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WINNING FEELING: Scoil Eoin, Innishannon's captain Michelle Cottrell leads her team on a victory parade at the Sciath na Scol finals in Páirc Uí Rinn, Cork, yesterday. Picture: Dan Lineha



Joan O'Flynn, president of the Camogle Association presents the trophies to Carrigtwohill's captain Carmel Cronin and vice-captain Laura Hinchcliffe after their win over Blarney.

Chlochair Mhuire are crowned C4 champions

Chlochair Mhuire Carrigtwohill 1-2 Scoil Iosagáin Blarney 1-0

SCOIL Chlochair Mhuire of Carrigtwohill were crowned Sciath na Scoil camogie C4 winners after a hard-fought win over Scoil Iosagáin, from Blarney, yesterday at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

Scores were a rarity from both sides, but the effort and commitment was always evident.

Both teams mingled with GAA president Christy Cooney before the game and loyal supporters made it a carnival atmosphere.

The Carrigtwohill school drew first blood when they raised the opening green flag following a terrific strike by Emily Daly in By JOHN COUGHLAN

C4 camogle

the 13th minute.

That goal certainly brought more urgency into the Blarney side and two minutes later Jean McPolin found herself one-on-one with the keeper as she coolly rifled the ball to the

The sides were level at the break, but Chlochair Mhuire began dominating centre field and five minutes into the second-half, Carmel Cronin

struck over a wonderful point. Scoil Iosagáin tried their hearts out to get back in the game, but their opponents defence held firm when the pres- Referee: P O'Neill (Blackrock).

sure came on them.

Five minutes from the end another classy point from Cronin sealed this game for the Carrigtwohill school as they were crowned champions much to the delight of their fanatical support-

Scorers for Chlochair Mhuire: E Daly 1-0, C Cronin 0-2.

Scoil losagáin: J McPolin 1-0.

CHLOCHAIR MHUIRE: S Dixey, C Horgan, S Warren, K Nolan, L Hinchliffe, C Boland, C O'Flynn, E Collins, E Daly, O Roche, C Kidney, V Cotter, N O'Brien, N Cashman, S Reardon, C O'Flynn, N O'Mahony, C

SCOIL IOSAGÁIN: E Barrett, E Browne, K O'Keeffe, M Manley, L O'Shea, N Manley, G Morgan, H Lenihan, R McNamara, A Dulohery, M Mortell, F Buckley, C Forrest, H Duggan, C O'Regan, T O'Donoghue, L Sands, J McPolin, R Shine, C Woods.

Bernard and Murphy goals pave way for Scoil Eoin triumph

Scoil Eoin, Innishannon Ballyheada

by Sarah O'Donovan

THE first of the Allianz Sciath Na Scoil finals at Pairc Ui Rinn proved a thriller with Scoil Eoin, Innishannon edging out a gutsy Ballyheada outfit to claim the DC1 title.

Ballyheada were quick off the mark with two neatly pointed frees from Diane Jordan but Scoil Eoin pounced with a goal through Kate Bernard.

A goal from Scoil Eoin's Jennifer Murphy, industrious all through, settled her side before the half-time whistle. The second half was hotly contested but Ballyheada grabbed a last-gasp goal when Kate Bohane's free went all the way to the net but there was no time for an equaliser.

Scorers for Scoil Eoin: J Murphy 1-1, K Bernard 1-0, R O'Regan 0-1 Scorers for Ballyheada: K Bohane 1-0, D

Jordan 0-2f. SCOIL EOIN: C O'Donovan; C Lordan, J Woods, G O'Reilly; L Brew, M Cottrell, S Murphy; J Murphy, R O'Regan; S Murphy, E Wall; K Larkin, K Bernard, M Murphy Sub: E Finn.

BALLYHEADA: N O'Driscoll; R Reardan, M O'Brien: M McCarthy, L Cullinane, C Butler, J Harrington, E Reardon, K Bohane, E Keating, D Jordan, EK Galvin, L Casey, K Cullinane, C Subs: L McCarthy-Cremin, A Crowley, N

7.9 Ballinspittle Scoil Barra, Ballincollig 0-1

FOUR swift goals from Sinead Keating gave Ballinspittle the plaudits in the Allianz C3 final.

Keating was relentless in front of goal and notched four points as Ballinspittle proved too strong for a committed

Scoil Barra outfit. Ballinspittle scored 1-3 before the 10th minute with Eimear and Elaine O'Reilly proving accurate.

Keating rowed in with 1-2 before half-time whistle to put Ballinspittle 2-7 ahead but credit to Scoil Barra for persevering.

An Elaine O'Reilly goal wrapped

the game up as a contest but Ballinspittle weren't finished as Keating blitzed Scoil Barra with a hat-trick in as many minutes.

Sive O'Sullivan remained focused in the Scoil Barra goal and kept Ballinspittle at bay in the final minutes while Lydia O'Keeffe pointed a free before the final whistle.

Scorers for Ballinspittle: S Keating 4-4, El O'Reilly 1-3, E O'Reilly 1-2 (0-1f), H Quinn 1-0. Scorers for Scoil Barra: L O'Keeffe 0-1f. BALLINSPITTLE: R Collins: A Condon, S

Keating, F Moloney, K Nyhan, E O'Reilly, R Murphy, R McGregor, E O'Reilly, H Quinn, C

SCOIL BARRA: S O'Sullivan; K Lyons, L O'Keeffe, L Dorgan; G O'Sullivan, M Buckley, S L Desmond, S O'Hanlon, R Cronin; R Hayden, J O'Halloran.

Sub: K Collins.

Ballinspittle Farran

THE Allianz H9 hurling final proved a battle of wills with Ballinspittle's Dan Gunning putting 113 man-of-the-match performance to turn the tide in his side's favour.

Ballinspittle grabbed the opening goal through Christopher Galvin but Farran replied through corner-forward David Kirwan.

With the sides level Paul Kirwan drilled the ball to the Ballinspittle net but three points in quick succession had the sides level again.

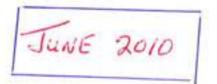
Fergus Lordan notched two points while Dan Gunning notched his first point, his daring runs causing all sorts of problems for the Farran defence.

Gunning gave Ballinspittle the impetus with his goal after half-time and further points from Gunning and a Fergus Lordan goal finished the game as a contest.

Killian Leahy, John Cooper and William McCarthy drove Farran on but Ballinspittle's defence refused to wilt with Michael O'Donovan prominent.

Scorers for Ballinspittle: D Gunning 1-3 (0-1f). Scorers for Farran: P Kinwan 1-1 (0-1f), D Kinwan 1-0. Lordan 1-2 (0-2f), C Galvin 1-0.

BALLINSPITTLE: D Coughlan: L Collins, M O'Donovan, S O'Sullivan; F Lordan, T Keating, N Moloney; C Cummins, C Galvin, D Gunning. FARRAN: C Keane: R Buttimer, J Lynch, W McCarthy, A Hennessy, J Cooper, P Kirwan, K Leahy, TJ Lordan, D Kirwan.





Scolf Eoin, Innishannon winners of Roinn DC1 at the Sciath na Scol finals at Pairc Ui Rinn.

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Scoil Eoin edge out a gutsy Ballyheada side

By SARAH O'DONOVAN

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Scoil Eoin Innishannon 2-1 Ballyheada 1-2

THE first of the Allianz Sciath Na Scol finals at Páirc Uí Rinn proved a thriller with Scoil Eoin, Innishannon, edging out a gutsy Ballyheada outfit to claim the DC1 title.

Ballyheada started well with Eimear Kate Galvin showing impressive resolve in the attack, while two superbly executed frees from Diane Jordan settled the side.

Scoil Eoin looked to have a strong midfield outfit and persistence from Jennifer Murphy put the ball in the danger area for Kate Bernard to finish to the net after five minutes.

Roisin O'Regan was now imposing herself on the game for Scoil Eoin and the skillful attacker added a point from distance in quick succession.

Ballyheada held their nerve despite the pressure and had their fair share of the possession before half-time with Kate Bohane, Leah Keohane and Diane Jordan taking charge.

Scoil Eoin survived a couple of significant scares and punished a Ballyheada mistake on the stroke of half-time when Jennifer Murphy's long-range free went all the way to the net to put the score at 2-1 to 0-2.

Ballyheada made changes and Noelle Sheehan, Aine Crowley and Laura Mc-Carthy-Cronin impacted on the game, but more significantly the defence led by Maggie O'Brien and Corie Butler held the Scoil Eoin attack scoreless for the second-half.

Scoil Eoin worked tirelessly though with Murphy, O'Regan and Michelle Cottrell always prevalent and goalkeeper Cathy O'Donovan confident and alert.

Her defence, comprising of Grace O'Reilly, Jessica Woods and Laura Brew repelled the



Jennifer Murphy , Scoil Eoin Innishannon breaking away from Ballyheada players Emer Reardon and Diane Jordan during the Sciath na scoil finals at Pairc Ui Rinn.

Picture: Dan Lineban

Ballyheada attack until the dying minutes when Kate Bohane sent her long-range free all the way to the net, but there was no time to engineer an equaliser and Scoil Eoin captain Corie Butler lifted the DC1 trophy after the final whistle amidst much excitement.

Scorers for Scoil Eoin: J Murphy 1-0f, K Bernard 1-0, R O'Regan 0-1.

Ballyheada: K Bohane 1-0, D Jordan 0-2f,

SCOIL EOIN: C O'Donovan; C Lordan, J Woods, G O'Reilly, S Hanley, L Brew, M Cottrell, S Murphy; J Murphy, B O'Regarc, K O'Leary, S Murphy, E Walt: M Murphy, K Larkin, K Bernard, E Finn, S O'Sullivan, N O'Callaghan, A O'Sullivan, N Whelehan, A Shanahan, E Crowley, L

O'Donoghue, J Hourihane, G Hurley, F Dorrington, M MasSeoin, C Hurley, E Casey.

BALLYHEADAs N O'Driscoll: R Reardan, M O'Brien; M McCarthy, L Cultinane, C Butler, J Hamington, E Reardon, K Bohane, E Keating, D Jordan, E K Galvin, L Casey, K Cultinane, C Crowley, K Matthews, A Crowley, R Cottrell, G O'Leary, L McCarthy-Cremin, N Sheehan, M Dempsey.

Lethal Keating secures crown for Ballinspittle

Ballinspittle Scoil Barra, Ballincollig 7-9 0-1

A STUNNING contribution of 4-4 from Ballinspittle's Sinead Keating gave the south-east side the impetus in the second of the Allianz Sciath na Scol finals at Pairc

Uí Rinn yesterday.

Keating was awesome in front of goal, taking advantage of the significant possession afforded to her by an impressive Ballinspittle outfit.

Scoil Barra could do little to stop the onslaught, but never dropped their heads and fought admirably to the final whistle.

Ballinspittle pointed through Elaine O'Reilly in the first minute before Eimear O'Reilly blasted the ball to the Scoil Barra

Scoil Barra captain, Sive O'Sullivan, nearly forced the effort around the outside of the post, but had to concede to the power of the shot.

Ballinspittle, opted to move Keating from the defence to the attack and the move brought a swift return—with Keating notching her first point.

Further points from Eimear and Elaine O'Reilly put a considerable distance between the team and Keating's first goal coming before the half-time whistle raised Ballinspittle confidence

A resolute Scoil Barra side battled hard in the second-half with O'Sullivan and her defence — By SARAH O'DONOVAN

Sciath na Scol

comprising of Kate Lyons, Lydia O'Keeffe and Louise Dorgan — working hard to curb the threat posed by the lethal Ballinspittle attack.

Ballinspittle though could not be kept at bay and a blitz on the Scoil Barra goal on the resumption ended the game as a contest.

Goals from Elaine
O'Reilly and Keating saw
no way back for Scoil
Barra, but Shelly O'Hanlon and Rachel Cronin
continued to work hard.

Ballinspittle proved relentless as Keating and Elaine O'Reilly added two further points to bring Ballinspittle's tally to 4-09.

Keating wasn't finished however and notched two further goals before departing the field while Hannah Quinn secured the side's seventh goal in the dying minutes.

Lydia O'Keeffe proved accurate for Scoil Barra and neatly slotted over a 45, but the day belonged to Keating and Ballinspittle with captain Finola Moloney lifting the C3 trophy.

Scorers for Ballinspittle: S Keat-



ing 4-4, El O'Reilly 1-3, E O'Reilly 1-2 (0-1f), H Quinn 1-0.

Scoil Barra: L O'Keeffe 0-1 (45).

BALLINSPITTLE: R Collins; A Condon, S Keating, F Moloney, K Nyhan, E O'Reilly, R Murphy, R McGregor, E O'Reilly, H Quinn, C Mulcahy, M O'Mahony, G Hannon, C O'Donovan, K-A O'Reilly, A Cassidy, O Nyhan, S McCarthy-Walsh.

SCOIL BARRA: S O'Sullivan; K Lyons, L O'Keeffe, L Dorgan; G O'Sullivan, M Buckley, S L Desmond, S O'Hanlon, A Jones, R Cronin; R Hayden, J O'Halloran, B Daly, R Gibbons, K Collins, A O'Sullivan, M C Dorgan, L Nolan, S Callanan, A O'Brien, K Jones. Above, Ballinspittle celebrate their Roinn C3 success and left, camogie captain Finola Moloney with Rachel Collins, hurling captain Sean O'Sullivan with Michael O'Donovan show off their resepctive tropphies after a double success.

Sc. CMuire, Carrigtwohill Scoil Iosagáin, Blarney

1-2

IT WAS a deserved victory for Carrigtwohill in the girls' C4 Sciath na Scol final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh vesterday.

In a tight game, the victors exerted more of the attacking pressure for the bulk of the game, though Scoil Iosagain, Blarney put it up to them throughout. From the off, Carrigtwohill had chances, Laura Hinchcliffe hitting the bar from a free while Emily Barrett had to save well from Carmel Cronin, but overall Blarney defended well and the game was scoreless as it moved into first-half injury time.

Then, Emily Daly broke the dead-

lock for Carrig when she fired home the rebound after Hinchcliffe's shot was saved, but Jean McPolin immediately cancelled that out and it was level at the break.

Two early Cronin frees gave Carrigtwohill a cushion in the second half, and they never relinquished that lead. Camogie Association President Joan O'Flynn presented the sides with their medals.

Scorers for Carrigtwohill: E Daly 1-0, C Cronin 0-2f.

Scorers for Scoil fosagáin, Blarney: J McPolin 1-0.

CHLOCHAIR MHUIRE, CARRIGTWOHILL: S Dixey: N O'Mahony, C Horgan; K Nolan, C Cronin; C Boland, L Hinchcliffe; E Collins, C O'Flynn; E Daly, O Roche.

Sub: S Warren, S Reardon.
SCOIL (OSAGÁIN, BLARNEY: E Barrett; E
Browne, K O'Keeffe, M Manley, L O'Shea; N Manley, G Morgan; H Lenihan, R McNamara; A Dulohery, M Mortell.

Sub: J McPolin. Referee: P O'Neill.



Caleigh Boland, Scoil Chlochair Mhuire, Carrigtwohill, battles with Katie O'Keeffe, Scoil losagain, Blarney, in yesterday's Sciath na Scol finals in Párc Uí Chaoimh. Picture: Dan Linehan



The girls from Youghal enjoy their day at the All-Stars Camogie Camp organised by the Cork Senior Camogie Supporters Club at St Finbarr's Hurling and Football club.

Lucy Kelly, Sarsfields, catches the sliothar under pressure from Emily Roche, Youghal. Below: Eimear Farrell and Louise Dempsey meet Cork camogie goalkeeper Aoife Murray. Picture: Damien Quirke



Cork stars host camogie camp

THE Cork All-Star Camogie Camp took place at St Finbarr's Hurling and Football Club over a two-day

Cllr John Buttimer, deputising for the Lord Mayor, was there to congratulate the Cork players for taking the time out to pass on their skills to the youngsters and to officially open the camp.

More than 70 girls attended the two day coaching sessions where they learned the various skills of camogie from Cork players Jennifer O'Leary, Anna Geary, Carolyn Motherway, Ann-Marie Hayes, Amanda O'Regan, Lillian Zinkant and Denise Cronin, amongst others.

The president of the GAA, Christy Cooney, paid a visit to the delight of the youngsters for a question and answers session and they talked to him about what tips they had picked up throughout the day.

Sunday began with more coaching sessions with Aoife Murray passing on her goalkeeping skills and All-Stars Gemma O'Connor, Orla Cotter, Sile Burns and Rena Buckley taking them through forward play, defensive play, shooting, matchplay and many drills done at Cork senior camogie training.

After the break the girls had a chance to practice their new skills during a series of

All-Star Rachel Moloney gave a fantastic talk on nutrition, the youngsters took it all in and asked many relevant questions.

Then all the coaches were introduced and a questions and answers session took place.

This was the highlight of the weekend as the participants were able to get an insight into life as an inter-county camogie player. The O'Duffy Cup and many All-Star

trophies were also on show.

The camp concluded with certificates and goody bags being given to each participant by the coaches and photographs galore were taken. Another special guest was Cork hurling manager Denis Walsh, who arrived to



Kate Greene, Fiona Quinn, Lauren Cooper, Eimear O'Brien and Fiona O'Brien, all from Ballincollig, try out the O'Duffy Cup for size at the All-Stars Camogie Camp at St Finbarr's.

pick up his daughter who was attending the Mary Mackey, Imelda Moloney, Nora O'Suicamp and duly obliged to stand in for more livan and co-ordinated by Jenny Duffy.

The camp was organised by the Cork Camogie Supporters Club comprising of Irene Duffy, Brigid Cotter, Grainne White,

They would like to thank all their sponsors, those who helped out and most importantly the young players who attended over the two days.



Cork senior camogie goalkeeper Aoife Murray, centre with sunglasses, with a group of the girls who attended the camp.

Picture: Damien Quirke



Cork senior camogie player Jenny Duffy with some of the girls that took part in the camp.

Picture: Damien Quirke



Fiona O'Brien, Ballincollig and Sinead Hegarty, Blackrock, tussle for possession at the All-Stars camp at St Finbarr's.

Picture: Damien Quirke



LEFT: Maeve Walsh and Blaithin O'Keeffe from St O'Keeffe from St Catherine's, with Mary Walsh and Cáit McCarthy from Castleisland. RIGHT: Tracton play-ers, Abbie Fitzger-ald, Hayley Fitzger-ald, Amy O'Reilly, Shanna Healy, Mar-ieke Buckley and Áine Lyons take a breather. Picture: Damien Quirke





At the launch of the All-Ireland senior camogie championships at Croke Park yesterday were captains, from left, Catriona Power (Dublin), Jill Horan (Tipperary), Una Leacy (Wexford), Joanne O'Callaghan (Cork), Anne Dalton (Kilkenny), Siobhan Lafferty (Clare), and Susan Earner (Galway). - (Photograph: Sportsfile)

2010 CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Programme in place to assess referees

CAMOGIE REFEREES are to come under further scrutiny after Camogie Association President O'Flynn yesterday announced a new assessment programme for officials.

Fitness testing for camogic refe-rees is already well established, but this year the association intend to build on this by introducing a national referees assessment programme during the Gala All-Ireland Championships.

A national referees assessor panel will implement the programme, which is comprised of former referees Frank McDonald (Armagh), Damien Noble, Peter Downey and Eileen Hannon. The project will be co-ordinated by former intercounty referee John

paying attention to the rules of the sport, and in improving coaching.

