byrne for J White (53), C Murphy for S Long (55).

**ST BRIGIDS CALLAN:** L Walker, A Manning, A Walsh, L Dunne, L Carey, M Power, E Frisby, J Cunningham, A Farrell, L Dunne, D Gaule (c), C Holden, N Dowling, S Farrell, N Phelan.

**Sub:** K McDonald for J Cunningham (50).

**Referee:** Eamonn Browne (Tipperary).

# Sluggish start is not worrying



LINDA MELLERICK

Cork  
Galway

0-7  
1-10

**CORK** dropped the first two points on offer in their opening round National League Division 1 tie in a scrappy encounter in Ballinasloe yesterday.

A plethora of needless frees awarded by Frank McDermott of Armagh, aided by poor handling and striking by both sides made this a forgettable game.

Galway, assisted by a strong wind, did much of the early attacking. They raced into a 1-2 to 0-1 lead after eight minutes.

Cork felt the defensive pressure and Orla Cotter and Gemma O'Connor spent much of the half falling back from midfield. But just as in the All-Ireland final last September Galway failed to capitalise on their possession.

They led 1-6 to 0-2 at the break, but 1-5 came from placed balls. While creating openings they had no finisher.

Cork on the other side dropped much shorter against the wind into the competent hands of goalkeeper Susan Eamer.

Leading by four points, Gill, aware that her side needed more of a cushion turning to face the wind, opted to try for her second strike to the net from a free with 22 minutes played.

Her shot was deflected for a 45 which she duly converted. Two more from Gill and Therese Maher's point from play gave the westerners a six point advantage with 30 minutes gone.

With the wind at their backs Cork were expected to pile the pressure on in the second-half, but they too failed to capitalise.

Poor jittery play, renowned for



Cork Gemma O'Connor was one of a select group of Cork players to put in a good performance against Galway.

Picture: Eddie O'Hara

this time of the year, prevented any flow or pattern of play.

The Galway defence, however, must claim some credit as they hunted in packs, closing Cork down at every opportunity.

Once again, Ann Marie Hayes, Sinead Cahalan and Clodagh Glynn stood tall.

The game remained free for free, point for point, with a total of 39 frees awarded in total. The clock ticking down suited the home side.

Four points from play over the hour did little to excite the healthy crowd. Highlights of the half were two magnificent points from O'Connor (2) and Gill whose accurate free taking from 65/70 metres was a joy to watch.

Cork dominated the last 10 minutes, but a number of wides ended any chance they had of narrowing the gap.

Cork, lining out with 12 of last September's All-Ireland winning side will be aware that their performance was well below par. Galway, on the other hand, lining out with 11 despite being happy with the points should be concerned with their lack of power up front. Once again Gill was scorer in chief with from placed balls.

It was always going to be difficult going west for the opening round of the league and Cork will be somewhat disappointed at the defeat. But they have more options going forward than Galway and won't be un-

duly concerned.

Emer Dillon, Anna Geary, Mary O'Connor and Rena Buckley are all players who will figure as the league progresses and come championship time.

**Scorers for Cork:** G O'Connor 0-3 (0), R Moloney 0-2, O Cotter 0-2(0).

**Galway:** J Gill 1-8 (1-7), 0-1 45, T Maher, A Connolly 0-1 each.

**CORK:** A Murray, L O'Connell, C Foley, J O'Callaghan, J Duffy, A O'Regan, B Corkery, G O'Connor, O Cotter, E O'Farrell, U O'Donoghue, E O'Sullivan, S Burns, R Moloney, D Cronin.

**Subs:** M Harkin for D Cronin (45), P Mackey for B Corkery (50), L Hawkes for L O'Connell (58).

**GALWAY:** S Eamer, S Tannion, A Kelly, T Manton, AM Hayes, S Cahalan, C Glynn, A Hillary, A Connolly, J Gill, B Hanney, L Kavanagh, N Kilkenny, T Maher, O Kilkenny.

**Subs:** E Kilkenny for B Hanney (32), D Burke for A Connolly (60).

**Referee:** Frank McDonald (Armagh).

## Cork always look to be

Cork  
Galway

3-14  
2-6

THE second game on the bill at Duggan Park, Ballinasloe, was a much livelier affair than the opening game, writes MARY NEWMAN

Two committed sides served up an entertaining hour in the Senior Division Two national league opening round game ably assisted by referee Alan Lagrue who allowed the game to flow.

Cork always looked to be in control and they looked that bit sharper and this was reflected on the score board. Despite playing against the strong wind in the opening half they led by three points at the interval and through the second-half they continued their dominance to run out convincing winners to gain two valuable league points.

From the throw-in Cork looked good and they had a spring in their step as they contested every ball with de-

termination.

Up front, Michelle Browne, Denise Lauby and Liz Power were a handful for the Galway defence. At midfield, Helen O'Mahony and Jennifer Lynch worked hard. Against the wind the Cork defence came under a lot of first-half pressure, but as a unit they closed down the Galway attack well with Pamela Mackey, Christine O'Neill and Lydia Cunningham prominent, while Ann Marie Fleming, Leah Weste and Caroline Motherway



Denise Lauby was one of the stars of Cork's win over Galway in their Division Two game scoring 1-4.

## in control of an absorbing encounter

were well in control also.

Galway struggled to get scores from early on, and despite playing with the aid of the wind, they could only manage two scores from play in the opening half and in truth a Cork victory looked very much on the cards from the early stages. Galway did manage a brief second-half rally, but they never managed to get within four points of a determined Cork side who looked to have a lot more pre season preparation done.

The sides had exchanged points inside the opening ten minutes before Liz Power edged Cork ahead with a point and three from Denise Lauby and one from Elaine Casey helped Cork gain the upper hand as Lorraine Pardy struck one for a struggling Galway inside line.

Stacy Coen gave the home side a glimmer of hope four minutes from half-time when she out-fielded the Cork defence to pluck Martina Conroy's long range

free from the air and finish to the net, but a Mary Coleman point on the half-time whistle saw Cork three ahead at the break.

On the turnover Denise Lauby signalled Corks intentions when she crashed the ball to the net inside 40 second. Galway replied with two Martina Conroy points, but aided by the strong wind Cork continued to dominate in all sectors. A goal from the hard working Helen O'Mahony put seven points between the sides and

totally outclassing Galway in all sectors Cork added seven points without reply before Elaine Casey added their third goal.

Martina Conroy and Michelle Browne swapped points before Lorraine Pardy found the net for Galway with a late attack, but it was incidental as a good solid performance from a young Cork side had ensured the points were secured.

**Scorers for Cork:** D Lauby 1-4, M Casey 1-2, H O'Mahony 1-0, M Browne 0-3 (0-10), L Power, M Harkin

0-2 each, M Coleman 0-1.

**Galway:** L Pardy 1-2, M Conroy 0-4 (0-11, 0-1 45), S Coen 1-0.

**CORK:** D Lauby, A M Fleming, L Cunningham, C O'Neill, L Weste, P Mackey, C Motherway, H O'Mahony, J Lynch, M Coleman, M Browne, L Power, M Harkin, E Casey, D Lauby.

**Subs:** E Murphy for (51) T Buttner for J Lynch (52), R De Facio for C O'Neill (58).

**GALWAY:** R Callanan, A Flannery, A Ponnard, E Raftery, P Hayes, H Cooney, E Tannion, M Conroy, T Loughnane, S Coen, C Murray, L Pardy, D Ward, G Kelly, L Smyth.

**Subs:** C Bowles for T Loughnane (29), R Kilkenny for E Raftery (42), C Conroy for L Smyth (49), C Lawlor for D Ward (52).