"In the same way as you want to port their development. "The idea improve coaching and you want to really is that it's not to police reference or characters." "Just as in the way we have been we obviously believe there is a improve administration and rees, but rather offer constructive last week that the Bord Gais will be contested in Croke Park.

2010 Senior Camogie Championship

(home team named first) June 12th - Tipperary v Cork, Dublin Clare, Kilkenny v Galway. June 19th - Golway v Tipperary, Cork v Kilkenny, Wexford v Dublin, June 26th - Dublin v Cork, Clare v Tipperary, Galway v Wexford. July 3rd – Kilkenny v Tipperary, Galway v Cork, Wexford v Clare. July 10th - Tipperary v Wexford, Kilkermy v Dublin, Clare v Galway. July 17th – Cork v Wexford, Dublin v Galway, Clare v Kilkenny. July 24th - Cork v Clare, Tipperary v Dublin, Wexford v Kilkenny Aug 7th - All-Ireland play-offs. Aug 14th - All Ireland semi-finals. Sep 12th - All-Ireland final.

need to improve and assess referees," O'Flynn said.

"The programme was piloted last year during some of the national competitions, and was refined. We have taken a look at what has been in place for the GAA, and the actual assessment programme was developed by Frank McDonald, who is a GAA assessor and a camogie referee

playing levels; refereeing is integral to the game. We have had fitness testing in situ for a while, so we are building on that through written assessments for referees and the actual impartial assessments."

There are 35 referees on the intercounty panel, and O'Flynn says the introduction of an assessment programme is not to hinder these referees, but rather to sup-

criticism and to constantly support Energy All-Ireland under-21 referees to improve their performance.

"What we haven't got at the moment is a grading structure for our referees. This is the first step, as a result of the referees assessment programme we will move on to develop a referees grading structure. Ultimately in the same way as there is a player pathway in coaching, we hope to have a referees pathway as well, from club level right through to inter-

O'Flynn is also keen to promote refereeing as a means of staying involved in camogie, once a play-er's playing career ends. "Promoting refereeing as an option for people who are not players in the association, and showing there is another way of being involved in the game."

It was confirmed by the GAA that three premier of

hurling championship final will not take place on the same billing as the All-Ireland senior and junior camogie championship finals this year.

However, at yesterday's O'Flynn confirmed that for the first time the All-Ireland intermediate camogie final will also take place at Croke Park this September, on the same bill as the senior and junior deciders.

"It's definitely going to be a triple-header. What I see now is the opportunity to have three Camogie All-Irelands on the one day at Croke Park," she said. "There have been camogie All-Irelands in Croke Park since 1934, but never three finals on the one day. I think it is a fantastic opportunity to showcase the game. It's also a real powerful motivation for players

Camogie refs prepare for summer in spotlight

Cliona Foley

CAMOGIE referees will be the latest match officials to come under close scrutiny this summer. The first panel of five referee assessors has been put in place and will randomly assess performances during this summer's Gala All-Ireland championships.

Inconsistent decision-making has been a contentious point, with some believing that refereeing standards have not kept pace with the rapidly accelerated levels of skill and speed among camogie's

The introduction of assessors is

an acknowledgment that the standard of refereeing needs improving, but camogie president Joan O'Flynn said that she does not feel it is a major issue.

The idea is not to police referees, but to support them," she said. "This is also the first step to an official grading structure and a pathways programme for referees."

This is the latest move in a radical overhaul of the sport.

The association launched a new five-year plan recently and yesterday announced its revamped senior championship format in which every team will play each other before the knockout stages.

One blow to the sport was the GAA's decision to pull out of their three-year joint venture of playing the All-Ireland U-21 hurling final in conjunction with the camogie finals, a practice that helped bring a new audience to the women's game.

But O'Flynn refused to criticise the GAA's withdrawal, saying she preferred to concentrate on the positive aspect of the change, which is that the All-Ireland intermediate final will also now be played in Croke Park on September 12, along with the senior and junior finals.

"There's never before been three camogie finals here in one day, so I see that as a terrific opportunity to

showcase the game and make it camogie's big day of the year," O'Flynn said.

"Restructuring the senior championship so that there are seven rounds, seven weekends on the trot (starting June 12), should also give it greater momentum and create a lot of interest," she added.

After winning four of the last five All-Ireland senior titles, Cork will be expected to figure strongly again this year, as will last year's beaten finalists Kilkenny.

But Wexford, who won the 2007 title, and beaten 2008 finalists Galway, are also tipped to be in the shake-up.

O'Flynn upbeat at All-Ireland final move

by Denis Hurley

THE president of the Camogie Association, Joan O'Flynn, is taking a positive view of the recent decision to separate the All-Ireland senior camogie final and the All-Ireland U21 hurling final, which had been held together for

the past three years.

O'Flynn, speaking at the launch of the Gala All-Ireland Camogie Championships at Croke Park yesterday, sees an opportunity for the association in the move, given that it allows the All-Ireland senior, intermediate and junior finals to be held on the same day at GAA headquarters for the first

"Totally, yes," she said when asked if

she was happy with the change.
"I think playing in Croke Park is a serious motivation for any young player. Girls are no different from boys, if they are into sport they want to play here. Now we are able to extend



Camogie

that opportunity to two extra teams."

There is a fear, however, that the relocation of the U21 hurling finals could lead to a smaller attendance for the camogie showpieces, but it is a challenge that the association is willing

"I think you're always going to have

to work hard to get attendances out for women's sport," Ms O'Flynn said.

"I suppose we tend to be more of a participation sport rather than a specta-tor sport, and we've put a lot of effort in over the past few years to build the participation.

"We have a five-year plan, we've put record we want increase the attendances, no better year to start than this year.

"We'll work very hard to do it, it's a tough time to be doing it as well in terms of the cost of coming to Dublin for-families but we'll work through our clubs and promote the day as a wonderful sporting spectacle as well as a great family day out, which it is." Also announced yesterday was the establishment of a new refereeing as-

sessment programme for camogie, de-signed to increase quality of officials.

STANDING TOGETHER: Representatives of the various counties shoulder to shoulder at the launch of the Gala All-Ireland Camogie Championships 2010 at Croke Park yesterday, with Denise Lord of sponsors Gala and Camogie Association president Joan O'Flynn.

Picture: Brendan Moran/Sportsfile

"In the same way that we pay attention to improving coaching, improving administration, improving playing, we have to also pay attention to improving refereeing standards," O'Flynn said. "It's great that the initiative around

the referees' assessment programme came from the referees themselves, from the National Referees' Commit-

"I think, in time, that will become a very important contribution to the overall level of performance on the

pitch by players and referees." Meanwhile, Kilkenny manager Anne Downey registered her displeasure at the prospect of having to play six games in seven weeks in the round-robin stage of the All-Ireland

senior championship.

"It's crazy, to be quite honest," she said, "I'm not really in favour of it because I don't think it gives the players a chance, if they have an injury, to recover and I don't think it gives management a chance to put something right.

"You have a night with the girls that you can train [between games], that's



FEILE SUCCESS

BISHOPSTOWN GIRLS SHOW TRUE CHARACTER TO OVERCOME A GALLANT TRACTON SIDE

BISHOPSTOWN Under 14's who won the Feile Division 2 Final recently with a super win over Tracton.

In a highly entertaining match both teams served up a thrilling game with the play switching from end to end. Tracton opened the scoring with a point from play and it took until the 17th minute for Bishopstown to get on the scoreboard. They struck for two goals within a minute, the first from Jessica Kearney and the other from Eirne Ni Dheasmhúnaigh. Keeper Sarah O Sullivan had a great game throughout, with some great catches and clearances, to keep her side in the game.

At this stage Bishopstown seemed to be in control but Tracton were not going to let us get

clear of them. Tracton managed to get back into the game with a goal on 22 mins, followed by two pointed frees to make the half-time score Bishopstown 2-0 to Tracton's 1-4.

Tracton dominated just after half time and Bishopstown were finding it hard to break through their defence. Laura O'Neill landed a free half way through, while Jessica Dempsey scored two for Tracton.

CHARACTER

Coming into the last ten minutes, Bishopstown were a goal down and they dug their heels in and showed that strength of character which we all know they possess. Sarah in goal was letting

nothing past. Caoimhe (captain), Ellen and Cliodhna in the full back line scuppered many attacks. Niamh Foley at centre back caught high ball after high ball and drove them back to the other end. Megan started those darting runs forward that had been missing earlier in the match and Leanne was letting nothing whatsoever get past her. Niamh Stevens covered so much ground stopping attacks and keeping us going forward. Then up popped Eirne Ni Dheasmhúnaigh with one of her trademark runs from midfield and scored another great goal. Our forward line got a "third" wind as the final whistle was approaching. Jessica, Laura, Saoirse, Roisin, Emma, Tracey and Alison rotated around keeping the defence guessing. Emma and Jessica showed us how defence starts in the forward line and were in no mood to let Tracton clear the ball from their lines.

INSURANCE POINT

In a frantic finale, up pops Jessica again, in the thick of things as usual and netted again from the edge of the square. Bishopstown up a goal now in injury time and Laura O'Neill added the insurance point. At the final whistle Bishopstown were victors claiming their first Feile title in a long time, on a scoreline of 4-2 to 1-6.

Wining the Feile is not just about the final, and this year the importance of a strong panel was very important to our success. In the league stage of the Feile we defeated Dungourney, Banteer and Aghabullogue. But with Eirne and Sarah, in goal, not available, others were also not able to stay for all the matches. Aisling Broderick played up front for all 3 games and went close to scoring in every game. Laura O'Sullivan played solidly

at corner back for all 3 games. Julie Shanahan, Rachel Coffey, Amy Delea, Chloe Leisk and Una Stevens put in a huge effort in all 3 games up front. Without this strong squad we would not have made the final. Special thanks to Kayleigh who pushed the team forward throughout the league and final.

Congratulations to the panel involved as well as the trainers and selectors.

BISHOPSTOWN FÉILE NA NGAEL CAMOGIE PANEL 2010

- 1. Sarah O'sullivan
- 2. Clíodhna Richardson
- 3. Caoimhe Broderick (Captain)
- 4. Ellen O'donovan
- 5. Megan Delaney
- 6. Niamh Foley 7. Leanne Leisk
- 8. Niamh Stephens
- 9. Eirne Ní Dheasmhúnaigh
- 10. Emma Richardson
- 11. Laura O'neill
- 12. Saoirse O'sullivan
- 13. Róisín Wilson
- 14. Jessica Kearney
- 15. Julie Shanahan 16. Alison Devlin
- 17. Tracey Hayden
- 18. Rachel Coffey
- 19. Chloe Leisk
- 20. Amy Delea
- 21. Aisling Broderick
- 22. Una Stephens 23. Laura O'sullivan
- 24. Eimear Daly



STARS OF THE FUTURE: Innishannon captain and vice-captain Michelle Cottrell and Jessica Woods celebrate their win at the Sciath na Scol camogie finals. More P60-63.

Camogie camp a success



Ballincollig girls Fiona O'Brien, Lauren Cooper, Emer O'Brien, Kate Greene and Fiona Quinn at the camogie coaching camp at St Finbarr's.

Picture: Mike English

SEVENTY youngsters attended the St Finbarr's club for the All Star camogic coaching camp organised by the Cork camogic supporters' club.

The fundraising event started at 10 am on Saturday. Coaches at the camp were members of the Cork senior camogie panel, who spent two days passing on tips to the youngsters, who came from city and county clubs. The feedback was one of huge enjoyment as the players were put through their paces by players who have brought huge honours to the county. On the first day of the camp, the Cork senior panel began preparations at 8am.

Councillor John Buttimer arrived early to start the proceedings. The youngsters were put through their paces with all of them eager to learn. A surprise visitor to the camp on Saturday morning was GAA president, Christy Cooney, who is a huge supporter of camogie. Cork senior hurling manager, Denis Walsh, also visited, and the youngster had their photographs taken with the senior players. The youngsters also took part in a questions-and-answers session with the coaches.

This was a first venture for the newly formed supporters' club and it was a huge success.

Many of the committee members are parents and were new to committee organisation, and they are to be congratulated for the work and effort they put into organising the venture, which was top-class, and it will now, hopefully, go from strength to strength and become an annual event on the Camogie calendar in Cork.

Congress rings the changes for camogie

LAST weekend's special congress in Croke Park saw delegated from all over the country vote overwhelmingly to change many of the games rules and they will have huge implications over the coming months as clubs, players and county boards try to digest the huge volume of change they will bring.

The biggest talking point was the one which saw delegated vote to adopt age bands for under age players. When the Cork clubs got together to discuss this it was decided that the county would oppose it as many felt it would hurt smaller clubs if they had to bring in age limits on when a player could play junior or senior. From now on, a player must be over 15 before they can play at either junior or senior level with their club, this will surely affect many clubs who depend on many 15 year olds to make up teams.

Another big talking point is the new rule governing under age competitions from 2011 there will no longer be competitions at U12 level—instead we will have games for all players from U12 and younger. These will be organised on the Go Games! model, which is child centred games of 11 a side with all participants involved. These will be, non-competitive with no winners or losers, and the idea behind it is that it is hoped it will attract youngets to the second

hoped it will attract youngsters to the sport.

New age bands also for players playing at under age level, a player must now be age 10 before they can play under 14, be age 13 before they can play under 16 and be age 15 before they can play under 18, again this evoked much debate when Cork clubs discussed it and certainly many clubs here at local level in Cork will feel the pinch when this comes into force.



Ballinadee defender Abi Jeffries clearing the ball under pressure from Coachford's Tracey Kelleher in the DC4 final.

Picture: Denis Minihane

Mallow host the 11th James Hurley competition

CORK Colleges are hosting the 11th annual inter-county James Hurley U14 camogie blitz at Mallow on Saturday, writes Robaird Lotty.

Galway A & B, Tipperary A & B, Waterford, Limerick A & B, Kilkenny, Cork Colleges A & B, Dublin A & B, both Cork primary squads, both Dublin primary squads and Kerry have all confirmed they will participate.

The competition was the brainchild of James Hurley, former Cork Colleges Camogie chairman, in whose name the cup is commemorated.

The counties will play a round-robin series of games with cups for the A and B winners on four pitches with multiple substitution ensuring every player has ample opportunity to display their skills.

Cork Colleges will attempt to add to the Clare blitz trophies they won last month and selector Dave Daly is optimistic about his charges this year, stating: "We have options throughout the field with competition for places in every position."

The blitz format requires a different approach where all the panel need to make a contribution to ensure victory. The introduction by Ardchomhairle of the development squad scheme, sponsored by Coillte, since 2004 has encouraged many counties to organise their U14 panels.

Cork selector Prionsias Creedon is looking forward to a great day for all concerned.

'Over 500 girls will be representing their county, vying for honours against arch rivals at a magnificent Mallow venue and probably marking it as one of the most enjoyable days of their young playing career. The strength in depth of the Rebel County squad, sponsored by Performance Sports Gear, is emphasised by the fact that they have two teams participating in the competition, with the Munster Council initiative introducing the Cork Primary squads to the blitz. Games commence at 10am and the finals are scheduled for 2.30pm. The hosts will look to Amy O' Connor, Ciara O'Leary, Leona Murphy and Linda Collins to lead the Cork A side's charge while Cathy O' Mahony, Leanne Kelleher, Claire Sexton and Alicia Cremin have been consistent performers for the B panel.

CORK COLLEGES A PANEL: Michelle Murphy (Christ King), Aine Crowley, Leona Murphy, Caroline Murphy (Bandon), Amy O'Connor (St. Vincent's), Clara Daly, Ellen Benaim (Carrigwohill), Megan Kelleher, Roisin Twohill (Charleville), Joanne Walton, Kate Crowley, Niamh McCarthy, Caoimhe O'Keeffe (Choilm), Clara O'Leary, Dearbhia Ahern, Edel Tarrant, Grlaith O'Driscoll (Coschford), Laoise Burke, Ruth Brosnan (Coi An Phiarsaigh), Meabh Mulcahy, (Fermoy), Sarah Fahy (Glanmire), Linda Colliers, Nicola Coleman, Chelsea Campbell (Kinsale), Tarrmy Kelleher (Mallow), Hannah Looney, Sharon Murphy Taylor Kruschel (Midleton), Siobhan Sheeha (Millstreet), Judy Murphy (Mount Mercy Keelegh Cullinane (Youghal).

CORK COLLEGES B PANEL: Emma Mahon, Laura O'Leary (Bandon), Grace Heffernan (BCS), Alsling O'Keeffe (Blarney), Katie Cronin (Buttevart), Rachel O'Shea (Carrigaline), Holly Breheny (Carrighvohith), Erin McElhinney, Jennifer Sorenson (Col Choilm), Alicia Cremin (Christ King), Claire Sexton (Clon), Jill Kiely (Coachford), Eirne Desmond, Lucy Allen (Col An Phiarasigh), Katie Coughlan (Drom), Joanne O'Keeffe, Trish O'Sullivan (Fermoy), Chloe Ahern (Glanmire), Alsling O'Reilly, Niamh Sheohan, Cathy O'Mahony, Leah O'Sullivan (Kinsaie), Ernily Fitzpatrick (Mallow), Jessica Durne, Leanne Kolleher, (Millistreet), Maedhbh Ellen Desmond (Mount Marcy), Emer Cummins (Scoil Mhuire), Amy Walsh, Clodech O'Keeffe (St Angela's), Capimhe Rodgers (St Patrick's).

GAME FOR A LAUGH



At the Sciath na Scol finals at Páirc Uí Rinn, Cork, yesterday were: Ballinspittle girls
Rachel Collins and Finola Moloney.

Pictures: Dan Linehar



John Finn, Innishannon, above, watching the action, and Ballyheada supporters, right, cheer on their team.



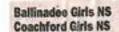


Camogie Association president Joan O'Flynn and GAA president Christy Cooney.



Carrigtwohill girls Caleigh Boland and Vanessa Cotter celebrate their win.

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The DC 4 11-a-side camogic final wasn't as one sided as the score line would suggest. Alex Jeffery opened the scoring for the Ballinadee girls with a goal and the impressive Rachel McCarthy added 1-1 to give her school a 2-1 to nil half time lead.

Coachford made a determined effort on the changeover to get back into the game but despite the best efforts of Lisa O'Driscoll and Ella Curtain, they couldn't breach the very strong Ballinadee defence where full back Abi Jeffries and Rachel Mc-Carthy excelled.

Ballinadee did a very good job of containing their opponents throughout the second half while playing against the wind, and while only one further score was added — a point by Alex Jeffery — they were deserving of the honours.

Scorers for Ballinadee: A. Jeffery, R. McCarthy

BALLINADEE: S. Collins: C. Dunphy, A. Jeffries, S. O'Brien, N. Twomey, K. McCarthy, R. Mc-Carthy, C. Boyle, A. O'Mahony, A. Jeffery, M. O'Suffiven.

COACHFORD: E. Tarrent: I. O'Reilly, K. Dilworth, K. Curtin, L. O'Driscoll, L. Buckley, E. Curtin, S. Cummins, D. Crowley, S. Cotter, T. Kelleher, Referee:, D. Nolan (Douplas).



Upper Glanmire NS girls, winners of Roinn DC2 at the Sciath na Scol camogie finals at Páirc Uí Rinn.

Picture: Mike Englis



Upper Glanmire girls race to greet their supporters following their win over Goggin's Hill.