**Referee:** Alan Lagrue (Kildare).



# Gill inspires Galway women to a revenge win over Cork in a hard fought league tie

Galway 1-10  
Cork 0-7

THE Galway senior camogie team got their 2009 National League campaign off to the best possible start when they enjoyed a well-deserved six-point win over reigning All-Ireland champions Cork at Duggan Park, Ballinasloe.

Athenry's Jessica Gill was the hero of the hour, contributing 1-8 of the Tribeswomen's tally. Gill struck for her goal as early as the fifth minute, when the 2008 championship top scorer found the net from a placed ball.

Playing with the aid of a strong breeze at their backs, Galway needed to get a substantial lead in the opening half and it was ace sharpshooter Gill who paved the way for a Galway victory when the Athenry ace blasted a twenty-metre free to the back

of the Cork net after just five minutes of play. By then an earlier Gill free had cancelled Rachael Maloney's opening score for Cork.

Both sides fielded most of the players who clashed in the All-Ireland final last year and there was much at stake for both sides with just the top team in the group to reach the League final. A worrying aspect for Liam Donoghue's charges in the aftermath of this game was the fact that it took a half hour of action before the Galway side scored from play.

Both Galway and Cork relied heavily on freetakers but eventually - after placed balls from the deadly accurate Gill had kept Galway in the game - Therese Maher fired over a point from play. By half time, Galway led by 1-6 to 0-2 but as they faced into the elements in the second period, this lead was far from bomb-proof.

Just as she did in the opening half Rachael Maloney

tagged on a quick Cork score, but after a great move involving Ann Marie Hayes and Orla Kilkenny, Aislinn Connolly scored a marvellous Galway point into the wind.

If Galway depended on Jessica Gill, Cork also relied on Gemma O'Connor who struck over a brace of long range frees to which Gill was quick to cancel. After O'Connor again struck, Gill scored the point of the day when hitting over a super long range free into the teeth of the strong wind nine minutes from the end, putting Galway seven points clear.

Cork badly needed a goal to get back into the game but they found a Galway defence that was uncompromising. Ailbhe Kelly, Therese Manton and Sandra Tannian were rock solid at the rear and Sinead Cahalan, Ann Marie Hayes and Clodagh Glynn were equally secure, as the ageless Aine Hillary controlled the middle sector of the field and

broke the hearts of the Cork side. Galway will travel to meet Limerick in Ballygran on Sunday (3 pm).

**Galway:** S. Eamer; S. Tannian, A. Kelly, T. Manton; A.M. Hayes, S. Cahalan, C. Glynn; A. Hillary, A. Connolly (0-1); J. Gill (1-8, 17 frees, 0-1'45), B. Harney, L. Kavanagh; O. Kilkenny, T. Maher (0-1), N. Kilkenny. Subs: E. Killealy for Harney (40 mins), D. Burke for Kavanagh (53 mins), B. Kerins for Connolly (54 mins).

**Cork:** A. Murray, L. O'Connell, C. Foley, J. O'Callaghan; J. Duffy, A. O'Regan, B. Corkery; G. O'Connor (0-3frees), Q. Cotter (0-2frees); E. O'Farrell, U. O'Donoghue, E. O'Sullivan; S. Burns, R. Maloney, D. Cronin. Subs: M. Harkin for Cronin (15 mins), M. O'Connor for O'Connell (23 mins), P. Mackey for Corkery (29 mins). Referee: F. McDonald (Armagh).

• Meanwhile, Galway's intermediate camogie team were defeated in their opening round clash to Cork on a scoreline of 3-14 to 2-6. Lorraine Pardy and Stacy Coen were the Galway goalscorers while Killimor's Martina Conroy finished with a personal tally of four points.

# Champs get campaign off to flying start

## CAMOGIE

Kilkenny ..... 4-14

Dublin ..... 1-5

DEFENDING champions, Kilkenny got the campaign off to a flying start when they scored a big win over Dublin in Division 1 of the senior camogie league on Sunday.

Exchanges were close enough during the opening half, and a mere point divided the teams at the break. However, two goals each from Katie Power and Marie Dargan during the closing half put the champions well in the clear.

The Dubs were slow out of the blocks. Points for the home team from Ann Dalton, with an assist from Elaine Aylward, Edwina Keane at the double (one free) and Katie Power allowed the winners settle into the game.

The losers opened their account in the 12th minute with a point from Louise O'Hara. The opposition hit back smartly, and Ann Dalton, Edwina Keane (free) and Ann Dalton rose the white flag as the Dubs were knocked back.

However, the visitors rose again. A late, hand-passed goal from Joeline Hoary, after a 20-metre free by Claran Lucy had been blocked out, left them a

mere 1-3 to 0-7 behind at the break.

The new half was barely four minutes old when Kilkenny dealt the visitors a serious, serious blow. Ann Dalton attack the defence and placed Colette Dormer with a nice pass. She in turn transferred the ball to Katie Power, who bagged a goal.

With unanswered points from Ann Dalton and Colette Dormer, after taking possession from Deirdre Delaney, the Cats were firmly in control and they swarmed all over the opposition. Their next score was a goal from Katie Power at the end of a free driven in by Ann Dalton.

With the difference at 2-9 to 1-3 the contest was decided and there was only going to be one winner.

**Scorers:** Kilkenny - Katie Power, Marie Dargan (2-1 each); Ann Dalton (0-5); Edwina Keane (0-3); Colette Dormer, Michelle Quilty (0-2 each). Dublin - Claran Lucy (0-4); Joeline Hoary (1-0); Louise O'Hara (0-1).

## Intermediate team

The Kilkenny intermediate team will be in action on Sunday against Antrim. This is a young, emerging side but new trainer, Paddy Hughes is looking forward to a good campaign.

# Deadly Shelley shoots hat-trick as Brigid's keep title in sight

## CAMOGIE

St. Brigid's College .6-6  
Christ the King ... 2-6

ST BRIGID'S College, Callan stayed on course to retain the All-Ireland colleges senior camogie crown when they produced a stunning performance to defeat Christ the King College, Douglas, Cork in the semi-final on the Leaside on Saturday.

Make no mistake about it, this was a victory out of the top drawer. There was no doubt about the ambitions of the Callan College, neither was there any doubt about their concentration or focus. There was no doubt about the totality of their resolve and determination, and neither was there any semblance of a doubt about what was required to win.

Ultimately there was no doubt either about the final result. Surprise at the final differential maybe, but there was no denying that victory went to the better team.

This was a far different St Brigid's performance to the one that was saw them cling to the edge of the precipice in the drawn match two weeks ago in Piltown. This was a victory that was crafted from the best memory that was Piltown.

## Biting wind

There was a great sense of togetherness about the victory, and whereas in Piltown the girls were so disoriented that many seemed to be knitting with one needle, on Saturday, whilst the stories might be

singular, their destiny was a shared ambition.

With the biting wind coming off the river directly into the face of the Callan defenders in the first half, it didn't help their initial ambition of settling when a scrambled goal by Sara Quilligan after three minutes rocked Brigid's. By the 9th minute Callan had nullified the value of the goal with two grand points from Shelly Farrell and Denise Gaule.

Another scrambled goal in the 19th minute by Ailin O'Donovan rocked the Callan College again. Within three minutes a movement from the Callan half back line, started by Anna Farrell, saw the ball fed to Denise Gaule and in turn on to Niamh Phelan. With tremendous elasticity of movement, Niamh squirmed around her Cork markers and released the impish, break-ye-heart Callan full-forward, Shelly Farrell, who left Jessica Kavanagh for dead in the King's goal as the ball whistled into the net.

A Tracy McCarthy point in the 26th minute stretched the Cork lead to two points, but a quiet brilliant individual goal by Shelly Farrell in the 28th minute sent the champions into the half time sos leading by 2-3 to 2-2.

With the strong breeze at their backs, the Callan girls, although somewhat stunned with an opening equaliser from an Ailin O'Donovan pointed free, travelled in marauding but controlled packs towards the Cork defensive walls. Shelly Farrell completed her hat-trick of goals in the 37th minute to give her side

a clear advantage.

## Determination

She added a sweet insurance point within 60 seconds. Her sister Anna weighed in with a point within another minute, and she added a veritable articulated lorry load of determination, energy and will to the cause.

Christ the King had a blast of supremacy for a five-minute spell from the 35th to the 40th minute, but their only gains were two points. Those scores cut no ice.

With 10 minutes remaining, the Farrell sisters set-up Denise Gaule for the seminal score that was to bury the Cork girls. Denise buried the ball in the net, and with it the Cork ambition. Kate McDonald made a welcome return, and announced her intentions of getting into the team for the final with a goal in the 58th minute.

The hard-working Ciara Holden laid down her marker too, when she snatched the sixth goal on the call of time.

Laura Walker was as

brave as a lion in the Callan goal. The full-back line was very composed and played as one all through. Mairead Power was colossal at centre-back, while the flankers, Lisa Carey and Aine Manning were tenaciously tough, and never took a backward step.

Jennifer Cunningham and Anna Farrell were outstanding, while up front, every one of the attackers could claim a man-of-the-match award. And then there was Shelly. This Farrell girl is brilliant.

For Christ the King, none

played better than captain Moire O'Donovan, Lorraine Browne, Tracey McCarthy, Ailin O'Donovan, and Sara Quilligan.

The day belonged to the reigning champions. They play Portumna in the All-Ireland final.

**Scorers:** St Brigid's College - Shelly Farrell (3-3); Denise Gaule (1-2, two pointed frees); Kate McDonald, Ciara Holden (1-0 each); Anna Farrell (0-1). Christ the King - Ailin O'Donovan (1-3, points frees); Sara Quilligan (1-0); Ciana Driscoll, Pamela

Mackey, Tracey McCarthy (0-1 each).

**St Brigid's College** - L. Walker, E. Frisby, A. Walsh, L. Dunne, L. Carey, M. Power, A. Manning, S. Farrell, J. Cunningham, A. Farrell, D. Gaule, L. Dunne, N. Phelan, C. Holden, N. Dowling. Subs - K. McDonald, D. Mackey.

**Christ the King** - J. Kavanagh, M. O'Donovan, C. Driscoll, S. Long, L. Kennefick, P. Mackey, M. O'Mahoney, T. McCarthy, C. Lynch, C. Murphy, S. Quilligan, A. O'Donovan, Aine O'Donovan, E. Jordan.



Winning captain, Leigh-Anne Hennessey receives the Minor A camogie county cup from Catherine Neary, chairwoman of the Kilkenny Camogie County Board.

## PILTOWN

SCOIL Mhuire, Carrick-on-Suir won the Munster senior colleges Camogie league final at the weekend when they beat Borrisoleigh by two points in Piltown. The team was backboned by a strong contingent of Piltown Camogie stars that included Karen Duggan, Katie Power, Laura Norris, Sinead Long, Fiona Malone, Emma Dunne, Georgina Culleton, Jessica Norris, Nicole Culleton and Brid O'Shea.



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The Toomevara side which won the Graham Cup at the weekend. Back S Kelly, N Stapleton, A Brislane, M McCarthy, L Woods, M Devaney, L Young, B Kennedy, M R Ryan, S Rabbitte, L Young, S Young, A Woods, A Delaney, M Ryan, K Duggan, T Maxwell, T Galvin (Manager), S Ryan. Front A Ryan, E Young, F Young, EL Coffey, D Ryan, L Woods, N Walsh, C Kenny, N Kelly, T Ryan, Ellie Ryan Mascot, N Kennedy.

## Camogie:-

# Tipperary Start League Campaign

Last weekend Clonoulty & Drom met in the U18B County Final of 2008 in the Ragg. Despite waiting over 3 months for this game, Clonoulty started better hitting 3 unanswered points before Drom found the target. Both teams gave the spectators who made the journey plenty of quality Camogie to watch & coming up to half time Clonoulty looked to be able to hold onto the 3 point lead until Drom found the net with a speculative shot & levelled the game. It was Drom's ability to score goals that sealed the victory & despite doing their best the West girls couldn't keep up & eventually found themselves at the wrong end of a score line of 5.02 to 1.07.

In the replayed Munster Club Senior League final of 2008 Toomevara had a comprehensive victory against Ballyagran of Limerick on a scoreline of 3.07 to 0.05.

**County U14s:** Last weekend the management team for this County team held two trials to start off the selection process for the 2009 panel. Dundrum was the first venue where 43 girls turned up to try out, & then in Kilcolman on Sunday a further 54 girls from the North of the County turned up. This response was beyond all expectations of the management team, & they were delighted with the support from clubs & players. Continued proof that Camogie in Tipperary is as strong as ever at underage level. A special thanks to both Knockavilla/Donaskeigh Kickhams & Burgess GAA clubs for the use of their facilities. This Saturday, March 7th all these girls are asked to make themselves available in Dundrum at 10.30pm when Cork will travel with two teams to play

some challenge matches, starting at 11am. It would be advisable for all travelling to bring a light snack as the trial games will go on until 2pm.

**Tipperary start league campaigns;** Cashel is the place to be this Sunday March 8th when Tipperary entertain Clare in the first of the Intermediate & Senior league games of 2009. Throw in for the Intermediates is at 1pm followed by the Seniors taking to the field at 2.30pm.

The Senior panels preparation for this game had a delayed start, & though the time together has been short Manager, Fr. Peter Brennan is cautiously confident that the quality in the ranks will shine through & secure a win over Clare, who themselves are working hard on improving their game. Team selection will appear on the Camogie web site on (today) Thursday.

The Intermediates have been working extremely hard with challenge matches & competitive training sessions for the last 3 months, & last weekend as part of this preparation travelled to Mullinahone to play Wexford in a challenge, narrowly losing out by a goal after 80 minutes of Camogie. All associated with the panel were delighted with the preparation & manager Eoin Brislane is looking forward to their first competitive challenge, & is confident that the girls will respond with an honest, committed effort, & hopefully will get maximum points from the game. The management & panel would sincerely wish to thank all associated with Mullinahone GAA club for providing their facilities for last weekend's game & for providing refreshments to both teams

after the game. This was probably the first time an Inter County Camogie game was played in Mullinahone, so well done to Club Chairman Jackie Bolger for coming up trumps.

The Intermediate team to play Clare this Sunday is as follows;

Christine Kennelly (Drom)  
Trisha Ryan (Toomevara) Caroline Kirwin (Moneygall). Geraldine Stapleton (Silvermines)

Beth Ryan (Knockavilla). Sabrina Larkin (Shannon Rvrs). Siobhan McCarthy (Silvermines). Joanne Nolan (Silvermines). Siobhan Bourke (Templemore) Deirdre Dunne (Drom). Brid Byrnes (Moneygall). Jackie O Connor (St. Ibars). Eimear Shanahan (Drom). Siobhan Ryan, Capt. (Hollycross). Sandra Dwyer (Hollycross)

**Senior Star announces her retirement;** One of Tipperary's great players, Paula Bulfin has announced her retirement from the Inter County scene. Paula first started playing Camogie at the age of 15 when introduced to the game while in secondary school in Cashel. She then joined Cashel Camogie club, where she enjoyed many successful years. She first wore the Blue & Gold when she broke onto the County U18 team in '93. Her talent was quickly spotted & she became a regular player on both the Junior & Intermediates for the County. However, a horrific knee injury in 1997 kept Paula out of the game for 2 years, but her steely determination, which was so much part of her game, saw her back on the Tipperary side to claim the Senior All Ireland title in 2000. Paula won 4 senior All Ireland medals with Tipperary, & was part of the Cashel teams which won her

8 County Titles, 5 Munster titles & 1 All Ireland club Final medal, as well as winning an Ashbourne medal with U.L.

A player of Paula's quality & skill doesn't come along too often, & Tipperary Camogie is all the better from Paula's contribution & commitment to the game, & all associated with the sport & with Tipperary would like to wish her well in her "retirement", & thank her for the memories & look forward to seeing her gracing many Camogie fields in the future as she continues her club career with Cashel.