Picture: Mike Englis

Barry is the five-goal hero as Glanmire have the edge in a cracker

By SARAH O'DONOVAN

Roinn DC2 final

Upper Glanmire Goggin's Hill 8-1 6-3

WHAT a thriller the final game of the day turned out to be.

The DC2 final produced no less than 14 goals and had the crowd on tenterhooks until the final whistle.

Ultimately Michelle Barry proved the heroine with a five-goal haul but for long periods it looked as if Goggin's Hill would come out on top.

Barry had registered two goals after just five minutes but a better-balanced Goggin's Hill side knuckled down and recorded 2-2 in timely fashion.

A Geraldine Collins goal and 1-2 from midfielder Rebecca Moynihan put Goggin's Hill in the driving seat.

Shauna Mahon was thriving in the Goggin's Hill attack and Kelsey Flynn covered a pile of ground to curb the influence of Barry for a short period.

Two further goals from Noreen Kiely and Kate Crowley looked to have given Upper Glanmire too much to do but credit to the side for turning around a three-goal deficit in just five minutes.

The side came out after the half-time whistle and bombarded the Goggin's Hill goal until the deficit closed to two points.

Three Shauna Kirwan goals and then a third Michelle Barry goal saw them take the lead but Moynihan levelled again to put the score at 5-3 to 6-0.

Ruth McCarthy worked hard all through to supply Barry with enough ball to do damage and it was inevitable that Barry would have the final say.

A great strike from Cliona Coughlan put Goggin's Hill in front but they could not steady the ship sufficiently to hold out as time ticked down.

Barry gathered possession and headed straight for goal, rattling the net from 20 yards.

With the sides level, Barry decided to go for broke and again took on the Goggin's Hill defence, breaking hearts with a goal almost identical to the equaliser.

A point at the death capped off a tremendous game for Barry and a never-say die Upper Glammire team

Scorers for Upper Glanmire: M Barry 5-1 (1-0f), S Kirwan 3-0.

Goggin's Hill: R Moynihan 1-3, K Crowley 2-0, G Collins 1-9, N Kiely 1-9, C Coughlan 1-0.

UPPER GLANMIRE: C Nation, J Mc Allen, R Kelly, D Kerrigan, K Barry, J Mehmet, A Turpin, R McCarthy, J Hurley, M Barry, A McCarthy, E Garvina, S Kirwan, E Hall, M O'Riordan, A Martin, K O'Calleghan, M Barry, E O'Connell, C Cashman, S Tyner, J Cashman, M Barry, E O'Connell, C Cashman, S Tyner, J Cashman, C Cashman, A Devin, GOGGINS HILL: E Crowley, C McCarthy, K Reynolds, H Leahy, M Tyers, A.M Leahy, R Moynihan, G Collins, K Flynh, S Mahon, N Kiely, K Crowley, C Kelsey, E Thompson, L Cussen, G O'Mahory, S Kelsey, J Mulcahy, C Coughlan, E Leahy.

Supersub White steers St Mary's on the Hill home

Sciath na Scol

St Mary's on the Hill NS Sunday's Well GNS

by Denis Hurley

SUBSTITUTE Rhiana White was the two-goal heroine for St Mary's on the Hill NS as they saw off Sunday's Well GNS in the C5 Urban final of the Allianz Sciath na Scol at Páirc Uí Chaoimh yesterday.

It was a closer game that the scoreline would suggest, and Sunday's Well must wonder how they trailed 1-0 to 0-1 at half-time, Sylvia Dolan with the goal for the Knocknaheeny school in the second minute.

After that, it was almost a siege on the St Mary's goal, but goalkeeper Katie Morey and full-back Amy O'Regan stood firm. Just 15 seconds after the restart though, Emma Buckley put the Well into the lead with a well-taken goal, but Niamh O'Sullivan cancelled that out before White's first

Two points from Buckley cut the gap to a goal, but White wrapped things up in mjury time.

Scorers for St Mary's: R White 2-0, N O'Sullivan, S Dolan 1-0 each. Sunday's Well GNS: E Buckley 1-2, O Manning

G-1. ST MARY'S: K. Morey; K. O'Driscoll, A. O'Regan, N. Cotter; St. O'Riordan, C. Crowley; N. O'Sulfivan, K. White, S. Dolan.

Subs: R White, K O'Donovan.
SUNDAY'S WELL GNS: L Sheehan; S O'Connor,
Sacirse O'Sullivan, Sophie O'Sullivan; D Manning, A O'Driscoll; S Seety, E Buckley, E
McAutiffe.

Subs: N Ford, E Courtney. Referce: M Harrington (Carrigatine).



St Mary's on the Hill celebrate after C5 final victory over Sundays Well GNS in yesterday's Sciath na Scol finals in Páirc Ui Chaoimh.

Cork ladies must deal with the loss of five starters

CORK begin their defence of the Gala All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship on Saturday week when they travel to Semple Stadium to face Tipperary in the first of six games in the space of seven weeks.

Having won the All-Ireland the last two years, Cork are on course for three in-a-row. Normally sides on such a quest play down talk of going all the way, with players pointing out that they're taking things one game at a time.

Refreshingly, doughty Rebel de-fender Joanne O'Callaghan knows that there is pressure on the team and isn't afraid to admit it.

"There is pressure because we're

By DENIS HURLEY

going for three in-a-row," she says.

"Everybody seems to be talking about it, so that puts more pressure on the players.

"We just have to try and cope with things as best we can."

O'Callaghan is currently out injured, having fractured her elbow in training six weeks ago but hopes to be back within the next fortnight. On top of her absence from the opening game, Denise Cronin's side also have to cope without some of the stars of last year's triumph.

We have five players gone from

they'd all be starting players, so obviously that is maybe slightly debilitating but it's up to the rest of us to show we are still one of the top

"Briege Corkery, Sarah Hayes, Una O'Donoghue, Emer O'Farrell and Emer Dillon are all gone from the panel, and they're five players that any county team would find it tough to cope without.

"There are some younger players coming up, to be fair, but obviously it's going to take time for them to become more experienced."

After the Tipp game, Cork face Kilkenny in a repeat of last year's

our team," O'Callaghan says, "and All-Ireland final, and Cloughduv player O'Callaghan is under no illusions about how tough a start it is to the championship season.

"It is, it's a very tough opening, we know that we're facing two of the best teams in the country in Tipper-ary and Kilkenny," she says.

"If you lose the two opening games then, it doesn't do any good for confidence, especially for younger play-

"It's vital to get off to a good start to build momentum and help the team to gel together."

The spring has not been overly kind to Cork, as they lost to Wexford in the league final and Tipp in the penultimate stage in Munster.

In that light, would anything less than reaching the last four of the All-Ireland be a failure?

"At this stage, I'd consider anything less than the Afl-Ireland a failure," O'Callaghan says.

"I suppose another thing is that there is pressure on us to go all the way every year."

Of the likely challengers should the three in-a-row not materialise, O'Callaghan mentions last year's defeated finalists.

"Kilkenny are probably still hurting after the beating we gave them last year and they'll be well up for it this year," she laughs.



The Cork U15 camogie development squad.



Camogie *Round-up*





Pictured at the 2010 Gala All-Ireland Camogie Championship launch, left to right, Clare's Siobhan Lafferty; Susan Earner from Galway; Tipperary's Jill Horan; Denise Lord from Gala; Cork's Joanne O'Callaghan; Joan O'Flynn, President of the Camogie Association; Kilkenny's Anne Dalton; Una Leacy from Wexford and Dublin's Catriona Power.

Intermediates are given opportunity to play in Croker

Camogie president Joan O'Flynn pictured at the launch of the 2010 All-Ireland camogie champion-Picture: INPHO/James Crombin ships.

WITH THE U21 hurling final moved to Thurles the path is clear for the camogie association to play its three adult All-Ireland competition finals in Croke Park on the same day.

It's great for the intermediate players, typically thrown in at a home or away venue mid-October, as not only does it add prestige to the competition it gives them the opportunity to play on a world class

It's not just the pitch which is a thrill, the whole ambiance surrounding the dressing rooms, hurling alley, tunnel is a humbling exerience. If entering Croke Park as a player on All-Ireland Final day doesn't give you goose pimples from head to toe I don't know what

So the junior, intermediate and senior finals take place on September 12 and in that order I would assume. The senior final will possibly not now start until 4pm, as you couldn't play the junior final prior to

I admire the association for sticking with Croke Park, such is the immense expense of the day because if the decision is ever taken to take it out it would be a massive step backwards for a sport determined to build up its profile and member-

They say that taking the U21 final away will have a big affect on num-



bers. Of course it will have some affect but not as much as people expect because I for one expected more hurling support at the last two fi-

It will possibly drop by five thou-

When one considers that approximately a quarter of a million people tune in to view the camogie final each year it's a shame that more don't make the effort to travel to what is a very enjoyable day out. People have said to me that they actually prefer the camogie day as it's a far more comfortable day whether by car or train.

And family tickets are available which are a rare sight when the GAA has its bigger days. A huge amount of kids attend with their clubs and they absolutely love it. At times you could do with a set of ear plugs alright as their screams seem to vibrate off the half empty stands.

There is a big push this year to get more camogie members to travel with all clubs nationwide obliged to purchase at least three tickets.

President of the association Joan O'Flynn was joined by Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport Mary

Gala and captains of the 28 participating counties as well as a number of managers for this year's championship launch at Croke Park on Wednesday last.

Speaking at the launch Joan O'Flynn stated:

"I am excited that we will now have six high quality teams bringing the best of camogie skill, rivalry and competitiveness to GAA headquarters. All-Ireland finals day is the camogie showpiece of the year and we want people from all over the country to come to enjoy a wonderful sporting spectacle as well as a great family day out. "Adding the Gala All-Ireland intermediate final to the bill widens the opportunity Hanafin, Gary Desmond, CEO of for more camogie players to reach

Croke Park."

The 2010 Gala All-Ireland Camogic Championships commence on June 12 with current senior All-Ireland champions Cork beginning the defence of their crown against Tipperary. This year all teams in each grade will compete on a round robin basis before proceeding to the knock-out stages.

There are seven senior round robin fixtures taking place prior to the semi-finals. I don't agree with that but I've mentioned that before so I won't go on.

The senior semi-finals will take place as a double-header on August 13 in Nowlan Park. Gala continue to sponsor the championship for the fifth year in succession.

In addition, throughout pionship there are nine performance awards up for grabs. The Gala Performance Award will be awarded to a player chosen from senior championship games with one game nominated each weekend for consideration.

Bord Gáis remain on as sponsors of Cork.

On another note, best wishes to all those participating in the marathon on Monday whether it's in the individual or relay category. I'm taking part myself and after training for it I've a new respect for marathon runners. I'm both nervous and excited about it at the same time.

How you perform all depends on how you feel when you get out of bed on the day. Best of luck.

U12 competitions reach boiling point

THESE competitions at U12 levels have seen clubs complete their programmes in the various sections and it down to the play off stages before the summer holidays, writes MARY NEW-

At U12A level four teams have emerged to contest the semi-final with Sarsfields, Douglas 1, Aghabullogue and Ballinhassig making it to the last four. At U12B it's Glen Rovers 1, Courcey Rovers, Ballyhea and Éire Óg who have earned the right to contest the semi-finals.

The U12C went down to the wire

with two plays off needed before the semi-finalists were known, Barryroe and Enniskeane battled it out before Barryroe won the right to meet Blarney who had to play off with Millstreet to win the semi-final spot. There will be one quarter-final in the U12C with Dungourney meeting Buttevant the winners of this will meet Fr O'Neill's in the semi-final.

Again in the U12D competition there were two quarter-finals and here Ballinacurra emerged victorious defeating St Finbarr's 2 and they will now go on to meet Youghal in the semi-final. In

the second semi-final Ballinascarthy will meet Douglas 2 who defeated Ballinhassig 2

FIXTURES TUESDAY June 8 U128 semi-final: Glen Rovers v Courcey Rovers, Riverstick, 7pm WEDNESDAY June 9

U12C quarter-final: Dungourney v tevant. Dungourney, 7pm. SATURDAY June 12 U12A semi-finals: Sarsfields v Douglas 1, Aghabullogue v Ballinhassig 1. U12D semi-finals: Ballinascarthy v Douglas 2, Ballinacurra v Youghal.

U12B semi-final: Eire Og v Ballyhea; U12C semi-finals: Fr O'Neill's v winners of

Go Games model has caused some confusion

By MARY NEWMAN

THE recent decision by the camogie association to introduce non-competitive games for players up to and including U12 has led to a lot of questions being asked by club mentors who are a little unsure just what the new policy will mean to their clubs.

The rule changes will see the association adopt the Go Games model from 2011 and since the change I have met a lot of mentors and parents who have asked what are Go Games?

They are small-sided games with modified rules. The model is defined by the criteria that there is full participation for all players and games are organised in a non-competitive way in that results are not recorded.

Rules are modified to suit the developmental stages of the children, the playing area is modified and playing equipment is modified. It's worth noting that modifications and playing rules are at the discretion of each county.

At U12 level mini-league competitions can be organised to provide and support a gradual exposure to the challenges of competitively organised games programmes which the players will compete in from age 13 upwards. These mini-league competitions can be introduced parallel to Go Games and the system is a competitive games pro-



gramme built on the philosophy of Go Games that it is small-sided and provision must be made for all players to get meaningful playing time. The thinking behind Go Games is that it allows full participation for each player who gets to play the entire game and they encourage no subs where practical. The youngsters also get to play in a number of different playing positions during the course of each

game. Essentially the games are rest has developed. small sided and the emphasis is on participation rather than the result. Everybody gets to play for the entire game and the fun environment and emphasis on improving skills is another big factor while children are not subject to the win at all costs approach. It is felt that competitions have, in some cases, become very serious and a culture of keep the best and neglect the

At U8 levels a maximum of seven versus seven is allowed, U10 a maximum of 10-a-side, U12 a maximum of 11-a-side. Zones are suggested at U8 and U10 to avoid the crowding effect but if games are suitably small-sided it may not be necessary. There is a change to the playing times with the recommended playing time as follows: U8 four quarters of seven minutes,

U10 four quarters of 10 minutes, U12 four quarters of 12 minutes.

Four quarters are suggested to allowing all players to experience different positions on the field.

Suggested playing rules are as follows: U8: no solo, all ground hurling and the implementation of zones. U10: Catch and strike, no solo and implement, zones.

U12: Rules may be modified to meet developmental needs.

President's June Blog

Well, at last it's here - the championship thrown in on Saturday 12th June.

You could feel the excitement and the anticipation at the Championship launch last week. Twenty eight team captains joined the Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport Mary Hanafin TD and Gary Desmond, CEO of Gala in a gloriously sunny Croke Park. Several team managements were there also including Ann Downey (Kilkenny), 33 Doyle (Wexford), Eoin Brislane (Tipp), Brendan Cooper (Dublin), Patsy Fahy (Clare), Joachim Kelly (Offaly), Noel Finn (Galway) and Phellim Macken (Limerick).

Referee Assessment Programme

At the launch we announced the introduction of a new Referees' Assessment Programme and the criteria for the selection of the All Stars and Soaring Star Awards. A panel of referee assessors is being established with Frank McDonald, Eileen Hamill, Peter Downey and Damien Noble in place currently. This will expand shortly and the assessment is being co-ordinated by former referee John Pender.

All Star and Soaring Star selection criteria

The All Star/Soaring Star selectors for 2010 and 2011 are Maura McCloy (Derry) (Chair), Bronagh Gaughan (Meath), Earmonn Browne (Tipperary), Margaret Finn (Cork), Máire Uí Scolaí (National Results Co-ordinator) and Sheila O'Donohoe (Comhairle Chamógaíochta Ard Oideachais). Key selection criteria for the awards are work rate and effectiveness; skill levels, sportsmanship and role modelling. Work rate and effectiveness and skill level are the highest weighted criteria. The Player Welfare Committee, chaired by Stealia Sinnott was consulted in developing the criteria.

Some new rules

You may know by know that Special Congress at the end of May also agreed some new rules for the Association. These included:

Adopting An Cumann Camégaiochta or The Camegie Association as our new title

 Adoption as one of our seven objectives a commitment to work in partnership with the wider Gaelic Games family Limiting an elected officer's term in the same officer capacity to no more than five consecutive years and to a maximum of ten consecutive years in several officer capacities

ig the club with which a player first legally participates in club competition as a player's home club . Granting voting rights to registered members aged 16 years or over

 Granting two voting delegates for clubs at county board meetings and to counties at Provincial Council meetings Legislating for Cumann na mBunscol to send a delegate to county boards and for Post Primary and Third Level Education Councils to be involved at provincial level

 Legislating for transfers, hearing and disciplinary issues to be only heard and adjudicated on by a Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee appointed by either County Board, Provincial Council and Ardchomhairle as appropriate

· Introducing revised timeframes for disciplinary hearings

 Introducing new procedures for the administration of transfers · Introducing new rules for player grading for club competitions

· Introducing revised rules for player grading at inter county level Introducing age bands for underage competitions including stipulation that players must be over 15 to participate in

adult club competitions and over 16 to participate in adult inter county competition Adopting child centred, small sided and developmentally appropriate games model for under 12 games' activities

 Legislating that players are automatically eligible to play for their native county and are only required to declare if they wish to play with another county Requiring each County Board and Provincial Council to appoint a Development Sub-Committee

Giving power to Annual Congress to directly elect three members to Ardchomhairle – a coaching and games

development representative; a public relations and communications representative and a National Treasurer · Specifying the role of the An tUachtarán

Adopting email as the preferred format for all official correspondence

 Adopting that all official correspondence may be signed in Irish or English
 Introducing new penalties in event of failures to field a team and for reported late starts to matches Requirement that umpires officiating at inter county matches must be over 18.

A number of these rules will be effective from 22nd June and others will come into effect on 1 January 2011. Details will be issued to county and provincial secretaries in due course.

Next week it's off to the 40th Felie na nGael hosted by Clare this year. If the enthusiasm and interest shown during the school visits is anything to go by - there is a great weekend in prospect for all.

I'm delighted that Celbridge, where I'm a member, will represent Kildare so looking forward to meeting them along with all the other county camogle reps and of course all the host clubs.

Before that though, trips to Kerry and Armagh and Gort Camogle Club to support the excellent development work there and couple of championship matches to take it.

Check out your local papers and www.camogle.ie for details of matches in the Gala All Ireland Championships and come out and support your county! Enjoy!

James Hurley Annual u14 Camogie Blitz June 5th in Mallow

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JAMES HURLEY u14 BLITZ @ MALLOW Sat 5th June 2010
Enthusiasm and participation were key contributing factors for the success of the 13th Annual James Hurley u14 All Irelan
Bitz played at a sundrenched Mallow venue on Saturday.

18 trams played in a series of round robin games, competing for the A, B and plate titles. John Hurley, brother to the late Chairman James, commented on the organisation and sheer volume of the event and expressed delight that Dublin were crowned victors for their first ever win at this level. Cork Colleges (5), Galway (4), Kilkeniny (1) have previously annexed the title but Dublin, coached by Paul

Cork selector Priorisias Creedon stated that he can scancely remember any of the previous competitions having so many A teams, with the potential to win, citing the unpredictable nature of the results as they emerged during the proceedings.

Cork Colleges B squad won their 4th successive title, whose shrewd puck out strategy coupled with clever inside forward team play provided. them with an essential edge over a fancied Wexford in the final.