**Fundraising drive;** All clubs in the County will by now have received their allocation of tickets for the race night, Friday April 17th in Jim Kennedy's bar, Parnell St, Thurles. Tickets are priced at E50, but this gives the purchaser 3 chances of winning on the night as this will entitle them to become an owner, trainer & jockey in different races. Tickets can also be sold to syndicates who can pool their financial resources together to purchase a ticket from any Camogie club, & the Board would welcome all purchasers of tickets to the race night for a great night's entertainment.

The Board would also welcome race sponsorship (E100) from any private or b donated item for the auction place on the estate can County Tr (085) 7204. County Car contact details www.camogie.ie

## Tipp step out against Bertie's Banner

By Gerry Slevin

Coming into 'enemy' territory didn't prove successful for the Clare senior hurlers last Sunday so that the Banner County's camogie counterparts will be hoping for better things when they make Cashel their base (2.30) for Sunday's opening joust in the National League.

Under the management of Toomevara man Bertie Sherlock, Clare have taken the brave step of moving up to senior grade this year. Crowned All-Ireland junior champions last September, a late goal crushing Offaly's hopes of glory, Clare, instead of moving up to Intermediate grade, have sufficient confidence in their ability to take a further step up to senior ranks and find themselves grouped with Tipp for the league along with league champions, Kilkenny and Dublin.

Tipp are also under new management this year, following John McGrath's one-year stint in charge. Fr Peter Brennan is his successor, the Loughmore-Castleiney man a welcome arrival to the management club as he sets out to restore some of the lost glory of recent years. His rather belated appointment to the position hasn't helped him in focusing in

on the scene but he will be hopeful, nonetheless, of getting the momentum going and providing Tipp supporters with sufficient evidence to suggest that the new season will be an improvement on 2008.

The league hasn't been the happiest of hunting grounds for Tipp, even in the glory years. Inaugural winners back in 1977 when current Camogie President Liz Howard who ends her three year term later in the month was on the team, they had to wait until 2004 to regain the title. That was indeed a great year to make the break-back, it being the Association's centenary year with Tipp adding the provincial and All-Ireland titles for good measure.

Last year in a three-county group Tipp came unstuck in their first match, against Galway in Athenry. With Limerick unlikely to halt the Galwegians in their clash that defeat was to prove fatal for Tipp. Galway then had their expected win over the Treaty County so there was no way back for Tipp after that. Grouped this season with Clare, Dublin (March 15th at home) and Kilkenny (22nd away), there is slightly less pressure because of the extra team in the group. Nevertheless, as the first game and having a home venue to boot, Tipp will be

anxious to get the season off on a winning note.

Clare will certainly be no easy target. They obviously intend making an impression in senior grade, buoyed by their All-Ireland junior success in September.

The day's proceedings open at 1pm with the Intermediate league clash between the same counties. Tipp have Eoin Brislane in charge this year and he has had far more time in which to make his preparations than his senior counterpart. Last season proved to be something of a disaster for Tipp in this grade, Tipp finding it extremely difficult to whip up enthusiasm, so much so that for a championship trip to Cork only fourteen players were available, the end result of 3-17 to 0-0 telling its own story. The Toomevara man has no intention of allowing the same approach to prevail this season.

Sunday will reveal, to some degree at least, what the prospects for Tipperary camogie are in 2009. This is the 10th anniversary of the county's big break-through into the All-Ireland senior honours list and it would be nice to commemorate that achievement with some on-field success.

## Toomevara Camogie

North Munster League - Congratulations to all involved in the North Munster League Final replay on Sunday last. The Toomevara girls made no mistake this time with a 3.7 to 0.5 win over Ballyagran Limerick. A spirited first half performance against the wind saw Toomevara lead 1.2 to 0.4 at half-time. It was Toomevara who pushed on in the second half snatching goals at vital times to secure the win. It was a fitting finale when Denise Ryan graciously accepted the Graham Cup which has Tipperary connections as it was donated by Marion Graham in memory of her mother.

Many thanks to all who supported the girls on the day and we look forward to the 09 season with this win under our belts.

**Presentation Night** - Last Sat night saw teams being honoured for their successes in 08. The U12, U16 & U18 team recieved their county medals and also the U14 team of 2007 recieved their medals as their final was late in completion. Tipperary Star Shane McGrath and Deirdre Hughes were on hand to present the medals along with Tipperary Camogie Vice Chairman Martin Griffen. A fantastic night was had by all and consider-

ing over sixty players were honoured with medals a big thank you must go to the committee who had the night so well organised.

**Colleges Camogie** - Best of luck to St Josephs Borrisoleigh who play in the Junior Colleges All Ireland semi final on Sat 7th March in Toomevara time bc. Support for the girls would be appreciated. Congratulations to Shauna Rabbitte and Laura Young who were part of the UCG team who claimed the Ashbourne Shield recently.

### Blackwater CS Lismore through to All Ireland senior B College's final

Great achievement for Blackwater CS Lismore

Blackwater CS 2-14  
Sacred Heart Tullamore 0-2

Just 12 months after winning the All Ireland senior C college's title, Blackwater CS Lismore are on the glory trail once more. Today (Tues) in Nowlan Park, they turned in a top-class display to oust Offaly school, Sacred Heart of Tullamore.

The Lismore girls will meet St Macanissi of Antrim in what will be a momentous day for their school, in the All Ireland B final on March 14.

Blackwater CS created history last year with their boys triumphing in the All Ireland senior B hurling decider, while the girls brought back the trophy after claiming the C title. This was an unprecedented achievement.

In November 2008 the school held a magnificent double celebration which was attended by many dignitaries, among them, the Minister for Education and Science, Mr Bhatt O'Keefe and Waterford hurling boss Davy Fitzgerald.

St Macanissi have worked hard to get to this final too, making tremendous progress, with three-quarters of their team made up from the Junior team that was beaten in the C final last year.

Scorers for Blackwater CS: Rachel Whelan 2-0, Marie Russell 0-6, Cathrina McKee, Aoife Hannon and Michelle Tobin 0-2 each, Sarah Fenton and Ruth Geoghan 0-1 each.

Scorers for Sacred Heart, Tullamore: Jean Brady and Shauna Flaherty 0-1 each.





**GOLDEN GIRLS:** Cork camogie star Aoife Murray, left, and Monaghan ladies footballer Ciara McAnespie who were yesterday presented with their awards at a joint presentation of the Vodafone Player of the Year awards for 2008 at the Westbury Hotel, Dublin.

Picture: Brian Lawless/SPORTSFILE



**St Patrick's Festival Grand Marshals,** from left, Cork football captain Angela Walsh; Kilkenny's Henry Shefflin; GAA President Nickey Brennan; Tyrone's Brian Dooher and Cork camogie skipper Cathriona Foley. Joining them on O'Connell Street were mascots, from left, Peter O'Riordan, Neasa O'Mahoney, Euan O'Riordan and Caoimhe O'Mahoney with the Liam MacCarthy Cup, the O'Duffy Cup, Sam Maguire Cup and the Brendan Martin Cup.

Picture: Stephen McCarthy/Sportsfile



At a joint presentation of the Vodafone Player of the Year awards for 2008 are award winners Cork camogie star Aoife Murray, left, and Monaghan ladies footballer Ciara McAnespie.