In the plate, Dublin u148 made it a double for the well organised panel. Commenting on their success, former Cork minor star Joan Twomey, now based in Dublin, stated that the Dublin Camogie board has been contributing considerable finance towards development for many years with development squads, supporting primary, secondary and third level coaching, using experienced coaches to mentor new coaches in the county panels and a dedicated finance committee to ensure its continuity.

All players were delighted with the James Hurley program and eagerly await further bilizes, coordinated by Munster Camogie Council, in Galway (4th July), Portmannock (17th July), Waterford (7th August) and the Orla McDonagh in Thurles (28th August).

Kilkenny 2-4 2-1 Tipperary, Limerick 1-5 0-5 Cork Colleges, Tipperary 1-3 0-2 Limerick, Kilkenny 0-5 0-1 Galway, Dublin 4-0 1-0 Tipperary, Cork Colleges 7-4 0-1 Galway, Limerick 2-5 1-2 Dublin, Cork Colleges 3-4 0-1 Kilkenny, Dublin 2-4 1-2 Galway, Kilkenny 1-2 0-4 Limerick, Limerick 3-2 1-1 Galway, Cork Colleges 1-3 1-1 Tipperary, Oublin 3-2 2-2 Kilkenny, Dublin 3-2 1-3 Cork Colleges.
FIMAL: Dublin 2-4 1-5 Limerick

U148 Results ry 1-1 0-0 Tipperary, Cork Colleges 6-2 0-0 Limerick, Tipperary 2-0 2-0 Waterford, Cork Colleges 4-2 2-1 Galway, Wexford 4-2 1-Waterford, Galway 2-5 0-1 Dublin, Wesford 2-3 0-1 Cark Primary, Cark Colleges 0-4 0-0 Dublin, Waterford 2-1 1-1 Cark Primary, Galway 5-3 0-1 Limerick, Wesford 1-1 0-1 Tipperary, Dublin 2-4 0-1 Limerick, Semi Finals: Wesford 2-3 1-3 Galway, Cork Colleges 2-4 1-2 Waterford.

FINAL: Cork Colleges 3-3 0-2 Wexford Kerry 1-0 0-0 Cork Primary, Dublin U138 1-0 0-0 Cork Primary, Dublin U13A +1 0-0 Kerry, Dublin U138 2-1 0-2 Kerry, Dublin U13A +2 0-1 Cork

FINAL: Dublin U148 4-3 1-0 Dublin U13A

(Referees were Rachel McCarthy, Agife Hennessy, Erin O' Connell, Elicen Lyons, Claire Ryan, John O' Leary, Peter Downey, Mike O' Kelly, Mike



St Mary's on the Hill captain Sylvia Dolan and vice-captain Amy O'Regan display their silverware at the Sciath na Scol finals.

O'Connor points the way as Cork see off Premier

Camogie

Daragh Ó Conchúir

CORK'S camogie team repeated the feat of the county's hurlers a fortnight ago by defeating old rivals

Tipperary.

The champions held off a brave second-half rally from the Premier to secure a 1-16 to 0-15 win in the first round of the Gala All-Ireland senior

championship at Semple Stadium

Gemma O'Connor and Orla Cotter were amongst the stars for the champions who raced into a 0-9 to 0-4 interval lead. Maria Walsh's goal three minutes after the restart stretched their advantage to seven points.

But Tipp rallied with Mary Ryan was defiant in defence and with Claire Grogan unerring from placed balls she slotted five frees and a 45

along with a score from play they dragged themselves back in contention.

Crucially though, O'Connor kept sniping the odd score to give her side breathing space, and she finished with five

Last year's runners-up Kilkenny, got their campaign off to a good start with a 1-14 to 1-11 win over Galway.

Ann Downey's side led 0-9 to 0-5 at half time with Michelle Quilty and Denise Gaule

impressing in attack. Galway upped the tempo after the resumption, scoring 1-4 without reply. Captain, Aislinn Connolly, who top-scored for the Tribeswomen with seven points (six frees, 1 45), helped draw the sides level with a couple of good scores before Brenda Hanney struck for the goal but Kilkenny showed commendable character to fight back. Ann Dalton slotted two points before Quilty set up

Aoife Neary for a 48th minute goal to restore Kilkenny's advantage. Galway pushed hard for an equalising goal but a block by Catherine Doherty denied Connolly.

In the third game, Clare came away from St Peregrine's with a 2-10 to 0-9 win over Dublin.

The home side tried hard and had one of the game's most outstanding performers in midfielder Louise O'Hara, who shot four points from

play and a couple more from frees. Clare always had the superior attacking threat though and driven forward by centre-back Kate Lynch, they struck for their first goal in the 21st minute, Claire McMahon finishing well to help her side lead at the break by 1-6 to 0-4. Once the ever-threatening Norah Murphy slammed the sliotar to the Dublin net 12 minutes from time there was no doubting the final verdict.

Erin McElhenney and Courcey Rovers carry Cork hopes at Féile

IT'S a big weekend for Courcey Rovers are they travel to Co Clare to represent Cork at the national Feile na nGael Division 1 Camogie competition.

Courcey's recorded victory over Inniscarra in the Cork Feile Final and they will be hoping for a repeat performance from players such as Linda Collins who was hugely impres-sive in the Cork Feile final, Catriona O'Reilly, Fiona Maloney, Anna Hannon, Sarah Collins and Emer O'Reilly to lead the way.

Coached by Shirley Maloney the Courcey girls will be hosted by the Ogonnello club and they will play their first game on Fri-day when they meet Derry rep-resentatives Ballinascreen. On Saturday they face Newmar-ket-on-Fergus in their first game and then its Tipperary representatives Drom & Inch who will provide opposition in what is a tough group. With four groups the top team in each will go forward to Saturday night's semi finals. Competition will be fierce as clubs such as Danesfort, Kilkenny; Croughwell, Galway; St Johns, Antrim; St Martins, Wexford; Lucan Sarsfields, Dublin battle it out for the division 1 crown.

Erin McEllhenney from the Na Parsing club will represent Cork at the skills competition which will go ahead on Satur-day in Clare Castle starting at 12 noon.

Now's the time to get behind the senior camogie side

WITH a good victory under their belts in round one of the All Ireland Senior Championship over old rivals Tipper-ary in Semple Stadium last Sunday fortnight, the Cork senior side continue into round two of the round-robin series when they play Kilkenny on Saturday in Pairc Ui Rinn.

With games against Galway, Wexford, Clare and Dublin to come, each game is vital if a semi-final spot is to be se-

Last weekend Cork had a four -point victory over Tipp, while Kilkenny came from be-hind to defeat Galway. In the league meeting between the sides earlier this year Kilkenny overcame Cork and they will come to Päirc Ui Rinn in determined mood.

The intermediate Cork side suffered a heartbreaking one-point defeat at the hands of Tipp last weekend in their Gala All-Ireland Champi-onship One opening game and a victory over Limerick is a must if they hope to progress.

It's a tall order against a strong Limerick side who participated at senior level last season, but the Cork girls, who showed such huge fighting qualities last weekend, will relish the challenge.

The county board is urging clubs to bring their underage players to Pairc Ui Rinn to both games and they have organised for club groups to attend the games, accompanied by adults.



Cáit Devane of Cork in action against Rachel Moloney of Tipperary in the Gala All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship at Semple Stadium in Thurles. Picture: Brendan Moran/ Sportsfile

MOGIE GALA SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP Kilkerny I-14 (A Neary 1-0, M Quity 0-4 (all fs), D Gaule 0-4, A Dalton 0-3 (1f), K Power 0-2, C Donner 0-1) Galway 1-11 (B Hanney 1-0, A Connolly 0-7 (6rs, 1'45). T Maher, O Kilkenny, V Cortin, T Rutledge 0-1 each) Cork 1-16 (M Walsh 1-0, G O'Connor 0-5

(0-1f), R Moloney 0-4 (3f, 145), S Burns 0-3, J O'Leary, D Cronin 0-2 each) Tipperary 0-15 (C Grogan 0-7 (5f, 145). C Hennessey O-2, G Kinnane, C Devane, N Flanagan, J Horan, J Ryan O-1 each, S

Clare 2-10 (N Murphy 1-1, C Mc Mahon 1-1 (0-1f), D Murphy 0-5 (4fs), F Lafferty 0-1f, N Carroll, M Scanlon 0-1 each) Dublin 0-9 (L. O'Hara 0-6 (2fs), A Macure 0-2 (1f), S Duff (0-1) GALA INTERMEDIATE C'SHIP Wexford 1-10 (B Curran 1-1, C O'Connor 0-6 (3t, 2'45s), F Rochford 0-2 (1'45), E Quipley 0-1) Offaly 1-8 (K Nagest 1-1, E Dermody 0-4 (3fs), S Flannery 0-3) Galway 3-8 (T Murray 2-1 (1-1/45), M Breheny 1-0, A O'Relly 0-5 (1f), F Cooney, K. O'Brien O-1 elich) Kilkenny 3-6 (G. Walsh 2-1, L. Gahan 1-0, T. Warren, N. Byrne 0-2f each, E Carroll 0-1) Tipperary 1-1 (A Mc Loughrey 17 (0-4f), D Dunne 0-4, S Mc Grath, A Lotergan 0-2 each, A Kennedy, T Kennedy 0-1 each) Cork 3-10 (D Luby 1-4 (D-31), C Kearney 1-0, M Jagoe 0-3 A O'Donovari1-1, L

Dorgan, M Browne O-1 each)

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Curtin, T Rutlindge D-I each)
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D Cranin D-2 each) Tipperary D-16 (C Grogan D-7,
DJ, T45), C Hennessey D-2, G Kannane, C Devane, N
Flanagan, J Horan, J Ryan D-I each, S Larkin D-16

Macomh Peregrine: Clare 2-10 (h Murphy I-1, C Mc Maton I-1 (b-19, D Murphy 0.5 (45s), F Lafferty 0-1f, N Carroll, M Scanton 0-1 each) Dublin 0-9 (L DHara 0-6 (25s), A Maguire 0-2 (1f), S Duff 0-1)

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

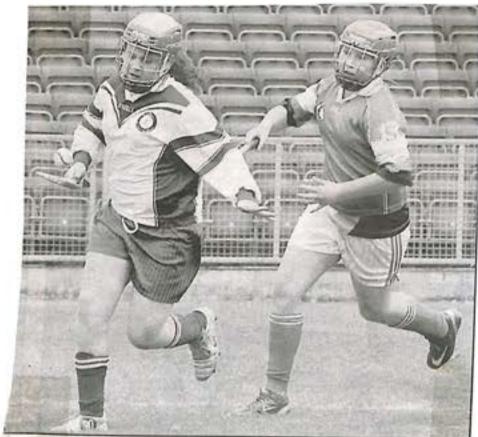
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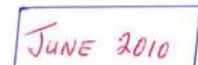
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JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Limb Dearg GAC: Antrim 1-14 (J. Adams G.9 (81), S. Graham 1-1, M. Graham, R. McCarri, C. Hamill, A. Mc-Call D-I rach): Roscommon 2-5 (K Hopkin 2-5)0-41.



Rhiana White of St Mary's on the Hill heads for goal chased by Louise Sheehan of Sunday's Well.



Excellent team win for Cork over the Premier

Tipperary

0-15

DESPITE a late revival from Tipperary in the last 10 minutes of this opening round Gala All-Ireland Senior Championship series where they struck eight points, Cork were never in danger of letting this one

Cork were thoroughly deserving of their four-point victory in a lively, crisp afternoon's camogie at a beautiful Semple Stadium.

As expected, Tipperary burst into the game and looked sharp but they couldn't find any way through a resolute Cork defence where all six de-

fenders did their job well.
Two frees inside three minutes from Sabrina Larkin and Clare Grogan had Tipp in front but with Orla Cotter and Gemma O'Connor controlling midfield and a plentiful supply going inside, it was only a matter of time before Cork started to find their rhythm.

Good teamwork and displaying



confidence, Cork started to pick off points. Jennifer O'Leary, Gemma O'Connor (2), Rachel Moloney (free), Sheila Burns and Denise Cronin had Cork six points to the good midway through the half.

Cork weren't getting it all their own way out field but the difference standard was apparent. Tipp couldn't find the target from play over the half hour but this was in part down to excellent defending and hardworking midfielders on Cork's behalf.

Gemma O'Connor was magnificent at midfield, the only position which fully maximises her ability.

Further Cork points from Burns, O'Leary and another Rachel Molo-ney free saw Cork lead 0-9 to 0-4 at the break, Tipp's further two points coming from the stick of free-taker Claire Grogan.

Tipp's first score from play came within 20 seconds of the re-start but

O'Connor inspires Rebel girls

Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael and Denise Lord, customer service manager, Gala.

GEMMA O'CONNOR was this weekend's recipient of the Gala Performance Award after delivering an outstanding display in her side's victory over arch-rivals Tipperary in the first round of the Gala All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship played at Semple Stadium on Saturday, June 12th.

O'Connor contributed five points in total (four from play) to see her side hold off a determined Tipp challenge and record a 1-16 to 0-15 victory.

Cork midfielder Gemma O'Connor is presented with the Gala Performance Award by Joan O'Flynn, right, president,

Cork take on last year's beaten finalist Kilkenny in round two of the Gala All-Ireland Camogie Championship next Saturday, June 19th at Pairc Ui Rinn. Throw in 2.30pm

their revival was short-lived when two minutes later debutante Maria Walsh found the net when a high ball in from Denise Cronin was parried out. The home side pushed on but again Cork's defence pushed them back with Anna Geary and Mary O'Connor in particular, controlling matters. Tipp narrowed the

gap to five midway but two excellent strikes from O'Connor and one from Cronin pulled Cork away into an eight point lead with 13 minutes remaining.

As Cork's foot slipped off the pedal, Tipp began their onslaught. Eight points and an almost certain goal

mentor, saw the impetus switch to Tipp. But Cork are not All-Ireland champions for nothing and a point here and a point there saw them do enough to secure victory in a game they were never going to lose.

It was a very good all-round team performance from Cork, a very sharp performance and a significant step up from their league perform ances. Round two sees them at home to Kilkenny next Saturday in Pairc

Scorers for Cork: G O'Comnor 0-5 (0-1 f), R Moloney 0-4 (f), S Burns 0-3, M Walsh 1-0, J
O'Leary, D Cronin 0-2 each.
Tipperary: C Grogan 0-8 (0-5 f, 0-1 45), S Larkin
0-2 (f), C Hennessy 0-2, G Kinnane, C Devane,
J Ryan 0-1 each.
CORK: A Murray: J Duffy, R Buckley, A
O'Regan; C Foley, M O'Connor, A Geary, G
O'Connor, O Cotter; M Walsh, J O'Leary, E
O'Sulfivan: S Burns, R Moloney, D Cronin.
TIPPERARY: R Kennesily: J Kirwin, S Ryan, G
Stapleton; M Ryan, S Larkin, J McGrath, J
Horan, S Burke: N Flanagan, M Luttrell, C Hennessy, C Devane, C Grogan, G Kinnane.
Sub: J Ryan for S Burke (htt).
Referee: Fintan McNamara (Clare).

ury-time point seals victory for Tipperary

Tipperary Cork

3-10

THERE was disappointment for the Cork intermediate side as a point four minutes into added time from Aoife McLoughney gave Tipperary the points in the opening game of the round-robin series in the Gala All-Ireland Championship at Semple Stadium on Saturday.

Fifteen minutes into the game and few would have predicted it would be so close at the finish as Tipperary, aided by the stiff wind, opened up a 1-6 to 0-1 lead thanks in the main to Aoife Mc Loughney.

Eight minutes to the break, Charlotte Kearney finished to the net for a Cork goal and it gave them a glimmer of hope. McLoughney pointed to stretch the Tipp lead but Cork, showing continued im-provement, had a Denise Luby goal and the lead was down to three points as the resurgence continued.

Critically through the open-ing half, Cork continued to give away silly frees and with Deirdre Dunne converting

By MARY NEWMAN

Intermediate Championship

two in a row it relieved the pressure on Tipperary before Marion Jagoe hit one for Cork as Tipp went to the dressingroom leading 1-10 to 2-3.

From the restart, Cork showed huge commitment in their defence with Lydia Cunningham and Aisling Barrett superbly leading the way clos-ing down and clearing attack after attack and with Miriam Crowley and Linda Dorgan working hard at midfield, they contested every ball with

determination.

By the three-quarter stage it as 1-13 to 2-7 and as they continued to eat into Tipp's lead. Cork had it down to a point with Denise Luby and O'Donovan striking Aine points. As Cork piled on the pressure they hit the front, Aine O'Donovan firing the ball to the net from close range and for six minutes they held the lead as their defence soaked up everything Tipp threw at them.

With three minutes on the stopwatch, Aoife Mc Lough-ney had Tipp level with two

points in a row but a battling Cork edged ahead with Denise Luby pointing a long range free with two minutes of injury-time played.

It looked as if Cork might shade it and hold out but McLoughney levelled with a free. Now, as the game entered the fourth minute of injury-time, it looked set for a draw but Tipp had other ideas as McLoughney took on the Cork defence before striking a long range effort between the

Scorers for Tipperary: A Mc Loughney

1-7 (0-4f). D Dunne 0-4 (0-4f), S Mc-Grath, A Fogarty 0-2 each, T Kennedy, A Kennedy 0-1 each. Cork: D Luby 1-4 (0-3f), A O' Donovan 1-1, M Jagoe 0-3, C Kearney 1-0, M Browne, L Dorgan 0-1each. TIPPERARY: P Ryan: S Ryan, S O' Neill, M Kirwin: M Barry, M Tynac, Alice Fogarty: T short, J O Connonictic D Dunne, S Mc Grath, A Kennedy, Al-ison Fogarty. A Mc Loughney, E Hough.

Hough.

Subs: Et Coffey for Alice Fogarty (40),
TV Kennedy for J O' Connor (43), M
Looby for S Mc Grath (43),
CORK: J Kavanagh; A Kiely, R De
Faoite; E Jordan, A Barrett, L Cunningham, N O' Brien; M Jagoe, M
Crowley; A O' Donovan, t Dorgan, C
Kearney; D Luby, R O' Sullivan, S
Fahy.

Erin has the skill to the hard bring back the title to Leeside

COURCEY ROVERS will carry the hopes of the county when they travel to Clare as Cork representatives at the national Féile Na nGael Division 1 camogie competition this coming weekend, writes MARY NEWMAN.

Courcey's booked their place to represent the county after they recorded a victory over Inniscarra in the Cork Féile final and they will be hoping for a repeat performance as they try to emulate the feat of Douglas who won the title last year.

In their finals victory, players such as Linda Collins, Sarah Collins, Catriona O'Reilly, Fiona Maloney, Anna Hannon and Emer O'Reilly were to the fore in what was avery much a team effort and they will hope to lead the way as the club go in search of their first national title.

Courceys represented Cork in Féile 1996 when Inter county star Rachel Maloney and former Cork senior Sara Hayes were in their line out and they will be hoping that many of the side will take inspiration from what Rachel and Sara have achieved.

The side is coached by club secretary Shirley Maloney, a sister of Rachel's, and the Courcey girls will be hosted by the Ogonnello club and they will play their first game on Friday when they meet Derry representatives Ballinascreen.

The Féile parade will take place on Friday evening through the streets of Clare and then its on to Saturday morning when they face Newmarket-on-Fergus in their first game.

representatives Tipperary Drom/Inch, who will provide opposition in the third game in what is a tough group, with four groups, the top team in each will go forward to Saturday night's semi-finals.