Picture: Brian Lawless / Sportsfile



**Elysha McCarthy, Emma Kavanagh, Joy Leo and Aoife Downey,** members of the Douglas Camogie Club at their victory dinner in the Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork City on Sunday.

Picture: Clare Keogh/Provision



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Cork sports stars Aoife Murray, Cork camogie, Graham Canty, Cork football and Gillian O'Sullivan, Olympic race walker.

Picture: Gerard McCarthy

## Energy firm gives Cork marathon a boost

by Eoin English

THE country's most inclusive marathon got a massive energy boost yesterday.

Cork sports stars Graham Canty, Gillian O'Sullivan and Aoife Murray got on their marks as Bord Gáis Energy confirmed it will sponsor the Cork City Marathon, which takes place on June 1.

## Sherlock's expertise a big lift for Clare

### CAMOGIE

BERTIE SHERLOCK is a key member of Davy Fitzgerald's backroom team in Waterford, but the physical trainer is also the main man behind the Clare camogie team for 2009.

This is a big coup for the Banner ladies, who travel to Cashel on Sunday to play Sherlock's home county, Tipperary, in Division 1 of the National League.

As a result of winning the All-Ireland Junior title last September the Saffron and Blue are back in the senior grade, not having played at this level since early 2000. Deirdre Murphy, who was captain of that team, is also the Regional Development Co-ordinator for camogie in Munster.

The Clooney midfielder says there is 'huge regard' for the Toomevara man in Clare.

"The training is excellent," she reveals. "We are delighted to be back up to senior, and everybody is working very hard," she reveals. "We can't wait to test ourselves against Tipperary. We will find out what the standard is like, and then we have to match that. We know we still have a lot of work to do."

While they are without corner back Cathy Hally and Amy Collieran, they can call on rearguard specialists Siobhan Lafferty and Dee Corcoran, while up front Carina Roseingrave has been in tremendous form. She will be joined by Claire McMahon, Claire Commene and goal-scoring hero from last year's memorable All-Ireland decider, Shonagh Enright. Ashbourne Cup and Shield medallists Therese Shortt, Laura Young and Fiona Kennedy, along with regulars Claire Grogan and Joanne Ryan will lead the home challenge.

The other Division 1 tie sees Galway - fresh from their win over Cork - travel to Ballygran where they will meet Limerick.

## Ballincollig Camogie Club senior tournament

A NOVEL idea from the Ballincollig camogie has seen six camogie teams enjoy plenty of pre-season training as they endeavour to get their seasons under way. The club recently launched the Ballincollig Credit Union floodlight senior camogie tournament which began last week and will continue until Friday, March 13.

With many clubs in the first or second week of their training programmes the tournament was primarily aimed at getting teams back onto the playing fields and helping everybody get fit. The tournament is sponsored by Ballincollig Credit Union and Michael Nugent spoke on behalf of the sponsors.

Ballincollig Camogie club Chairperson Mairead Donovan was on hand to help launch the venture at a function at the club recently and she expressed delight at the organising of the tournament. She had particular praise for John Purcell and the pitch committee. The club's own sponsor Barry Downes was also present to launch the

event which will be refereed by Peter Downey and Ger Sheehan.

Participating teams are Cloughduv, Rockban, Inniscarra, Aghabullogue, Glen Rovers and Ballincollig. The competition will consist of six teams divided into two groups of three teams. Each team will play the other two teams in the group and the top two teams in each group will progress to the semi-final stage with the group winner playing the runner-up from the other group in the semi-final. The fifth and sixth teams will contest a shield final.

The groups are as follows

**Group 1** Glen Rovers, Inniscarra, and Cloughduv

**Group 2** Rockban, Ballincollig, Aghabullogue

**Semi finals**

Friday March 6

Ballincollig V Cloughduv

Rockban V Inniscarra

**Plate Final**

Friday March 13

Glen Rovers v Aghabullogue 6.45PM

**Cup Final 8pm**



Coaches Lynda O'Connell, Jenny Duffy, Emer Farrell, Gemma O'Connor, Sarah Hayes and Denise Cronin enjoying the craic at the All-Star Camogie Camp held at St Finbarr's recently.

Picture: Mike English



St Finbarr's girls, Kayleigh Mullins, Deonn Delaney, Keera McCarthy, Shauna O'Leary and Eva Wallace, admire the O'Duffy Cup (All-Ireland Camogie) at the All-Star Camogie Coaching Camp.

Picture: Mike English



# Late Scully point swings issue for Athenry girls in junior camogie final

**Athenry VS** 2-6  
**Ard Scoil Mhuire** 2-5

**EOGHAN CORMICAN**  
**IN CRAUGHWELL**

A 60TH minute point from Bridie Scully – along with a tour de force performance from Mairead Linnane – helped the Athenry school edge beyond the stiff challenge of Ard Scoil Mhuire in this keenly contested Connaught Schools junior camogie final at Duggan Park.

Indeed, it took that injury time winner from Scully to finally kill off the determined challenge of the Ballinasloe outfit, who hurled with a great deal of intensity, but just lacked the self-belief to nudge beyond their opponents at the finish.

Fiercely determined, the Athenry girls were in the zone from the off and their explosive start was reflected in establishing a three point lead within nine minutes of frantic action. Ard Scoil Mhuire were in serious trouble and though, to their credit, they fought gal-

lantly to get back into a thundering contest, the Vocational school were in no mood to relinquish their grip on the opening exchanges.

Athenry flew out of the blocks. Mairead Linnane went through the challenge of Chantal Muldoon to rifle past Paula McGrath in the Ard Scoil Mhuire goals for the opening score. The victors were quickly on the offensive again with Linnane and Orla Hurney both guilty of wasting scoreable opportunities.

Ard Scoil Mhuire underlined their pedigree which saw them defeat the Athenry School in last year's minor school's final by storming back into the contest. Captain Antoinette Cormican's powerful run led to her goal bound effort being stopped by custodian Olivia Lane – however the lively Stephanie Reddan reacted sharpest to the breaking ball to rattle the Athenry net.

Athenry promptly hit back. Ruth Mooney's delivery caused havoc in the Ballinasloe square before Sinead McDonagh eventually pulled

into the empty net. Subsequently, Ciara Donoghue gained just reward for sustained pressure from the Ard Scoil Mhuire girls with a neat point soon after.

An Orla Hurney point on 20 minutes was answered quickly by a goal from the menacing Donoghue – the centre forward showed terrific presence of mind to round Lane and fire to the net for Ard Scoil Mhuire in bringing the teams level.

From there to the break it was all Athenry, more specific, it was all Mairead Linnane, the towering Turloughmore mid-fielder hit three unanswered points (one '45) to put daylight between the two sides. Sinead Carey, however, hit back with a point after Chantal Muldoon displayed terrific work ethic to disrupt Athenry's forward momentum at the other end.

Ard Scoil Mhuire battled hard early in the second-half, but Lisa O'Neill failed to capitalise on a glorious opportunity when she missed a relatively scoreable free. Ciara Donoghue did reduce the gap moments later after Chantal Muldoon covered almost half

the length of the pitch.

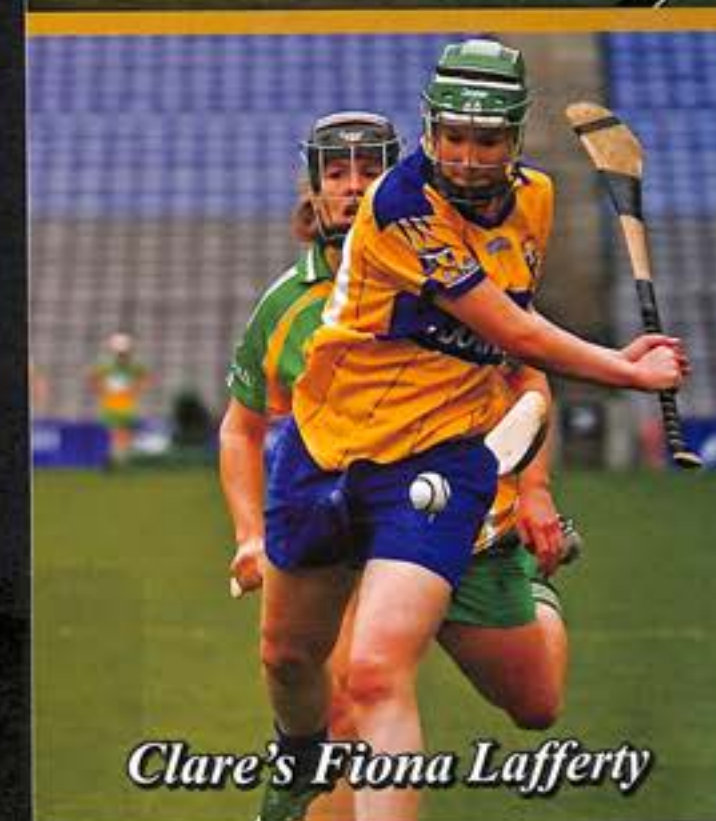
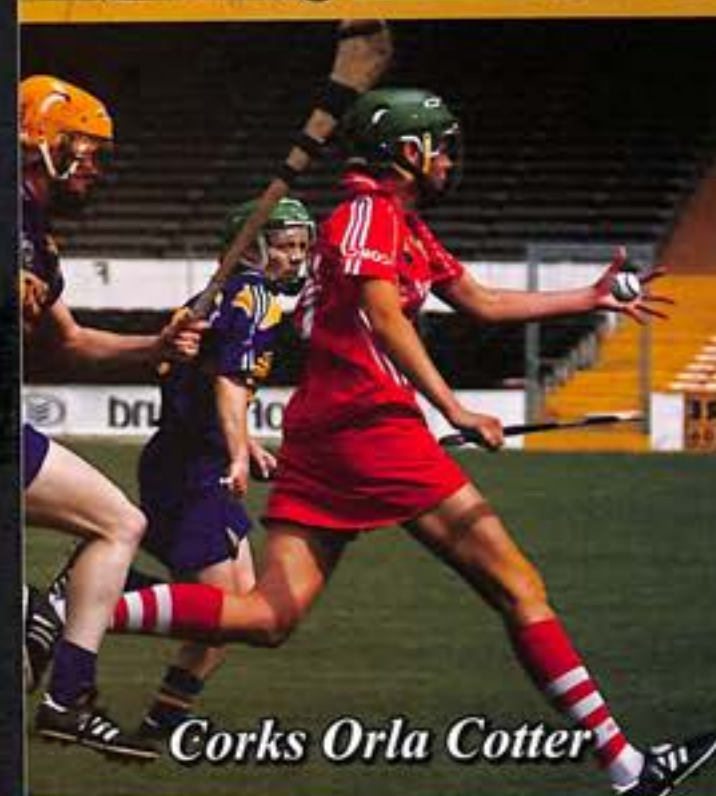
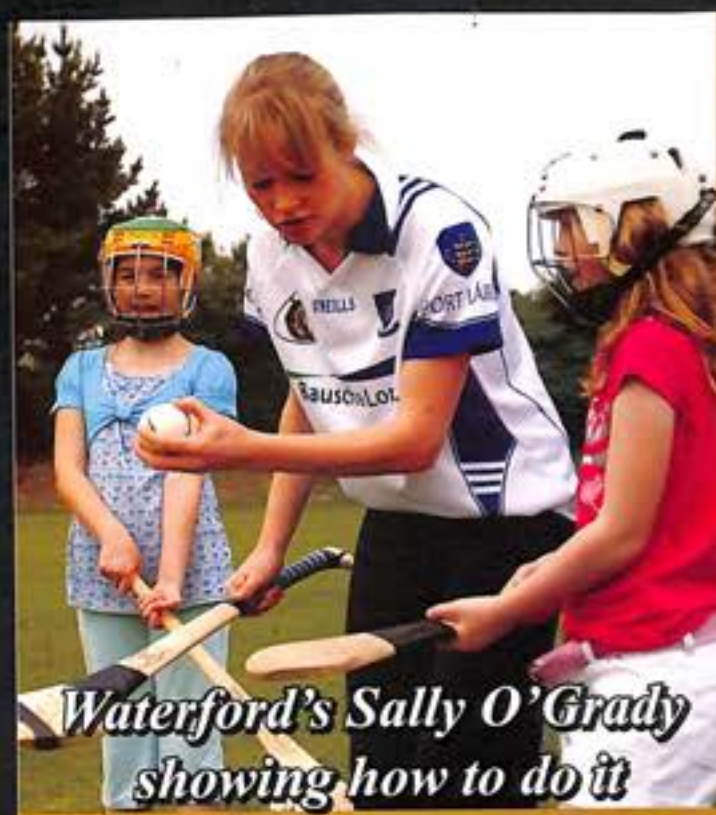
Athenry went back two points in front when Linnane pointed a free following a blatant chop by wing back Clare Curley, but Ard Scoil Mhuire had no intention of throwing in the towel and Sinead Carey, now at centre forward, sniped a pair of points in quick succession and the teams were all square with eight minutes remaining.

The action in the last few minutes was gripping as both sides tried to snatch the winner. Linnane found herself through on goal but the crossbar came to Ballinasloe's rescue. Enter one Bridie Scully. The defender stepped up to put over a dramatic winner with normal time elapsed.

**Athenry:** O. Lane; K. Costello, B. Scully, M. Waldron; L. Callanan, D. Forde, O. Callanan; M. Linnane (1-4, 0-1 free, 0-1 '45), S. Tuohy; C. Waldron, R. Mooney, O. Hurney; S. Forde, V. Forde, S. McDonagh (1-0).

**Ard Scoil Mhuire:** P. McGrath; N. Ryan, S. Kearns, C. Curley; A. Curley, C. Muldoon, C. Curley (E. Brewer); S. Cormican, L. O'Neill; A. Cormican, C. Donoghue (1-2), S. Reddan (1-0); R. Kearns, S. Carey (0-3, 0-1 free), R. Kelly.

Referee: Pat Kelly.



Liz Howard, president Camogie Association (on right) visited the All-Star Camogie Camp at St Finbarr's with Sinead O'Connor (Ard Stiúrthóir), Joan O'Flynn (Ladysbridge, president-elect) and Marian McCarthy (chairman Cork County Board).

Picture: Mike English

## Camogie National League Div 1: Tipperary 1-6

Clare 0-8; Galway 3-10; Limerick 0-1; Div 2: Tipperary 0-12; Clare 0-5; Antrim 1-7; Derry 2-4; Waterford 1-13; Galway 1-2; Div 3: Offaly 5-6; Dublin 0-3; Div 4: Westmeath 3-10; Carlow 1-3; Kildare 3-7; Roscommon 1-7; All-Ireland Colleges Junior A semi-finals: St. Patrick's Maghera, Derry 3-18; Gort Community Sch., Galway 0-4; Loreto Kilkenny 4-5; St. Mary's Charleville 2-6; Junior B: St. Joseph's Borrisoleigh 4-8; Borris Voc. Sch., Carlow, 1-2; St. Patrick's Keady, Armagh 3-7; Vocational School Athenry, Galway 3-7; Junior C: St. Paul's Kiree Derry 4-2; St. Cuan's Castleblaney, Galway 1-2; Hazelwoodwood College, Droichead, Limerick 3-10; St. Brendan's Birr, Offaly 0-0.