Competition will be fierce as clubs such as Danesfort Kilkenny, Croughwell Galway, St John's Antrim, St Martin's Wexford and Lucan Sarsfields, Dublin, battle it out for the Division 1 crown.

It's a huge occasion for the club and the U14 players as they carry the hopes of Cork.

Meanwhile, Erin McElhinney from the Na Piarsaigh club will represent Cork at the National Camogie Féile nGael skills competition in Clare this

A pupil in Coláiste Choilm Ballincollig, with whom she won a junior A college's medal this year, Erin is a skilful player who has played in Sciath Na Scol finals with Gaelscoil Ui Riada where she was on two winning sides.

She was a member of the primary school development squad in 2009 and also lined out with the Cork Colleges U14 panel. Currently a member of her clubs U14 and U16 panels, she resides in Grenagh and while her parents Nora and Mick are natives of Derry, they will proudly support their daughter's bid to bring the skills title back to Leeside.

The skills competition takes place on Saturday in the Clarecastle GAA grounds starting at noon and Erin will proudly carry the Cork colours to the

Cats lack edge at this level

By LINDA MELLERICK

Camogie preview

TOMORROW Gala All-Ireland senior camogie championship second round, Cork v Kilkenny, Páirc Uí Rinn, 1pm.

FRESH ON the back on an impressive performance against Tipperary last Saturday, Cork play host to Kilkenny tomorrow in round two of a hectic sevenweek schedule in the Gala All-Ireland senior championship.

Tipperary are away to Galway with Wexford entertaining Dub-

Kilkenny may feel they are making progress but it is only against Cork and Wexford that their true worth can be measured. A heavily depleted Cork lost out to Kilkenny in early March in the opening league encounter by four points, but expect that result to be reversed tomorrow.

Cork enjoyed good possession yet a string of wides cost them. On last weekend's display such waste shouldn't occur again. Physically Kilkenny won't match Cork and that continues to be a problem for them. There is no doubt that they are light of foot and skilful but Cork are in a different league in the physicality

The eight-point gap in the All-Ireland final last September is probably still the gap which exists between the sides today.

Two points from play told its own story and I don't expect Kilkenny to notch up a high score tomorrow. Kilkenny became fixated with stopping Cork from scoring in September, playing an extra defender.

Cork's experience was the deciding factor. Kilkenny never looked like they were going to win the game. Two points from play in an All-Ireland final is an awful return.

Despite winning four All-Ireland U16 titles in a row between 2005 and 2008 and the last four minor titles, Kilkenny don't have the much-needed blend of experience and youth. It's a potent combination when things are going against you. Kilkenny don't have any one player who can grab a game by the scuff of the neck and drive their side on. They don't have a Gemma O'Connor.

Cork have named the same starting 15 as they which lined out last week and that's not unexpected considering their perform-

Confident, after showing good team work and picking off some good scores, Cork go into this game as favourites to take max-

CORK (v Kilkenny): A Murray: J Dufty, R Buckley, A O'Regan; C Foley, M O'Connor, A Geary, O Cotter, G O'Connor; M Walsh, J O'Leary, E O'Sullivan; S Burns, R Moloney, D Cronin.

Spirited Rebels go in as the underdogs

By MARY NEWMAN

Camogle

TOMORROW Gala All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie Championship Cork v Limerick, Páirc Uí Rinn, 3pm

IT LOOKS like a big task ahead for the Cork intermediate team as they take on Limerick in round two of the Gala All-Ireland championship in Páirc Ui Rinn.

And with just three games in total to be played in the section, Cork need a result against Limerick to keep their interests alive.

Last weekend Cork were pipped at the post as Tipperary hit a winning point deep in injury time to take the points on offer.

A disastrous start saw Cork allow Tipperary dictate the game for the opening 20 minutes, when they build-up a 1-8 to 0-1 advantage before Cork woke up and turned in a superb 10 minutes before the break and they went into the dressing room just trailing by four points.

The second-half display from Cork was magnificent with players such as Lydia Cunningham at centre-back and Aisling Barrett on the wing playing superbly, while up front Marion Jagoe, Denise Luby, Charlotte Kearney and Ailin O'Donovan were to the fore as Cork applied huge pressure and gained the upper hand as they took the lead only for it to be snatched away as Tipp staged a late rally with two injury-time scores.

Cork were dealt a huge blow in the closing seconds of last week's game when an injury to Michelle Browne forced her to leave the field of play with the game entering added time.

Subsequently, it was confirmed that two broken fingers have ruled the senior panellist out of Saturday's clash and she is a huge loss to the Cork attack.

Limerick will be fielding their first choice side having once again re-graded from senior down to intermediate. The county have enjoyed a lot of success in recent years at Intermediate and senior B levels but just cannot seem to bridge that gap and establish themselves at senior level.

They continue to work hard and players such as Aoife Sheehan, Aideen McNamara, Vera Sheehan, Eileen O'Brien and captain Claire Mulcahy are experienced established players who on their day will trouble any side, while former Galway player Orla Curtin is another hugely experienced performer.

This weekend Cork simply cannot afford to give Limerick the same latitude as they gave Tipperary, otherwise they will be left with another mountain to climb.

However while it is a very young Cork team, one thing they do not lack is spirit and determination and if Limerick are to win it they will certainly have to earn it the hard way. The form book would point to a Limerick win but don't bet on it.

Controversy as Cats edge

Daragh Ó Conchúir

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Camogie

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Cork's Ciara O'Sullivan tackies Kerry's Mags O'Donoghue during to Munster championship semi-final

Controversial decision sees **Cork frustrated**

by Therese O'Callaghan

A CONTROVERSIAL score in the Leinster SHC between Offaly and Galway wasn't the only disputed point at the weekend.

On Saturday Kilkenny travelled to Páirc Ui Rinn and recorded a significant 0-13 to 2-6 win over champions Cork in the second round of the Gala All-Ireland senior camogie championship.

However, the game ended in controversy as Gemma O'Connor's injury-time free was deemed wide by one umpire while the other raised the white flag.

After consulting with his officials, referee Alan Lagrue deemed the shot wide. Kilkenny boss Ann Downey understood the Rebels' frustration.

"I thought it was wide. But I was standing on the sideline. You'd have to be in the middle of the field to get a better view. Gemma and Cork disputed the referee's decision.

"As an official you only have a split second to make up your mind.

"The umpire underneath the post where the sliotar came in waved it wide but the other signalled a point."

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Gala Championchips: \$C: Windord 7-25 Didlin 6-3; Galaxiy 1-19 Tipperary 2-7; Cork 2-6 Kilkenry 6-13; Tipperary 0-15 Cork 1-16; Dublin 0-9 Clare 2-10; Kilkerary 1-14 Galaxy 1-11; IC Group 1: Cork 2-7 Limerick 2-7; Toperary 1-17 Cork 3-1; Group 2: Offsity 2-20 Galway 2-8; Offsity 1-8 Weederd 1-10; Kilkenny 3-6 Galway 3-8; PJC Group 1: Lacis 2-10 Month 2-13, JAC; Co. 2-5 London 4-13; Annugh 1-11 Kildare 2-11. JBC: Cavan 5-22 Mayo 0-2. 2010 Coca-Cola GAA Féile na nGael finals.

Div 1 Com Ui Phoirséil: Lucan Satsfields (-4, Burgess Duharra D-2, Div 2 Calbilin Ni Tholmin Shield: Ere Og Erres 2-3, Carroos 1-1, Div 3 Shield: Cobridge 5-1, Wolfe Tones Sharroon 1-1. Div 4 Coiste Chontae an Childr Shield: Cartai 4-5. Cit an Annaigh 0-0.

Crowley's goal proves crucial in final

Togher Glasheen

SIMILAR to last year's A Camogie Final, Togher were made work all the way for victory by a Glasheen side that has done everything in this competition bar win! This was a compelling final, as both sides tried to out-manoeuvre each other like a game of chess. Last year's final ended up with no score at the final whistle, the game

going to a novel penalty shootout. This time around, there was a decisive excellent Michelle Crowley who capped a fence.

fine performance with a green flag. Playing in midfield, she was up and down the field with purpose, ably assisted by captain Kendall O'Connor, goalkeeper Katie Lynam and the tenacious Edel Carroll O'Donovan. Aoife Hallahan and Serena Foley also made their presence felt in a really competitive game.

For Glasheen, Kellie McNamara and Angel McCarthy proved a formidable duo, while Fiona Holland gave nothing away at the back. Aishling Nagle and Aoife Gibbons tried desperately hard for the equalising goal, but their efforts were conscore and that came from the stick of the stantly thwarted by a resolute Togher de-

The final whistle yielded a five-in-a-row for Togher and another year of disappointment for Glasheen Girls, but as Cork Camogie President Kay Dunne said during the presentation, their day will definitely

TOGHER GIRLS: Nurcan Sik, Nikisha McCarthy, Edel Caroll O'Donovan, Katie Lynam, Michelle Crowley, Apide Hollahan, Toyosi Sanni, Chloe Cotter, Kendali O'Connor, Serena Foley, Niamh O'Mahony, Megan Williamson, Seena Thomas, Sheena Thomas.

GLASHEEN: Laura O'Donovan, Vicky Daunt, Fiona Holland, Ris O'Leary, Nicole Breen, Aisting Egan, Kel-lie McNamara, Angel McCarthy, Anife Gould, Aisting Nagle, Anife Gibbons, Taylor Callanan, Sile Moran. Referee: Daire Sargent.

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Cork Kilkenny 0-13

Kilkenny fully deserve victory

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THEY say a week is long in politics.

Well it's even longer in sport. Seven days after defeating Tipp in the opening round of the Gala All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship with an impressive display, Cork failed to turn up at Páirc Uí Rinn on Saturday when they played host to Kilkenny in round two and they paid the price.

Despite the narrow victory, Kilkenny fully deserved their win, despite a late free by Gemma O'Connor giving Cork the chance to equalise.

Two Rachel Moloney frees in the sixth and ninth minute gave Cork a one-point lead after Denise Gaule had opened Kilkenny's scoring on seven. Kilkenny's half-back line of Edwina Keane, Leanne Fennelly and in particular Elaine Aylward lauded it against a very poor half-forward line and with Ann Dalton the best of the midfield pairings, it was only a matter of time before they broke Cork's rearguard. Six points in 11 minutes, four form play, had Kilkenny leading 0-7 to 0-2 with half time approaching. An O'Connor free had the gap down to four at the break as Cork welcomed the halftime whistle.

A fortuitous goal by Sheila Burns inside the opening minute after a goalkeeping blunder by Catriona Ryan brought Cork back into the

When Burns added another, which again should have been dealt with by Ryan, the impetus was with Cork.

Jennifer O'Leary struck a great point and it looked as if the All-Ireland champions would now push on.

Numerous injury stoppages broke Cork's momentum and gave Kilkenny time to regroup.

Twelve months ago while they might have conceded defeat to the champions, Kilkenny looked an older, wiser and certainly stronger

They matched Cork physically; they were faster and better hurlers on the day.

Shelly Farrell broke Cork's hearts up front with her lightning speed, Elaine Aylward played her best



Cork's Eimear O'Sullivan tackles Kilkenny's Edwina Keane during the Gala All-Ireland Senior Championship game at Páirc Uí Rinn on Saturday. Picture: Eddie O'Hare

game in a Kilkenny jersey and Ann Cork on. Dalton continued her control of the middle of the park.

With 10 minutes of normal time remaining Cork still led by three.

An Ann Dalton free brought it down to two only for a well-taken point by Sile Burns stretching Cork's lead again. Denise Gaule, Farrell and a Dalton free saw Kilkenny draw level in injury-time, which led to a tense and hectic last 10 minutes (for stoppages), when Anna Geary in particular did everything in her power to drive

Cork had chances to win the game but two wides kept the challenge in Kilkenny. Super sub Kelly Hamilton grabbed a dramatic point to edge the visitors in front five minutes into the additional 10.

Still Cork could have levelled the game. Gemma O'Connor stepped up to take the all-important free.

The umpires disagreed on the outcome but referee Alan Lagrue ruled it wide and with it went Cork's last chance.

Scorers for Cork: S Burns 2-1, R Moloney 0-2 (f), G O'Connor 0-1 (f), J O'Leary, D Cronin

Kilkenny: A Dalton 0-4 (0-3 f) , D Gaule, S Far-rell, A Neary 0-2 each, M Quilty 0-1 (f), A Far-rell, K Hamilton 0-1 each.

CORK: A Murray: J Duffy, R Buckley, A O'Regan: C Foley, M O'Connor, A Geary: O Cotter, G O'Connor, M Walsh, J O'Leary, E O'Sullivan: S Burns, R Moloney, D Cronin, Subs: E O'Ricedon for M Walsh (htt). M Welsh for R Moloney (inj. 46).

KILKENNY: C Ryan: L Lyng, C Doherty, J Frisby; E Keane, L Fennelly, E Ayhward; D Gaule, A Dalton; A Farrell, K Power, M Dargan; M Quilty, S Farrell, A Neary, Suba; C Dormer for M Dargan (39), K Hamilton for M Quilty (54), K McDonald for D Gaule (68).

Referee: Alan Lagrue (Kildare)

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Dublin at Wexford Park. Dublin actually started very well and Louise O'Hara had their three points on the board from frees by the eighth minute, by which stage they led

by one. Lenny Holohan goaled for Wexford three minutes later however and it was one-way traffic from there

Leacy bagged two of her goals, either side of an Ursula Jacob major as the Model girls led by 4-10 to 0-3 at the change of ends. Fiona Kavanagh and Katrina Parrock also struck the net after the resumption before Leacy notched up her third goal seven minutes from time.

Draw means Cork must beat Derry to stay in contention

Limerick

2-7

A BATTLING performance from Cork saw them grab a share of the spoils against a much fancied Limerick side in the second round of the Gala All-Ireland Intermediate championship in Páirc Uí Rinn on Saturday writes MARY NEWMAN.

Limerick, having regraded from senior down to intermediate, came into this tie as favourites but the young Cork side showed little regard for this.

Orla Curtin got the game's opening point inside 20 seconds. Denise Luby replied to get Cork level but they were dealt a blow five minutes in as Curtin fired an unstoppable shot to the net.

Cork upper their game and came at Limerick with Luby converting two long-range frees they were back in the game.

Limerick opened up a three point advantage as Curtin continued to cause problems for the Cork defence.

Cork refused to drop their heads and when Lydia Cunningham found sub Katie Buckley

with a well-directed clearance Luby linked up to take Buckley's cleverly executed pass and fire the ball to the net.

Limerick turned to play with the stiff wind in their favour for the second half but it was Cork who made all the running Katie Buckley and Marion Jagoe fired over points.

Orla Curtin pointed to give them breathing space but Cork responded well with Jagoe sprinting away from her marker to fire the ball to the net.

With Marie Corkery and Linda Dorgan doing trojan work, Cork kept their foot on the pedal. Luby fired over a free and they were five ahead and in control.

Nineteen minutes into the half Limerick grabbed a fortuitous goal against the run of play when Dympna O'Brien long-range strike looked to be dropping over the bar but somehow it hit keeper Jessica Kavanagh on the arm and bounced into the net.

The goal was the boost a struggling Limerick side needed and it helped them rally. Eileen O'Brien hit a point as Cork began to lose their grip and sensing this Limerick pushed for more. Twice

they won easy frees which Eileen O'Brien duly converted and as the game entered injury time, Cork trailed by point, having gone 24 minutes without a score.

Denise Luby took the pressure in her stride and converted a 45 to tie the score up.

From the puck-out Cork attacked and could have grabbed a winner, however Limerick cleared a golden chance to safety as the whistle sounded.

While a draw gives both sides a point each in the round-robin series of games Cork just need a

victory over Derry to ensure they stay in contention.

Scorers for Cork: D Luby 1-5 (0-3f, 0-1 45"), M Jagoe 1-1, K Buckley 0-1.
Limerick: O Curtin 1-3, D O' Brien 1-0, E O' Brien 0-3 (0-2f), J Clifford

0-1.
CORK: Cork: J Kavanagh; A Kiely, R
De Facite; E Jordan, A Barrett, L Cunningham, N O' Brien; L Dorgan, M
Crowley; M Jagoe, M Corkery, R O'
Sullivan; C Kearney; D Luby, Aine O'
Donovan, Suba: K Buckley for R O'
Sullivan (28), Aillis O' Donovan for A
Barrett (52),
LIMERICK: S Moynihan; A Mc
Namara, A Sheenhan, J Garvey; S
Carty, C Mulicahylci,
F Hickey; V Sheehan, D Fitzpatrick; E
O' Brien, J O'Gorrenan, J Clifford, O'
Curtin, M Cassy, S O'Brien, Sube: C
Davis for J Clifford (40),
Referee: Peter Whelan (Waterford).

Battling win for Barryroe U12s

Barryroe Buttevant

A CLOSE Under 12 C final saw Barryroe grab the vital goals to take the title in an exciting contest in Castle Road. Both sides battled it out in the intense heat as the ball swung from end to end at pace.

Aoife Buckley had Buttevant on the scoreboard with a point to give them an early lead, but Caroline McCarthy grabbed Barryroe's first score as she found the net to give them a lead they held to the half time whistle.

Again it was close through the second half as Barryroe held their lines under pressure, while up front the Buttevant defence dealt with a

lot of Barryroe pressure. Hannah Whelton stretched the Barryroe girls lead with a goal, and a super point from Marie Dineen saw extend their advantage to six point. Buttevant continued to put the Barryroe defence under a lot of pressure and they were rewarded as Jenny Nagle grabbed a goal, and now with just a goal between the sides the pressure was on.

Barryroe had to work hard to hold their lead, but they never pan-icked. Up front Kate Whelton and Hannah Whelton hit a point each as they opened up a five point advan-tage with the clock ticking towards full time. Again Buttevant searched

to find something, but the Barryroe defence held firm to take the title.

Barryroe's Caroline McCarthy was named as player of the match and presented with her trophy by Tracy Sheehan, who also presented the trophy to winning captain Hannah

M YOUGHAL took the Under 12 D county league title with a 3-4 to a point victory over Ballinascarty at Castle Road in a game that despite what the score line suggests was a

hard fought contest.

Erin Galvin was Youghal's goalscoring hero with an impressive brace, while Shona Hayes grabbed Ballinascarty's lone point.



Tracy Sheehan presents Hannah Whelton of Barryroe with the Under 12C trophy after an exciting contest in which Buttevant were defeated.

Historic final to end season on a high note

By MARY NEWMAN

Camogle U12 finals

THE U12 county league competitions draw to a conclusion today and it will be a historic occasion as it will be the last time we will have U12 finals following on the decision by the recent special convention to introduce Go

It will be a busy afternoon as the juvenile board hold three finals today at the Camogie Grounds Castle Road. In the U12 A final Ballinhassig and Sarsfield's will battle it out for the title and it should be a close one between two evenly-matched sides. In the U12 C final Buttevant meet Barryroe while the U12 D final has Youghal in action against Ballinascarty Earlier in the week Ballyhea and Courcey Rovers met in the U12B final with victory going to Ballyhea in a tight contest when just a goal decided the result at the full-time whistle. Trailing by a goal at half-time, the Ballyhea girls rallied in the second half and it was full forward Rachel Harty who led the revival with a goal to level matter, continuing to apply pressure Ballyhea hit the front as Rachel Harty completed her hat-trick grabbing two further goals.

Courceys narrow the deficit with a goal but it was Ballyhea who hung on to take the title.

FIXTURES
TODAY
U12 A County League final: Sarsfields
v Batlinhassig, 4pm
U12 C County League final: Buttevant
v Barryros, 5.45pm
U12 D County League final: Youghal v
Ballinascarty, 7,15pm
All at Castle Road Carnogle Grounds,
Blackrock



Camogie board to build on blitz success

IN order to ensure the continuation of games for as many players as possible into the summer months, last year the juvenile camogie board held an inaugural competition in the four U14 grades.

The thinking behind the competition was to ensure that clubs who did not qualify for the quarter-final, semi-final or final stages of their competitions continued to get games when their group matches were com-

This proved to be a huge success as the board ran a very successful U14

Camogle blitz day

blitz. Building on the success of last year and the feedback from the participating clubs the juvenile board have decided to hold U12 and U14 blitzes this year. These will be for clubs who did not qualify for the closing stages of the competitions.

The U12 blitz will take place on Sunday, July 18 and 40 clubs in total have been informed that they are eligible to participate. The organising committee are hoping for a positive response from the clubs and entry to

With a lot of club players on holidays and to ensure that every club will have enough players, it has been decided that the tournament will be played on an 11-a-side basis.

Entry forms for the U12 competition must be returned by Monday next to Mairead Donovan who is the co-ordinator for the U12s.

When the entries are received, clubs will be divided into two divisions, division one will be for clubs who participated in sections A and B of the U12 leagues while division two will be for clubs who participated in section C and D.

Each player who participates will

day while the winners of both divisions will be presented with a trophy which the club will keep.

The idea behind the blitz is to pro-

mote camogie and to introduce clubs to teams they may never meet in competition.

The date for the U14 Blitz is Sunday, August 22 and this will go ahead in Ballincollig.

The board will, in the coming weeks, notify the clubs who did not qualify from their sections and invite them to participate again this will be run along the same lines as the U12



Joan O'Flynn Uachtarán Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael

Camogie



6-4

0-2

1-1

2-3

1-1

5-1

Division 1 - Camogie Final Corn Uí Phuirséil

Lucan Sarsfields, Dublin

Burgess-Duharra, Tipperary

Time: 1.00p.m. Réiteoir: Fintan McNamara Venue: Cusack Park

Division 2 - Camogie Final Caithlin Ui Thoimin Shield

Camross, Co. Laois Éire Óg, Co. Clare

Time: 12.00 noon Réiteoir: Andrew Monaghan Venue: Cusack Park

Division 3 - Camogie Final Shield Final

Wolfe Tones na Sionna, Co. Clare Celbridge, Co. Kildare

Time: 11.00a.m. Réiteoir: John Dolan Venue: Clarecastle

Division 4 - Camogie Final Clare Shield

> Killanena, Co. Clare Cillard, Co. Kerry

Time: 10.00a.m. Réiteoir: Fergal Gray Venue: Clarecastle

Féile Trophies

Camogle

Division one - Corn Ui Phuirsell

The Purcell Trophy is awarded to the Division One Carnogle Champions it honours one of the outg officers and administrators in Camogie. Agnes Purcell who was President of the Camogie Association 1976-79.

Division 2 -Caithlin UI Tholmin Shield

e shield honours a great servant of Carnog who served her club, county and provence with distinction for over 50 years. Kathleen Tienns associated with the Naomh Aprile Club in Dublin.

Division Four - The Clare Trophy

This trocky will first presented in 1987 by the Care Carrogle Board after an entry of 50 teams for Félic resided in a Diwson 4 carrogle compen-tion being introduced for the first time.

Host Clubs V

Sarsfields

SARSFIELDS Camogie Club was founded in 1981 and consists of the parish of New Inn and Bullaun. In 1983 Sarsfields became the first Galway team to win the All-Ireland Féile na Gael Division 1 Final (they defeated St Dominic's of Roscommon by 3-0 to 1-1 in Croke Park) and they've enjoyed numerous successes at under-age level since.

Craughwell

CRAUGHWELL Camogie Club was established in May 1969 and currently have over 150 registered members. Our teams participate in competitions for all age groups from under 8 up to junior level.

The club has had numerous successes over the years notably County and Connaught Junior Champions 1992; County Minor A Champions 1993; County Intermediate Champions 1994.

Turloughmore

THE idea to form a camogie club was nurtured on the night that Turloughmore won their last Galway senior hurling championship in 1985 in the midst of the celebrations, by two former camogie players from different areas who had come to live in Turloughmore, Ann Kearney from Oranmore and Carmel Costello from Pearses. A year later 1986 Turloughmore camogie club was formed.

Clarinbridge

CLARINBRIDGE camogie club was formed in 1989 and has gone from strength to strength with the numbers increasing over the years.

They pride themselves in having won several county titles in underage and senior categories

The club represented Galway at Féile in 1998 and reached the semi-

In 2002 Clarinbridge hosted the camogie congress. Clarinbridge have put a lot of hard work into coaching and promoting camogie.

Sixmilebridge

THE current camogie club in Sixmilebridge was formed in 1981. In the 1980s/'90s the senior team won nine senior championships in a row and we're the only Clare club to have won a Munster senior title.

Since its revival the club has tasted success in all underage competitions at some stage. These successes come from dedicated time and effort from both managers and players.

Burgess-Duharra

BURGESS Camogie Club was formed in 1985 and in 2009 joined up with their sister club, Duharra to form Burgess-Duharra Camogie Club. They field teams from under 8 to senior, with all of them competing in A divisions.

The club has successfully competed in Féile since 1988, winning the division 3 section in 1988 and we contested the 1995 Division 4 final.

Host Clubs V St Joseph's

ST JOSEPH'S Club affiliated a team in 1959. In the late 90's, the club fielded in the under 12 championship and this was the start of greater achievements at underage level. In 2001, St Joseph's captured the un-der 12C and under 14C titles. Since then, the club has won titles at all B competitions and in 2008, competed in all the top underage competitions, winning a first under 12A title.

Éire Óg

ÉIRE ÓG Camogie Club was formed in 1967 by Michael Brennan. He led the team to a county championship title in 1968 and the club went on to dominate the senior grade with eight titles in a row. They won two more titles in 1978 and 1979. Then under Kitty McNicholas, the club garnered two senior titles, in 1980 and 1981. In recent times at underage, the club won at Under 12C and Under 14B.

Tulla

THE Club was originally known as Cragroe (a townland within the parish) but was re-established in 1988 as Tulla. The club will be forever grateful to Sr Eileen Callinan who put a schools team together in 1995. the club garnered this enthusiasm to progress through the grades, culminating in an intermediate championship win in 2003.

Killanena

KILLANENA Camogie Club was founded in 1959 by Fr Liam Murray and remarkably went on to win eight Clare senior titles in a row from 1959

The club published its history in 2004 and this also documented the junior successes of 1984 and 1989, a feat repeated in 2007. Underage success at under 11, under 12 and under 14 level has been achieved in recent years, as well as being runners-up in other under-age finals, including under 16 and minor.

Inagh

INAGH Camogie Club (also known as St Flannan's CC) was founded in 1978. In the first seven years the club captured three under 12 and three under 14 titles and represented Clare in Féile na nGael on four consecutive

In the early 80s the club won many junior league and championships and from that progressed to play at senior level.

Wolfe Tones

WOLFE Tones Camogie Club was CLARECASTLE Camogie Club was the senior camogie team in 1972 signalled the emergence of Shannon as a parish. Over the last three decades, Wolfe Tones became one of the most successful clubs in County Clare. The club has won nine senior county championships and has excelled at underage level.

The club has won five All-Ireland Féile titles in 1987, 1988, 1989, 1997 and 1998. Over the last 15 years, the club has won much silverware.

Host Clubs Y

Newmarket

NEWMARKET-on-Fergus is one of the oldest camogie clubs in Clare, rejuvenated in 1989 and since then going from strength to strength, winning four senior championships in the new millennium. The under 14 team represented Clare in Féile in 2002 (winning Division 2) as well as '03, '04, '05 and '09.

Ogonnelloe

OGONNELLOE Camogie Club was founded by the late Seamus O'Dea PP and a very determined committee in 1984. The club has been very successful in underage competitions and have also won two junior leagues and championships and one intermediate league.

A number of players from the club played on underage teams both at inter-county and inter-provincial level.

Kilmaley

KILMALEY Camogie Club has had many memorable occasions since it was reformed in 1983, one such occasion was the Féile finals in Wexford in 1984. The club has enjoyed much success in winning championship titles at all levels. 2008 will long be remembered as the club's most successful year when the senior camogie team won both the county senior league and championship, claimed the Munster junior camogie Championship and were All-Ireland junior club finalists.

Ballyea

BALLYEA Camogie Club is a relatively new club having only been set up in 2004. It has gone from strength to strength since then and now has over 90 members and 20 officers and mentors

The club has teams training and competing at under 8 to under 16 levels. To date, Ballyea has been successful in reaching several county finals in different age groups, bringing home the silverware on four oc-

Clooney/Quin

CLOONEY/QUIN Camogie Club was the first camogie club in Clare when it was founded in 1933.

They are the current senior B and minor B champions and are also holders of the under I6A and under 14A shield.

Over 100 girls wear the club colours from under 6 to senior and the numbers are growing yearly.

Clarecastle

founded in 1995. In it's first year of existence, approximately twenty five members were registered with the club. That same year the club captured the under 14B county championship. The club grew quite quickly over the following years, fielding teams from Under 12 to 18. In 2001, the first adult team was formed and currently competes at intermediate level. Since its formation, the club has had success in numerous com-

Host Clubs V

Corofin

COROFIN camogie club was established in 1976. Fantastic work has been done at underage level with many players representing the county at various levels.

In 2008 and 2009 the club has won the under 12 C championship.

Corofin have also contested strongly in intermediate level over the past five years. Corofin GAA Club must be mentioned who have been of great support and assistance when needed. The club has thanked all supporters at matches and people who have helped with fundraising efforts.

Camogie has flourished in Corofin and there are now teams from under 8 to intermediate level. Long may it

Kilnamona

KILNAMONA Camogie Club was founded in 1982 achieving many juvenile and adult titles to-date, with pride of place going to the capturing of the Féile na nGael All-Ireland title in 2001 and also the first ever Clare All-Star Award to Kilnamona player Catherine O'Loughlin in 2005.

The club currently fields four teams and have always been well represented on schools, colleges, county and inter-provincial teams.

We had four players from the club who were part of the Clare panel who won the All-Ireland junior title

Scariff

THERE has been a long tradition of camogie in Scariff.

In 1989 Scariff won the junior championship. Over the years the club has supplied players to the county underage teams.

Promotion of Camogie at underage level in the past 10 years has resulted in winning the under 11 Division 2 Ground Hurling, the under 14C championship, defeat in the under 16 final and winning the minor championship in 2008 with the assistance of our neighbouring parish Ogonnel-

The club also won the junior league and championship in 2008 and reached the intermediate shield final

Presently there are over 80 girls involved in camogie from Under 8 to intermediate level.

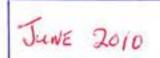
Whitegate

THE Whitegate Camogie Club is located in east Clare and draws its membership from the surrounding villages.

The club has a long history of involvement with underage, junior and intermediate teams.

Parental involvement is crucial to the success of the club and we are fortunate to have access to an excellent playing pitch and facilities.

Our relationship with the hurling club is excellent and many joint ventures are undertaken to enhance the community and sporting tradition of our parish. The club are delighted to be involved in Féile this year and wish participants the best of luck and hope that players, parents and supporters enjoy this unique occasion.



Coca Cola Feile na nGael Camogie Div 4 Final

Cillard (Kerry)......4-5

Killanena (Clare)......0-0

By Michael O Connor.

Another first on Clare feile year as Cillard from Kerry became the first Kerry side to win a feile camogie title with a convincing win over a young Killanena side in a perfectly appointed Clarecastle grounds. After five minutes there was never doubt as to winners with the dominant full back Aoife Fitzgerald repelling all oncomers and adding (1-2) from frees. At the interval Cillard were (2-4) to (0-0) ahead. Killanena's defence were their stars with Michelle O Connor, Roisin McNamara and Amy McArthur to the fore but in the end further goals from Clodagh Walsh, Orla Young and Kristle Curran sealed a famous day for Kerry camogie.

CILLARD: J O Keeffe, M Godley, A Fitzgerald (1-2), S Fitzgerald, A O Connor, J Fitzell, A Maunsell, O Casey O Young (1-2), N McGarty, C O Carroll (0-1), C Walsh (1-0), K Curran (1-0), M Nolan, A O Sullivan. Subs: Rachel Mahony, Eilish Harrington.

KILLANENA: D Brady, G Conlon, L Jamie, M O Connor, L Kelsey, R McNamara, A Hayes, A McArthur, L Canny, C McMahon, C Taaffe, P E O Neill, E Noonan, M Gardner, O Broderick. Subs: S Canny, E Sparks.

Referee: Fergal Gray (Feakle).

Coca Cola Feile na nGael Camogie Div2 final

EIRE-OG (Clare)2-3 CAMROSS (Laois).....1-1

By Michael O Connor.

Displaying a standard way ahead of their years Eire-og and Camross served up a tremendous division 2 final. Both sides had some of the best individual performers over the weekend in Orla Devitt and Grainne Nolan (Eire-og) with Michelle Holmes (Camross) leading the way for the Laois outfit. Karol Roche opened the scoring with an Eire-og point before Grainne Nolan added an Ennis goal. Michelle Holmes hit a stunning Camross goal before (1-1) in response from Orla Devitt to leave Eire-og (2-2) to (1-0) clear at the break. A hard fought second half resulted in only two points from Kim Cuddy and Devitt materialising as both sides went close for goals but Eire-og were not to be denied a famous camogie win for Clare.

Eire og: F Kelly, L Browne, R Wall, L Hurley, M Clune, C Chadda, S Redmond, O Devitt (1-2), E Bradley, C Walsh, G Nolan (1-1), A Broderick, S Mulcahy, A O'Neill, K Roche (0-1).

Camross: L Keys, A Collier, C Lally, M Delaney, K Cuddy (0-1), L Ryan, R Hogan, S Carroll, M Collier, G Donnery, M Holmes (1-0), L Jones, M Lalor, A Burke, A Delaney. Subs: B Cuddy for Burke

Referee: A Monahan (Tubber).

Coca Cola Feile Camogie Div 1 Final

LUCAN SARSFIELDS (Dublin).... 6-4 BURGESS-DUHARRA (Tipperary).....0-

by Michael O Connor.

Dublin camogie received a timely boost with an emphatic win over Tipperary champions Burgess-Duharra in sweltering heat at Cusack Park in the division one final. Goals win games at any level and the ability of Lucan to create and execute proved the winning of the premier camogie crown. A five goal salvo in the first half with the first three coming in the opening five minutes as Burgess were rocked to the core. The Lucan goalscorers in the first half were Sarah Boland (2), Aoife Clancy (2) and Amy Conroy with all goals coming from play. Burgess hit back in the opening half with a brace of points from midfielder Jenny Grace to retire (5-1) to (0-2) in arrears at the interval. Little changed in teh second half for Lucan as they attacked with confidence as Burgess improved their performance markedly but could not score despite a spirited rearguard action. The only goal of the second half went to Charlotte Rooney as Laura Morrissey and Orla Beegan added points to spark off wild celebrations at the final whistle.

LUCAN SARSFIELDS: J Ryan, N Power, A Flynn, A Gorman, N Byrne, C Rooney (1-0), A M Courtney, O Beegan (0-2), A O Connor, A Clancy (2-1), O Maloney, S Boland (2-0), L Morrissey (0-1), A Conroy (1-0), M Ward. Subs; A Greene for Boland, R Mulligan for Clancy, R Leonard for Ward, R Downes for Gorman, C Devereux for Rooney

BURGESS- DUHARRA: C Burke, A O Halloran, G Gleeson, S Quigley, E Byrne, S O Donoghue, A Gill, A Seymour, J Grace (0-2), T O Brien, A Neylon, R Hodgins, C Maher, D Curtin, U Quigley.Sea

Referee: Fintan McNamara Killanena)

for Youghal

Youghal Ballinascarthy

YOUGHAL took the U12 D county league title with a victory over Ballinascarthy at Castle Road in a game that despite what the scoreline suggests, was a hard-fought contest, writes MARY NEWMAN.

Ballinascarthy attacked from the throw-in and it took strong Youghal defending to deny them the game's opening score. Youghal broke upfield and grabbed the opening as Erin Galvin found the net and it settled the Youghal girls.

Catriona O'Keeffe, who was superb all through, pointed two frees before showing her class, striking one from play to give Youghal a six-point interval

Ballinascarthy, with their captain Shona Hayes doing Trojan work, applied huge pressure but they failed to get the vital score needed.

However, with the introduction of Moira Barrett to their attack at half-time they began to win lot of ball and they put the Youghal defence under pressure.

Erin Galvin grabbed a goal in a goalmouth scramble to extend the lead and take the pressure off Youghal and again Catriona O'Keeffe was on target with a 30-metre free as they maintained their lead.

Continuing to apply pressure, Ballinascarthy had a point from hardworking captain Shona Hayes, but working the ball downfield, Youghal added to their tally, corner-forward Ciara Crowley sending a ground stroke to the net to ensure no way back for Ballinascarthy.

Youghal's Catriona O'Keeffe was named as player of the match.

Captain Shauna O'Connell accepted the trophy presented by juvenile chairperson Tracy Sheehan.

Scorers for Youghal: E Galvin 2-0, C O'Keeffe 0-3, (0-2, 45, 0-1 f), C Galvin

Ballinascarthy: S Hayes 0-1 (f). Ballinsscarthy: 5 Hayes 0-1 (f).

YOUGHAL: N Kelly: C Landers, N
Roche, E Brennan; E Farrell, L Dempsey, C O'Keeffe; S O Connell; C
O'Keeffe; A Arthur, A O'Neill, A Forest,
C Crowley, E Galvin, S O'Brien, Sobs:
L Blanke for A. Arthur (htt), L White for
S O'Brien (47).

BALLINASCARTHY: A Ryan; R O Sulliwan Ryan, E Jennings; A Crowley, N Hayes, A Nyhan, C McCarthy, S Hayesict, E Nyhan, C Crowley, E Din-een; H Sweetnam, A Symington, E R Dennebey, Subs; A Kelly for E Rose (h/t), ErGalvin for R O Sullivan (40) R Lynham for E Jennings (40) N Yeski for N Dineen (42). Referee: Billy O'Sullivan

O'Keeffe is the star of the show Kilkenny exposed a weakened panel



CORK have a lot of questions to ask and answer this week after a dismal performance against Kilkenny last Saturday in Páirc Uí Rinn.

I can't put Kilkenny's victory down solely to Cork playing badly, that wouldn't be fair. While some of the team played well below par, in many positions we were beaten by better players fair and square and the concern for Cork is that this will still be the case if the sides meet later in the championship.

The loss of Joanne O'Callaghan and Lynda O'Connell, still not fully match fit after lengthy injuries, and the exam-tied Mackeys and Julia White meant that Cork were heavily depleted on the subs bench. To have to re-introduce a player in the second half substituted at half-time after Rachel Moloney got injured does not inspire a team. That's nothing against Maria Walsh. She was the one substituted last Saturday but another half dozen would have followed her had Cork an extended panel.