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Last week's defeat to Galway was a wake-up call to Cork admits keeper Aoife Murray.

**CORK** camogie goalkeeper Aoife Murray is hoping that last weekend's National League defeat to Galway will serve as 'a kick up the back-side' for the reigning All-Ireland champions.

It was a small measure of revenge for Galway after their Croke Park heart-break back in September, as they ran out 1-10 to 0-7 winners in Ballinasloe.

Cork remain odds-on favourites to lift the O'Duffy Cup this year, but Murray says the defeat was a wake-up call.

"We didn't get off to a great start but that was probably a good thing for us. It might give us a kick up the back-side and get our minds focussed again."

"Galway came out all guns blazing, whereas we were very slow out of the blocks. For us to continue on and focus on September, we have to take both the positives and the negatives from that game and work on them in training over the next few weeks."

"The league is great because it allows us to blood a lot of new players, just as we did last year," added Aoife, who jets off for a week-long holiday with her Cork camogie team-mates this weekend.

"Even though we've lost our first game, it doesn't mean we're not going to be in a league final. But we need to push ourselves back up the table when we get

By PAUL DOLLERY  
Camogie latest

the opportunity. It's a very open league and I think it'll be like that in the championship as well."

Sunday's defeat to Galway was Cork's first competitive outing since last year's All-Ireland final success, and the Cloughduv net-minder insists that it's great to be back in action again.

"All the girls on the team are friends so it's pretty easy to blend back in. You go back training and there's a bit of cric."

"You find yourself getting back into the routine so quickly that you actually forget you've had a few months off. You're straight back into doing your three nights-a-week and your social life

is slowly but surely fading out."

Aoife was presented with the award for 2008 Vodafone Camogie Player of the Year at Dublin's Westbury Hotel earlier this week, but she's certainly not dwelling on last season's achievements.

"I still haven't had a chance to take stock of the year and what we achieved. A few years down the line when we're not involved in All-Ireland finals, I'm sure I'll look back and appreciate it more than I am now. Last year was fantastic but now we're focusing on 2009."

"To win an award like this is great, but 2008 is gone and there's a new season to work for. I wouldn't have won this award if it weren't for the rest of the girls. But it is nice to look back and see that I did my job well, though I still think I have an awful lot of work to do."

## First camogie title up for grabs

THE FIRST camogie title for 2009 is up for grabs on Sunday as the U16 inter-divisional championship taking place at Inniscarra.

For the second year in a row a team representing Kerry is participating in the competition which has been of huge benefit to the

Cork U16 selectors.

The divisions are divided into two sections with the top team from each qualifying for the final. Games will be played on a 15-minute a half basis with the final 20 minutes a half.

In last season's final Seandún overcame Car-

rigdhoun's challenge in an exciting.

### FIXTURES

Section 1: camogie pitch: Kerry v Imokilly, 11.10am; Muskerry v Kerry, 12.10pm; Imokilly v Muskerry, 1.10pm.  
Section 2: Community Pitch: Carrigdhoun v Avondhu, 11.10am; Seandún v Carrigdhoun, 12.10pm; Avondhu v Seandún, 1.10pm.  
Final: Camogie pitch, 2.30pm.

## get the season off to a start

U12 B has 13 teams and is divided into two sections, one of six and one of seven top two from each going forward to semi-finals.

U12 C and here again a large number of participating teams 23 in total, three sections two of eight teams and one of seven teams, the top two in each section to qualify.

U12 D is another large competition which is divided into three sections of eight teams and two sections of seven teams the top two teams in each section to qualify for quarter-final.

### OPENING FIXTURES

U12 A — March 20: Ballinhassig 1 v Courcy Rovers; Douglas 1 v Eire Og; Inniscarra v Valley Rovers 1; Mallow v St Vincent's 1.

U12 B — March 20: Killeagh v Blackrock; Brian Dillon's v Carrigaline 1; Fr O'Neill's v Slabh Rua; Sarsfields 1 — bye; Aghabullogue v Ballincollig 1; Cloughduv v Glen Rovers; Milford v Na Piarasigh.

U12 C — March 20: Bride Rovers v Newtownshandrum; Charleville v Ballyhea; St Catherine's v Rockbar; Banteer v Buttevant; Bishopstown v St Finbar's; Passage West v Ballygarvan; Douglas 2 v St Vincent's; Dungourney v Tracton; Ballincollig 2 v Ballinora; Barryroe v Blarney; Enniskeane v Kilbrittain; Ballinacorney v bye.

U12 D — March 20: Castlelyons v Carrigrohilly; St Fanahan's v Youghal; Watergrasshill v Cobb; Sarsfields 2 v Ballinacorney; Killeagh v Banteer; Bandon v Clonakilty; New-

cestown v Valley Rovers 2; Ballinhassig 2 v bye; Carrigaline 2 v Douglas 3; Grenagh v Sarsfields 2; Mallow 2 v St Vincent's; Kildorrey — bye.

U14 A — March 24: Valley Rovers v Courcy Rovers; Douglas 1 v Eire Og; Cloughduv v Inniscarra; Milford v Newtownshandrum.

U14 B — March 24: Buttevant v Rockbar; Bride Rovers v Millstreet; Brian Dillon's v Bishopstown; Fr O'Neill's v Killeagh; Ballincollig v Ballinhassig; Ballygarvan v Blackrock; Carrigaline v Tracton; Glen Rovers — bye.

U14 C — March 24: Sarsfields 1 v Barryroe; Douglas 2 v Enniskeane; Slabh Rua v Clonakilty; Aghabullogue v Charleville; St Catherine's v Watergrasshill; Mallow v St Vincent's; Na Piarasigh — bye.

U14 D — March 24: Killeagh v Banteer; Bandon v Newtownshandrum; Douglas 3 v St Vincent's 2; Sarsfields 2 — bye; Carrigrohilly v Castlelyons; Grenagh v St Fanahan's; Youghal v Banteer.

Ballyhea — bye.

U16 A — March 12: Ballinhassig v Ballygarvan; Courcy Rovers v Douglas 1; Inniscarra v Milford; Valley Rovers v Mallow; Brian Dillon's v Glen Rovers.

U16 B — March 12: Ballincollig v Carrigaline; Cloughduv v Enniskeane; Newtownshandrum v St Catherine's; Killeagh v Slabh Rua; Millstreet v St Mary's.

U16 C — March 12: Ballinora v Barryroe; Eire Og v Kilbrittain; Tracton v Passage West; St Finbar's — bye; Na Piarasigh v Banteer; Blarney v Bride Rovers; Buttevant v Fr O'Neill's; Watergrasshill — bye; Bishopstown v Douglas 2; Rockbar v St Vincent's; Sarsfields v Ballinacorney; Clonakilty — bye.

U16 D — March 12: Castlelyons v Dungourney; Grenagh v St Fanahan's; Kildorrey v Glen Rovers 2; Newtownshandrum v Aghabullogue; Carrigrohilly — bye.

## CAMOGIE CLUB NOTES

### ST CATHERINE'S

Third level competitions: Congratulations to Maeve O'Keefe who was involved with WIT Camogie team who regained the Ashbourne Cup after a lapse of eight years. They defeated UCC on Saturday in the semi-final and UCD in the final.

Score na nóg: Well done to Clara Clancy, Nicola O'Donoghue, Fiona Feeney, Emma Wray and Melanie O'Connor who represented St Catherine's GAA Club with their Bailed Group in Athlone.

Junior B play-off: Our Junior B team played host to Buttevant in this 2008 league play-off. Due to the unavailability of a number of players we were fielding an under-strength team and despite a very strong first half performance, gave best to a decent Buttevant side in the second half.