While Kilkenny are a better side than Tipperary and were always going to be a sterner test, in certain positions we still should have done bet-

Gemma O'Connor was completely off form and that is a rare sight. I was disappointed because I would have liked for the home crowd to see her in full flight.

Even her free-taking was off and such was the day she was having I think it was the wrong call asking her to step up and take that crucial free in injury time to level the game. I would



Shelly Farrell, Kilkenny, gets away from Cork's Cathriona Foley during last week's All-Ireland Senior Championship game. Picture: SPORTSFILE

have given it to Amanda O'Regan. While there was controversy over whether the ball went over the bar or not I have to admit that I did think it was wide.

Orla Cotter looked tired. At the beginning of the season I noticed this and commented on how Cork would be best served giving her another month off than push her further. Her fitness was never going to be a problem come championship time. After a hugely demanding 2009 season the

signs are there that it has taken its

Cork's half-forward line were completely outplayed and Elaine Aylward in particular set up many a Kilkenny attack with her clearances. She reminded me of Tipperary's Ciara Gaynor such was the impact she had on the game.

There will surely be changes in Cork's forward line for today's clash with Dublin now that Katrina Mackey and Julia White are back. However Cork have other injury worries following last Saturday's game so numerically their panel will still be found wanting.

Shelley Farrell was outstanding up front for the Cats, as was Michelle Quilty. Strangely when the game hung in the balance Michelle picked up a knock. It wasn't anything serious and Kilkenny tried to force a stoppage. But as Michelle was off the pitch play continued.

Kilkenny in their haste to get back to 15 rushed on Kelly Hamilton and Michelle much to her annoyance didn't get back on the field of play. Kelly scored the winning point though so all is forgiven there.

Cork were lucky to get back into the game after half-time through a couple of soft goals. In fairness Sile Burns did well to get her shot in for the second after having her jersey pulled but it still should have been saved. Kilkenny will need to do something about their keeper as there is nothing more soul destroying for a team than soft goals.

I was impressed with the physical aspect of Kilkenny's game. Beforehand I mentioned how I thought they wouldn't match Cork but in many positions they did. Without a doubt Kilkenny are improving all the time. They need to continue working on building up their physical strength as they're a young side.

Elsewhere Galway cruised past Tipperary 1-19 to 2-7 with Tipp's goals coming late in the game. With the loss to Cork as well that about determines the four semi-finalists.

Dublin and Clare won't qualify so it was always going to be between Cork. Tipp, Kilkenny, Wexford and Galway. Things could still change but I doubt it. I can't see Tipp beating Wexford.

Wexford beat Dublin 7-25 to 0-2 last weekend. What an awful game to have to sit through! Dublin play host to Cork today. Will we deliver a similar score to lift the spirits?

Camogie > ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 1

Clare get flying start

Brid MacNamara

over the Banner in March.

🚞 Clare 2-10 - Dublin 0-09 🤎

a 0-5 to 0-2 advantage.

CLARE got their senior championship campaign off to the perfect start on Saturday when avenging home side Dublin for their narrow defeat Considering the daunting fixt

list that awaits in the coming weeks, this was a must win game for both sides and equally Clare and Dublin would also have been targeting each McMahon to bolliw the net. other for the points.

Clare were the ones who deservedly won the day though, with their superior hunger and ability to grab goals at the vital time the main differences between the sides overall.

Clare and Dublin are in the midst of transition and had to blood several young stars in this championship outing. Clare also had to do without the services of stalwart full-back Siobhan Lafferty (broken hand) as well as rising star Chloe Morey (Leaving Cert exams) but their determination to get their championship campaign up and running saw them take the whip hand for the majority of this tie, leading from start to finish to deservedly earn both points.

Clare were the first to settle, with key performer Deirdre Murphy grabbing the open two points inside four minutes before All-Star Louise opened the home side's account.

Unperturbed, Clare hit back immediately through Naomi Carroll and futher points from Murphy and Mairead Scanlon saw Clare open up

Clare were coming into their own at this stage and growing in confidence with every passing minute and were duly rewarded in the 20th minute when the visitors grabbed the first goal. A long driving clearance from Carroll a thorn in Dublin's side all through the match, was well caught by Deirdre Murphy who in turn picked out the returning Claire

Rocked by this, it took Dublin another nine minutes to register their next score, a point from Alison Maguire - the only Dublin forward to get on the scoreboard on the day. However, it was Clare who struck last before the break when the tireless Fiona Lafferty, pointed from a free at halfway, to leave Clare leading by 1-6 to 0-4 at the interval.

Not content with just sitting on that advantage, Clare maintained their intensity on the resumption, holding the superior edge in all key areas of the field. That firm grip meant that Dublin were unable to penetrate Clare's stubborn rearguard and when they did, goalkeeper Susan Vaughan was on hand to keep the home side

In was in such circumstances that Clare obtained their second goal when a stop from Vaughan put Clare immediately on the counter-attack and inevitably it was goalpoacher Norah Murphy who finished to the net and with it earned Clare a crucial

Overall, it was Clare that simply wanted it more and with the Banner's opponents Tipperary also losing to Cork at the weekend, Clare won't have any fear of the Premier when they travel to Clare in a fortnight's time for a repeat of last month's Munster final

at Naomh Peregrines, Dublin

Below: The Clare camogie panel who took on Dublin in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship.

Match Details

Clare Susan Vaughan (Ogonnelice), Asing Han-non (Clooney/Quin), Kate Lynch (Kilkishen), Sinead Donovan (Wolfe Tones), Alveen O'Shea (Somilebridge), Roisin McMahon (Newmarket-on-Fergus), Emear Considine (Klimaley), Fiona Lafferty (Klima mons) (0-1 If), Ruth Kaiser (Newmarket-on-Fergus), Naomi Carroli (Somilebridge) (D-I); Sharon McMahon (Newmarket-on-Fergus), Deirdre Mur phy (Clooney/Quin) (0.5-4f), Norah Murphy (Kikishen) (I-1), Claire McMahon (Klimaley) (I-1 1f),

Mairead Scanlon (Scanlif) (0-1)

Subs Claire Ryan (Clooney/Quin) for 5.

McMahon (40 mins), Ame O'Brien (Scanlif) for O'Shea (41 mins), Kelly McLean (Clooney/Quin) for R. McMahon (45 mins), AnneMarie McMahon (Crusheen) for Donovan (50 mins), Aire O'Brien (Newmarket-on-Fergus) for Scanlon (56 mins)

Dublin Stephanie Carthy Sherry Mannion Tara Corngan, Shana Duff (0-1) Elaine O'Meara, Ciara Lucey Catriona Power Louise O'Hara (1) Cara Burgers, Anne Kniem Ahem Pagure (P-2 1f), Laura Twomey Granne Quon, Carolime Carning Asing Carolin State Ame Power Joelenne Hoary (Good Counsel), Sharon Gyrn, Daniele Smith

Referee Hise Kelly (Cork)

Harty the hero with fantastic hat-trick

Ballyhea 3-0 Courcey Rovers 2-0

IT was tight to the final whistle as Ballyhea and Courcey Rovers battled it out for the U12 B county league title in ideal conditions at Castle Road.

Just a goal separated the sides at the interval after Clara Mulcahy had finished to the net in a crowded goalmouth to give Courcey the half-time advantage.

Ballyhea battled back and were on level terms with a Rachel Harty goal.

Courceys put them under a lot of pressure but Ballyhea took the lead with Harty striking for her second goal.

Ballyhea extended their advantage with Harty completed a hat-trick with 10 minutes remaining.

Courceys continued to apply a lot of pressure and they narrowed the gap, Hannah Quinn on target with a goal from a free to leave just one between the sides. As the game entered injury time, the sides continued to give it everything and both defences were on top, clearing their lines under huge pressure.

However it was Ballyhea who held out to take the title with a goal to spare.

Scorers for Ballyhea: R Harty 3-0.

Courcey Rovers: C Mulcahy, H Quinn 1-0each.

BALLYHEA: C. Keogh, A. Walsh, K. Brown, K. Reidy, R. Killeen, M.C. Carroll, K. Kilcommins, C. Dundon, S. Hudner, R. O Connor, R. Harty, A. O Shea, H. Car-roll, M. Buckley, C. Morrissey

COURCEY ROVERS: C. Cummins, D. O Reilly, A. Jeffe'ies, M. Collins: G. Hannon, R. Murphy, C. O Donovan, H. Ousinn, N. Twomsy, J. Murphy, K. O Reilly, A. O Mahony, C. Mulcahy, S. Mc Carthy, C. O Reilly, E. Nyhan for J. Murphy, A. Cassidy for C Mulcahy



Cork Colleges U14 B team winners of the last week's blitz.

Barryroe claim U12 title after thrilling contest

Barryroe Buttevant

1-1

BARRYROE hit two vital goals which helped them take the U12 C title in a closely contested final at Castle Road.

The ball swung from end to end as two determined teams worked hard for the games opening score.

Aoife Buckley pointed to give Buttevant the lead, but Caroline McCarthy replied with a Barryroe goal to give them the lead which they held to half-time.

Barryroe came under a lot of second half pressure, but they held their lines and

By MARY NEWMAN

U12 camogle

their advantage as Hannah Whelton stretched their lead with a goal. They added a point from Marie Dineen to lead by six points.

Buttevant continued to put the Barryroe defence under a lot of pressure and Jenny Nagle grabbed a goal to cut the deficit to a single goal.

Barryroe had to be at their best to hold their lead, but they never panicked. Up front Kate Whelton and Hannah Whelton hit a point each as they opened up a five-point advantage with the clock ticking towards full-time.

Again Buttevant searched to find

something, but the Barryroe defence held firm to take the title.

Barryroe's Caroline McCarthy was named as player of the match and was presented with her trophy by Tracy Sheehan, who also presented the trophy to winning captain Hannah Whelton.

Scorers for Barryroe: H Whelton 1-1, C McCarthy 1-0, M Dineen, K Whelton, 0-1each.

Buttevant: J Nagle 1-0, A Buckley 0-1.

BARRYROE: R McCarthy: N Whelton, M C Whelton, M Holland; A Sheehy, S Smith, E Dineen; C McCarthy, R Sheehy; H Whelton (cl., N O'Sullivan, A Kearney, K Whelton, O Deasy, M Dineen.

BUTTEVANT: M Shinnick; K McNamara, J Nagle, A Foley; K O'Mahony, A Buckley, A Cronin; E O'Mahony (c), R Dunley; C Cronin, K Ivory, S Cremin, A O'Neill, C Guerin, K Barrett. Sub: S O'Shaughnessy for A

Ref: Jimmy O'Mahony (Douglas).

Jordan holds her nerve at the death

Sarsfields Ballinhassia

3-4

THE sides will have to meet again after a late equaliser from Ballinhassig's Diane Jordan ensured her side live to fight another day in an exciting U12 A final, writes MARY NEWMAN.

Earlier in the season. the sides drew in the leagues series of games and again it was a repeat performance as it was close through the final.

Sarsfields made the early running, with Michelle Barry putting them into an early lead, which they held despite strong Ballinhassig pressure.

Geraldine Collins and Aine Crowley pointed for Ballinhassig and they were level before the break, Diane Jordan and Geraldine Collins striking goals inside a minute of each other to level matters at 2-2 each.

It was nip and tuck all through the second half. **Geraldine Collins** grabbed a Ballinhassig goal, to which Michelle Barry replied and the game continued in the same vein as the sides exchanged scores as the lead changed hands.

Diane Jordan pointed twice, but again Michelle Barry put Sarsfields into the lead and as the game approached full-time Sarsfields held a onepoint advantage.

Battling to get something back, Ballinhassig never allowed the heads drop and they won a free in injury-time. The pressure was on but Jordan answered the call pointing to bring the sides back to level.

Scorers for Ballinhassig: D Jordan 1-2, G Collins 1-1A Crow-ley 0-1. Sersfields: M Barry 3-2. BALLINHASSIG: M O'Brien; E Reardon, R Reardon, M Tyers; K Reynolds, L Cullinane, K Bohane ic): D Jordan, S Mahon; G Collins, R Coleman, A M Leahy; C Cough-len, J Bohane, A Crowley, Subs: N Sheehan for M O'Brien, E Crowley for C Coughlan, J Har-rington for R Coleman, SARSFIELD'S: E. Lonergan, C. SARSHELD'S: E. Lonergan, C. Muilins, S. McCarthy, G. Looney, J. Lyons, M. Mullins, J. Long, C.O' Sullivan, L. Kelly, C. Crowley, M. Barry, K. Lyons, H. Ferguson, E. Guinnane, R. McCarthy Subs: A. Good for E. Guinnane, R.O'Donovan for C. Crowley, E. Guinnane for G. Looney.

Loss of Ballincollig aces hampers Muskerry

THE 2010 Evening Echo Cork Senior Camogie Championship gets underway this weekend with the divisional sides once again taking to the field of play first, writes LINDA MELLERICK.

Carbery and Imokilly throw in first at Castle Road followed by Muskerry and Carrigdhoun at Newcestown.

Carbery didn't field 12 months ago providing Imokilly with a walkover in the opening round so it is hard to determine just how strong they'll be.

Imokilly lost by 12 points to Muskerry in round three after receiving that first round bye and exited the championship sooner than they would have

They should again account for Carbery and advance.

Muskerry had three points to spare over Carrigdhoun last season in their opening clash.

They recorded a facile 5-18 to 0-8 victory over Seandún in round two before defeating Imokilly and advancing to the championship proper where they lost out to Cloughduy in round

Carrigdhoun could well reverse that defeat against a Muskerry side that have lost the services of the Ballincollig players who won the senior B title in 2009.

The likes of Denise Cronin and Leah Weste will be a huge losses to the divisional side and Carrig will sense victory.

The first game in the round robin series of the Evening Echo Senior B Championship has Newcestown and Aghabullogue in opposition in Cloughduv on Saturday evening.

Both clubs are good championship campaigners and league form would suggest that both have been working hard for this opening round game.

Newcestown are a strong side who are spearheaded by former Cork players Hilda O'Mahony and Colette Desmond while players such as Frances Deasy. Fiona Crowley and Colleen long are hugely experienced campaigners.

Aghabullogue re-graded to senior B last season and are now beginning to find their feet.

They are well organised this year and with players such as Sinead Buckley, Tina Roche, Ciara Murphy and Emma Healy in their line out they are a match for any opposition.

A close clash between two evenly match teams should get the Senior B championship off to a perfect start.

FIXTURES TOMORROW

Evening Echo Cork Senior B Championship: Newcestown v Aghabullogue, Clough duv, 8pm.

Evening Echo Cork Senior Camogle Championship (divisional round): Carbory v tenobilly, Castle Road, 2pm; Muskerry v Car-rigdhoun, Newcestown, 4.45pm.

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CAMOGIE: Galway snatched a dramatic injury-time victory from Wexford to put them in a strong position for a semifinal spot after round three of the Gala All-Ireland senior championship. Cork, meanwhile, had too much firepower for a spirited Dublin, who

improved considerably from a heavy defeat to Wexford last week but still fell to the the Leesiders 1-23 to 1-6.

Clare almost pulled off a shock but came up just short against Tipperary, who prevailed 1-12 to 1-9. The Premier women led by 1-6 to 0-2 at the interval, Claire Grogan scoring 1-2 but the Banner stormed back into proceedings after the resumption.

Clare's Naomi Carroll bagged a goal on the stroke of normal time and Clare thought they had a late equalising opportunity but were penalised and the chance was lost.

Galway break Model hearts

Camogie

success.

ended with Wexford leading

by the odd point in 11. With

Jacob clinical from placed

balls, they stretched that lead

to two. Aislinn Connolly

reduced that with her fifth

point five minutes from time to set up a late smash-and-grab

Cork had too much

firepower for a spirited

Dublin, who improved considerably from a heavy

defeat to Wexford last week

but still fell to the Leesiders

Despite the scoreline.

running riot. The duo shared eight points between them

from play as Cork pulled away

after the resumption

dominance of Orla Cotter and

Gemma O'Connor Aine Power gave Dublin

dream start with

1-23 to 1-6 yesterday.

two of the home

side's best

players were in the full-back line,

but not even the efforts of Elaine

O'Mara and

Tara Corrigan

c o u l d prevent the

likes of Julia

White and

O'Leary

Daragh Ó Conchúir

GALWAY snatched a dramatic injury-time victory from Wexford to put them in a strong position for a semi-final spot after the third round of the Gala All-Ireland senior camogie championship.

With her side trailing by a point, substitute Jessica Gill launched an 80m free in an attempt to grab an equaliser four minutes into added time.

Her effort dropped just short, however, and spilled into the Wexford net.

Ursula Jacob slotted her seventh free soon after to bring the score to 1-8 to 0-10 but time was against the Model County women and the hosts took the honours.

It was a sensational return to action for Gill, who was making a comeback from a lengthy absence caused by a cruciate knee ligament

Remarkably, she had also scored a last-gasp goal to beat Wexford in the 2008 All-Ireland semi-final, but with Galway naving been on the wrong end of late goals in the knockout stages of the last two leagues and last year's championship, he manner of this win was

The sides were level five imes in the first half which

Whipping woeful Dubs will help get the Rebels recover



TOMORROW Gala All-Ireland senior camogie championship third round: Cork v Dublin, Naomh Mearnog GAA grounds Portmarnock, 1pm

CORK won't find out much about themselves against Dublin tomorrow afternoon in Portmarnock.

Maybe a handy around is just what they need after their poor showing last Saturday against Kilkenny and a chance to build up their confidence

Cork were very depleted on the bench with Joanne O'Callaghan and Lynda O'Connell still not quite ready for action and the exam tied Mackeys and Julia White were also marked ab-

While the latter three are welcomed back this week Cork have other worries after last Saturday's tie.

Rachel Moloney went off midway through the second half with ligament damage to her knee and is expected to be out for up to six

Sile Burns and Jennifer O'Leary have niggling back strains. While this won't matter so much against a Dublin side who suffered a humiliating defeat to Wexford last weekend - 7-25 to 0-3 - it is Cork's clash with Galway seven days later which Cork will want their full compliment of players

Mary O'Connor is away in the states this weekend so



Gemma O'Connor, Cork, gets a shot away as Anna Farrell, Kilkenny attempts to block during the Gala All-Ireland Senio Championship match at Páirc Ui Rinn last weekend. Picture: Matt Browne/SPORTSFIL

won't be available for selec-

Regardless of the team Cork put out on the field they will easily account for

Morale was low in the Cork camp last weekend and a good run around will be very welcome.

of personnel and positional switches for the game.

Catriona Foley moves back to right corner-back with St Catherine's Carolyn Motherway making her senior championship debut at right half.

Jenny Duffy takes over the centre back position. Julia White lines out at right half-forward with Elaine O'Riordan starting at left

With the loss of a number of key players at the beginning of the season and lengthy injuries to others Cork are finding the 2010 season tough.

They need to put their head down and re-group.

Despite the problems Cork should still make it through to the semi-finals and I wouldn't bet against them late in the season. They need to steady the ship and take it one game at a time.

CORK v Dublin: A Murray, C Foley, R Buckley, A O'Regan; C Mother-way, J Duffy, A Geary; O Cotter, G O'Connor; J White, E O'Sullivan, E O'Riordan; S Burns, J O'Leary, D Create.