Team: M Kirby, K Higgins, A. Galvin, C Clancy, L Bumster, S Noonan, D Mulcahy, A O'Keefe, S Gallagher, R O'Callaghan, M. Mulcahy, K. Mellerick, E Fitzgerald, K O'Donovan, M Mulcahy.

Subs: E O'Keefe for M. Mulcahy.  
Scores: R. O'Callaghan 0 — 1, A O'Keefe 0 — 210.

### DOUGLAS

The big event was our dinner dance at the Rochestown park Hotel where we celebrated our senior, U18 and U16 victories after a very successful year for Douglas Camogie Club, in which we won our first ever Senior County Championship in 2008. Well done to everyone involved and especially to Mick O'Regan after so many years being involved with Douglas Camogie, a just reward for a great commitment.

Last Saturday our U12s travelled up to Na Piarasigh for a pre season friendly, with a mixture of our U12As and our U11As on board. We were up against a very strong and skilful Na Piarasigh team who showed everyone they are a team with skill and commitment. From the start we were under pressure and held them scoreless until mid-way through the first half when they went 1-0 to 0-0, not long after we were level after a fine goal by Evelyn Cotter after some superb work by Seosaimh Mulrooney and Rachel Hurley. Eimear Cummins in goal was kept very busy but kept us in the game with some fine saves with the help of some excellent defending by Sarah Kelly and Ruth O'Halloran. Just before half time Na Piarasigh took the lead with a superb point to leave the score at 1-1 to 1-0 at half time.

After a few changes made at half time Douglas put pressure on the Na Piarasigh defence who held on strongly. Evelyn Cotter pointed a free to put the game level, and it stayed that way until the end. Róisín Clarke, Niamh Lynch, Aoife Hartnett, Kylie O'Callaghan and Lorna Hourihane put in a great performance on the day for Douglas.

Final Score: Na Piarasigh 1-1 Douglas 1-1.  
Congratulations to Amanda O'Regan who was recently made Captain of the Cork Senior Camogie Team for the coming season, best of luck Amanda.

Open Day for Street Leagues Saturday 7th March, 3pm to 5pm in the Indoor Hall, Douglas GAA. All Welcome.

Training for new beginners is on Monday evenings at 4.30pm in the club hall. Contact Carrie @ 087-6266808. New Members welcome.

Douglas Camogie Club Shop, Contact Jimmy @ 086-2778436.

### GLEN ROVERS

Our thanks to Ballincollig who invited us to participate in their senior tournament recently with training having just resumed a week earlier everybody was feeling a little rusty.

In our first game we met Inniscarra Senior A team and in a superb contest which both sides enjoyed our opposition came away victorious but not before a tough battle we then met Cloughduv two nights later and again it was an excellent game with Cloughduv coming out winners. Games such as this at this early stage in the season are most enjoyable and we look forward to our next game in the competition which is against Aghabullogue on March 13 our thanks to the Ballincollig club for inviting us to take part in their tournament a gesture greatly appreciated.

Our girls from 6 to 10 years had a most enjoyable day last Saturday when they headed to St Finbar's on Saturday to participate in a series of games on their fantastic all weather pitches and we thanks Colette Hurley and her committee for the invitation. It's the turn of our U11 and U12 girls this weekend as they travel to Riverstick for the Ballinhassig indoor tournament on Saturday and Sunday good luck to everybody there.

Well done to Denise Luby and Lydia Canningham who lined out with the Cork Division 2 team in their senior national league victory over Galway on Sunday last.

Training for U16 players continues on Monday and on Wednesday starting

at 6pm. Senior Junior and minors are also Monday and Wed with a 6.30pm start. Our U14 team are Sunday at 11.45 am and Wednesday at 5.30. Training for players from 6 years up to and including 12 year of age takes place Sunday mornings at 12 noon to 1pm and Tuesday nights 6pm to 7pm both sessions indoors at present but weather permitting we will be heading to the fields shortly for the Sunday sessions.

Again new members are welcome to attend any of the above or indeed we welcome back any old members who wish to resume training and playing camogie.

### CARRIGDHOUN

Indoor U10 Camogie Finals: The Carrigdhoun division held the Annual U10 Indoor Camogie Finals recently.

For the past few weeks all clubs get the year off to a great start with their U10 girls training indoors with the indoor Camogie game dominating.

The clubs with teams in Riverstick Community Hall were Ballinhassig, Courcy Rovers, Ballygarvan, Carrigaline, Valley Rovers and Slabh Rua. The opening rounds are played in a two group format. All teams played-off for places in an A and a B Section. As a result all teams got to the semi final stage. This meant there were plenty of games for all.

The skill level was high as was the competitive element. Four Clubs provided referees Courcy Rovers, Ballinhassig, Slabh Rua and Carrigaline chairperson Noreen Quinn especially thanked these people for refereeing the matches.

Overall there were very exciting games with four teams eventually getting to the finals. Ballinhassig proved a little strong for Courcy Rovers in their final. Slabh Rua defeated Carrigaline 2 by the same score 3 goals to 1 in this final.

The Clubs were represented by the following players:

Carrigaline 1: Molly Ryan, Eimear Murphy, Clara Galvin, Caoimhe Kirwan, Lauren O'Brien, Una Hegarty, Ellen Griffin, Caoimhe Hogan and Claire Clark.

Carrigaline 2: Caoimhe O'Regan, Róisín O'Connell, Niamh Hand, Clara Harrington, Lauren Murphy, Caitlin Kearney, Clara O'Neill, Aisling Ryle, Kelly Williams.

Valley Rovers: Sinead Dart, O'Flynn, Kate Bernard, Sharon Mc Carthy, Emma O'Brien, Amy Covey, Grainne Dart, O'Flynn, Jennifer O'Donovan.

Ballygarvan: Aisling O'Mahony, Alison Anthony, Eimear Nic Andrew, Jody Herlihy, Maya Shears, Rebecca Looney, Emma Bateman, Emilee Le Grande, Lia Cummins.

Ballinhassig: Maggie O'Brien, Jane Harrington, Kelsey Flynn, Ellen Keating, Laura Mc Carthy, Grace O'Leary, Aine Crowley, Cliona Coughlan and Leah Cullinane.

Courcy Rovers: Grainne Hannon, Abby Jeffers, Emma Scanlon, Aoibhe Cassidy, Claire Cummins, Deirdre O'Reilly, Jeannie Murphy, Mary Collins and Cornelia O'Reilly.

Slabh Rua: Niamh Murphy, Abbey Egan, Leah Casey, Nia Daly, Katie Daly, Claire Bernard, Gabrielle O'Donovan, Aine Cummins, Aishea O'Shea, Michelle Fitzpatrick.

The U9 blitz indoors will be held on the Saturday March 21.

### ST VINCENT'S

All new members are welcome. If anyone is interested in joining just come up at.

On March 20 a medal presentation will take place for the successful teams of 08. The teams to collect medals include the seandún U11B winners, Seandún U11 premier runners up, U12B seandún runners up, U15A seandún winners.

It is starting at 7 o'clock and food will be available, there is also a disco for the team members followed by an 80's night for adults. Entrance is by ticket only and there is a complimentary ticket for all medal winners. Tickets for supporters and family and friends who may wish to be part of the presentation are €5. All support will be appreciated. There is also a free bus to take children home after the disco. Congratulations to all the teams who are receiving a medal.

Training Times: Mon: U14s 6-7pm; Tue: U8s 5-6pm; Wed: U12s 6-7pm; Juniors: 6-8pm; Thur: U10s 5.30-6.30pm U16s 7-8pm.

Training is held in the St Vincent's sports complex on Kilmore Road. All volunteers are also welcome. If interested in helping out within the camogie teams you can come up to the complex to find out more information.