■ Wexford goalkeeper Mags D'Arcy, against Tipperary, who left, and Claire O'Connor are unable to stop a free from Premier women led by 1-6 to

Galway's Jessica Gill going into the net in the final moments of the Gala All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship game. Left: Gill. far left, with Brenda Tanney, Aislinn Connolly and Orla

Kilianny

Greene

Sile Burns responded in kind 12 minutes later, the result was

never in doubt.

Pic: Diarmuid

resumption. Points from Chloe Morey, Claire McMahon and Róisín McMahon galvanised them and Naomi Carroll bagged a goal to reduce the deficit to

Grogan scoring 1-2.

three points. Clare thought they had carved open an equalising opportunity deep in injury time, but they were penalised for throwing the sliotar and the chance was lost.

0-2 at the interval, Claire

However, the Banner stormed back into

proceedings after the

CAMOGIE

GALA SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS Portmarrock: Cork 1-23 (S Burns 1-2 (O-O'Riordan, M Walsh, K Mackey O-1 each) Dublin 1-6 (A Power 1-0, L O'Hara 0-31, A Maguire, A Kinwan, C Lucey 0-1 each) Cusack Pk. Ennis: Tipperary 1-12 (C Grogan 1-4 (0-2t, 0-1/45), N Flanagan 0-3 A Mc Loughney 0-2, J Ryan C Devane. J Mc Grath 0-1 each) Clare 1-9 (N Carroll 1-0, C Morey 0-3f, C Mc Mahon 0-3 (0-2f), F Lafferty, R Mc Mahon, M.

Athenry: Galway 1-8 (J Gift 1-0f, A Connolly 0-5 (0-3f), V Curtin, T Maher, E Killosly 0-1 each) Wexford 0-10 (U Jacob 0-7t, L Holohn 0-2, K Parrock 0-1) INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP Athenry: Wexford 6-5 (S Kehoe 3-1, E Quigley 2-0, 8 Curran 1-2, C O'Connor O-

1f, E O'Connor (0-1) Galway 1-6 (A O'Reilly 1-3 (0-2f), R Monaghan, AM Starr 0-1 each, T Munay (0-1f) Today Gala Junior A championship: Carlow v

Kildare, Ballymbeley, 12:30 Gala Junior B championship Group E Mayo v Monaghani Tooreen, 10: J Heffernan

O'Neill is a driving force for **Imokilly**

By LINDA MELLERICK

lmokilly 0 - 13Carbery 1-7

A MUCH improved second half from Imokilly saw them advance to round two of the divisional section of the Evening Echo Cork county senior camogie championship in Castle Road yesterday afternoon.

Two points behind at the break after a spirited Carbery performance, Imokilly created open space in the second half and with Marie O'Neill picking off some nice points they advanced with three points to spare after a closely fought contest.

Carbery were the better side in the opening half thanks mainly to a tenacious defence where Kilbrittan's Marian Murphy was in top form. A Coleen Long goal after eight minutes cancelled out Clare Keohane's two points. Martina O'Brien was alert in the Carbery goal and responded well to deny Marie O'Neill a goal seven minutes in.

With scores slow to come by, Carbery grew with confidence and should have been further ahead at the break than 1-3 to 0-4. But three wides in the last five minutes and a brilliant save by Killeagh's Stephanie Beausang kept Imokilly in contention.

A different Imokilly side took to the pitch in the second half. Four points and two wides inside the opening five minutes reflected the control Imokilly had on the game upon the re-start and they now led by two. Clare Keohane was winning good ball at right half forward and with Marie O'Neill out in front every time, Imokilly never looked back. Further points by O'Neill and Keohane saw the east Cork divisional side in control entering the last 10 minutes; 0-12 to 1-5. Carbery battled on and reduced the deficit to two before O'Neill fittingly had the final say on full-time with her fifth point.

Scorers for Imolality: M O'Neill 0-5, G Kear-ney 0-4 (0-2 f, 0-2 45), C Keohane 0-3, L Brack-en 0-1.

Carbery: C Long 1-1 (0-1 f), M Murphy 0-3 (0-2 f, 0-1 45), C Sugrue 0-2 (f), C Desmond 0-1.

IMOKILLY: S Beausang (Killeagh); J Murphy (Sarsfields), E Murphy (Watergrasshill), S Smiddy (Killeagh); U Day (Fr. O'Neills), N O'Keeffe (Killeagh), N Barry (Castlelyons); S Harrington (Fr O'Neills), A M Walsh (Killeagh); M Daly (Castlelyons), G Kearney (Fr. O'Neills), E Murphy (Sarsfields); L Bracken (Watergrasshill), M O'Neill (do), C Keohane (Killeagh).

Subs: Y Murphy (Fr O'Neills) for E Murphy (Watergrasshill) (40), R Crowley (Sarsfields) for M Daly (45), J O'Shea (Killeagh) for A M Walsh (51), E O'Farrell (Sarsfields) for L Brack-

CARBERY: M O'Brien (Ballinascarthy); M Crowley (Newcestown), R Desmond (do), A Coughlan (do); A Crowley (do), M Murphy (Kilbrittan), M O'Sullivan (do); T McCarthy (Newcestown), S Moloney (Kilbrittan); C Sugrue (Ballinascarthy), M Dullea (Kilbrittan), G Cronin (Newcestown); S Sexton (Kilbrittan), C Desmond (Newcestown), C Long (do).

Subs: S Deasy (Newcestown) for T McCarthy (42).

Referee: Cathal Egan (Glen Rovers).

Cork comfortably beat Dublin girls



1-23

1-6

AS EXPECTED, Cork comfortably accounted for Dublin in the Gala All-Ireland senior championship third round played in Portmarnock last Saturday.

Without ever reaching great heights, Cork were always in control against a Dublin side possibly more suited to intermediate status.

A strong swirling wind while favouring Cork in the first half, affected both sides' free-taking. Orla Cotter had Cork in front after two minutes and five minutes in Cork led by four after Gemma O'Connor and Julia White, back from exams, struck points.

A well-taken overhead strike by Aine Power hit the net two minutes later and it spurred Dublin on for a bit as they held Cork scoreless for the next eight minutes. It was only a matter of time before Cork started to pick off the scores again with five of Cork's inside six getting on the scoresheet. The Rebel goal came on 20 minutes as a poor Dublin clearance fell to Sile Burns who seized the opportunity and finished well.

Leading 1-12 to 1-3 at the break, the game was only going one direction despite the good play of Dublin's Louise O'Hara at centre-field, Tara Corrigan and Elaine O'Meara.

The trend of the second half was pretty much the same as the first. Dublin played at a far slower pace than Cork. Taking too much time to strike the ball, they found them-



Sile Burns lead the Cork attack against Dublin on Saturday scoring 1-2 of the Rebels' total.

selves blocked and hooked on several occasions while many a time hesitancy led to them taking the wrong option when an opportunity arose.

Some well-taken points by O'Leary, White and Eimear O'Sullivan saw Cork 1-17 to 1-4 entering the last quarter as the Rebels made use of their allotted five substitutes.

Cork will have learned very little from the game but the points are welcome after last weekend's defeat

to Kilkenny and with an away game to Galway next Saturday after the westerners had a surprise one-point victory over Wexford with a last minute goal.

Scorers for Cork: S Buris 1-2, J White, J O'Leary 0-4, G O'Connor 0-4 (9-3, f 0-1 45), O Cotter, E O'Sullivan 0-3 each, E O'Riordan, M Watsh, K Mackey 0-1 each.

Dublin: L O'Hara 0-4 f, A Power 1-9, A Maguire, A Kirwan 0-1 each.
CORK: A Murray; C Feley, R Buckley, A O'Regan; C Motherway, J Duffy, A Geary; O Cotter, G O'Connor, J White, E O'Suffivan, E

O'Riordan: S Burns, J O'Leary, D Cronin

Subs: M Watsh for E O'Riordan (47), P Mackey for A Geary (47), J O'Caltaghan for D Cronin (47), E White for A Murray (51), K Mackey for J

DUBLIN: S Carthy; E O'Meara, T Corrigan, S Mannion; G Quinn, C Power, A Cushen; C Lucey, L O'Hara; S Buff, A Maguire, A Kirwan; A Power, M Moynihan, A Carolan.

Subs: J Hoary for S Duff (h-t), M Twomey for A Carolan (h-t), S Glynn for M Twomey (56).

Referee: Eamonn Browne (Tipperary).

U16A & U16B Munster Semi Finals.

Cahir GAA grounds played host to two absolute cracking games last weekend where Tipp & Cork contested both these semi finals. In the B game Tipp led at half time 1.03 to 0.02. However, two quick goals from Cork early in the second half hauled back the lead, & for the remainder of the half only a point ever separated the sides. Sides were level at full time, & despite tired legs on both sides, both teams served up a cracking display in extra time. Still couldn't be separated after the extra 20 minutes, the sides finished all square Tipp 3.04 to Cork's 2.07. This replay is due to be played this weekend, but

date not available at time of print.

The second semi final (A) provided as much entertainment as the previous game. Tipperary went in at the interval leading 1.01 to

Cork kept in touch in the second half with some well taken points, but couldn't breach Tipp's defence for the much sought after goal, while Tipperary raised another green flag mid way through the half which kept them in front & Tipp finished the stronger on a score line 2.04 to 0.06.

The third go game U10 blitz will take place in Dun Iasenigh, Cahir on Saturday. July 17th. Again, any clubs interested in taking part in this blitz are asked to register with Siobhan.

Leah's kit is a winner



Leah Murray is held by her classmates at St Marys in Dunmanway as she wears her design Picture: Denis Boyle for the new Carbery Camogie club kit.

by Ailin Quinlan

THE FIRST tailor-made kit for the Carbery senior camogie team, designed by 13-year-old schoolgirl, has just been launched. Leah Murray, a pupil at St Mary's Senior School in Dunmanway, participated in a primary school competition to come up with a design for the kit - her winning entry incorporated jersey, skirt/shorts and socks in blue and red with a yellow stripe and collar.

"Our teacher Mrs Hennessy suggested that we do this as part of our homework. It was a cool competition because whoever won it got to see their design made into a real jersey for the Carbery team. I was presented with the jersey and a trophy for my design," said Leah.

Explained Margaret Hennessy, principal of the 96-pupil school: "The club decided to

run a competition at primary level, and, as part of that, we got a blank jersey and skirt pictured on an A-four sheet."

At a special presentation ceremony, Leah was presented with a jersey as a token of her work. This is the first every jersey for the se-nior Carbery team," said Roy O'Farrell, chairman Carbery Camogie Board.

It was not the only good news for St Mary's in conjunction with the junior section, the school recently celebrated the raising of its second Green Flag, which was erected by Labour Senator Michael McCarthy. Also present was Sunderland player Conor Hourihan.

The project ran in conjunction with the junior school where a green flag was won as a joint effort between both schools to reduce their energy consumption.

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BALLINHASSIG and Sarsfields will have to meet again after Diane Jordan's pointed free deep into injury time ensured Ballinhassig another day out in the Under 12 A final.

Michelle Barry gave Sars an early lead which they held in the opening staged, but working hard Ballinhas-sig came into the game, Geraldine Collins and Aine Crowley pointing, and they were level before the break, Diane Jordan and Geraldine Collins striking goal inside a minute of each other to level matters at 2-2

It was nip and tuck all through the second half, Geraldine Collins grabbing a Ballinhassig goal to which Michelle Barry again replied, and the game continued in the same vein as the sides exchanged scores as the lead changed hands.

Diane Jordan pointed twice, but again Michelle Barry put Sarsfields into the lead and as the game approached full time Sarsfields held a slender one-point advantage.

Battling to get something back Ballinhassig never allowed their heads drop and they won a free in injury time. The pressure was now on, but Diane Jordan answered the call, pointing to bring the sides back level and ensure another day out for two committed sides.

Youghal U12s are county champions

Ballinascarty

YOUGHAL took the Under 12 D county league title with a victory over Ballinascarty at Castle Road in a game that, despite what the scoreline suggests, was hard fought.

Ballinascarty attacked from the throw in and it took strong Youghal defending to deny them the open-ing score. Youghal broke upfield and grabbed the opening as Erin Galvin found the net and it settled the Youghal girls.

Catriona O'Keeffe, who was superb all through, pointed two frees before showing her class, striking one from play to give Youghal a six point interval lead.

Ballinascarty, with their captain Shona Hayes doing trojan work, ap-plied huge pressure but failed to get the vital score needed. However, with the introduction of Moira Barrett to their attack at half time they put the Youghal defence under pres-

Erin Galvin grabbed a goal in a

goalmouth scramble to extend the lead and again Catriona O'Keeffe was on target with a 30 metre free as they maintained their lead.

Ballinascarty captain Shona Hayes, pointed but Youghal's Ciara Crowey goaled to ensure no way back for

Ballinascarty. Catriona O'Keeffe was named as player of the match.

O'Connell Captain Shauna accepted the trophy presented by juvenile chairperson Tracy Sheehan to the delight of her team mates and

Scorers for Youghal: E Galvin 2-0, C O'Keeffe 0-3 9(0-2452 0-1f0, C Galvin 1-0.

Ballinascarty: S Hayes 0-1(f). Youghal: N Kelly: C Landers, N Roche, E Bren-nan: E Farrell, L Dempsey, C O'Keeffe; S O'Connell: C O'Keeffe; A Arthur, A O'Neill, A Forest, C Crowley, E Galvin, S O'Brien.

Subs: L Blanke for A Arthur (h/t), L White for S O'Brien (47). Ballinascarty: A Ryan; R O'Sullivan Ryan, E Jennings; A Crowley, N Hayes, A Nyhan; C McCarthy, S Hayesic); E Nyhan, C Crowley, E Dineen; H Sweetnam, A Syrnington, E R Dennehey.

Subs: A Kelly for E Rose (h/t), E Galvin for R O'Sulfivan (40) R Lynham for E Jennings (40) N Veski for N Dineen (42).

Ref: Billy O'Sullivan (Bishopstown).



Youghal U12s celebrate their county league title victory.

Courcey Rovers

2-0

BALLYHEA and Courcey Rovers battled it out for the U12 B county league title in ideal weather conditions at Castle Road.

In a close opening half just a goal separated the sides after Clara Mulcahy scored. Ballyhea drew level with a goal from centre forward Rachel Harty put the Courcey Rovers defence under a lot of pressure.

The Ballyhea defence held their lines as Courcey's battled to take the lead and it was Ballyhea who hit the

front 18 minutes into the second half as Rachel Harty struck for her second goal. Now taking control, Ballyhea worked hard to put the game beyond Courcey's. Rachel Harty completed a hat trick grabbing Ballyhea's third goal with 10 minutes remaining.

Courcey's narrowed the gap when Hannah Quinn grabbed a goal from free to leave just one between the sides. As the game entered injury time the sides continued to give it everything. However, Ballyhea held out to take the title with a goal to spare in a close contest.

FOR THE RECORD RESULTS, FIXTURES AND SPORT IN BRIEF



Wexford's Una Leacy comes under pressure from Galway's Sandra Tannian during the Gala All-Ireland Senior Championship game in Athenry



Galway's Brenda Hanney makes a spectacular one-handed catch to get the better of Wexford's Noreen Lambert in yesterday's All-Ireland Senior Camogie championship clash. Photo: Diarmuid Greene

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Goal-shy Rebels must beat Galway



TOMORROW Gala All-Ireland qualifier group game: Cork v Galway, Athenry, 2pm.

GALWAY defeating Wexford with a last-minute goal last Saturday has opened up the qualifiers.

With her side trailing by a point, substitute Jessica Gill launched an 80m free in an attempt to grab an equaliser four minutes into added time. It dropped short and spilled into the Wexford net. This victory will certainly spur Galway on ahead of their clash with Cork in Athenry tomorrow.

Cork need to beat Galway, not as a necessity to qualify but it will be a huge concern for them if they fail and a worrying factor ahead of their fifth round clash with Wexford on

While comfortably beating Dublin by 17 points last weekend, Cork were far from impressive and they still have issues to address.

Again Cork never really threatened goal. Sile Burns' goal came from a Dublin error and not something created within. To her credit Sile is on the end of errors made these past couple of weeks and is maximising the opportunity.

We needed goals last Saturday if for nothing else than to get into the habit again.

When you consider that Wexford scored 7-25 against Dublin the previous week we should have bagged at

The blame for not hitting the net doesn't rest entirely on Cork's inside line. The type of ball being de-



Cork's Sile Burns in action against Dublin. Burns scored an opportunistic goal against the Dubs last weekend and while the Rebels won easily enough, their were some issues still to address as they face a stiff test from Galway

Cork are practically ignoring their full-forward line unless by default their shots drop short and land with them.

We had nine wides last Saturday and at least seven of them shouldn't have occurred. With the swirling wind that was there, attempting long-range points with high lobbing balls up over the upright was rarely going to work.

While players need to have a go

and take on responsibility you need Maria Walsh. Julia White made a to know when to take the right op-

Thankfully, despite Cork's camo-gie qualifier clashing with the Munster Ladies football final, both Rena Buckley and Mary O'Connor, will line out with the camogie side. That is a big boost.

The only change to that which lined out against Dublin is the replacement of Elaine O'Riordan with

welcome return last weekend, looked sharp and picked off four nice points.

Cork have a battle on their hands in Galway's backyard. It's a close call but one Cork should shade. Verdict: Cork.

CORK (v. Galway): A Murray; J Duffy, R Buckley, A O'Regan; C Foley, M O'Connor, A Geary; G O'Connor, O Cotter; J White, M Walsh, E O'Sullivan; S Burns, J O'Leary, D Cronin.

Cork girls hope to do the double over Tipp

By MARY NEWMAN

Camogie previews

TOMORROW Munster U16 A championship semi-final: Cork v Tipperary, Cahir, 8pm.

A TRICKY assignment for the Cork U16 A and B squads when they travel to Cahir to take on Tipperary in the Munster championship semi-finals.

Earlier in the season Cork and Tipperary met in the opening round of the Gala U16A championship with victory going to a Tipp side. That Tipperary side made it to the All-Ireland final where they lost out to Galway. In the game earlier in the season, a

physically stronger Tipperary were full value for their seven-point victory and their strength was evident from the early stages of the game as they confidently held off the challenges posed by Cork. They were excellent under pressure and closed down the Cork attack with their physicality. On the day Cork did enjoy their share of possession but an insistence in opting to run with the ball instead of laying off quickly to their inside lines proved costly, as time and again Tipp broke down their attack and cleared the ball out of the danger zone.

Since the last time they met Tipperary have had the experience of contesting the All-Ireland final

where they lost out to a strong Galway side, who had overpowered Cork at the semi-final stage. Among the players in their line-up to watch out for will be Anne Eviston, Tara Kennedy, Sara Friday and Michaela Graham.

Cork know they will need a big improvement if they have hopes of making it to the Munster final, they are hoping that midfielder Aisling O'Keeffe will have recovered from injury to take her place in the starting 15.

Otherwise they report a clean bill of health and captain Alison Peate, Tessa Crowley, Louise O'Flynn and Siobhán O'Mahony should all be to the fore as they bid for a place in

Munster U16 B Championship semi-final: Cork v Tipperary, Cahir, 6.15pm.

Last season Munster introduced a second U16 competition and the exercise proved successful and this year it has expanded with several counties entering second teams. For both counties it's a first outing and with players who are currently members of the county U15 development squads ineligible, both sides will be made up of 16-year-olds.

Cork have plenty of talent at U16 level and players such as Kaylynn Lee Shauna Landers, Jennifer Ryan, Melissa O'Sullivan and Aisling Moloney will feature in the

Imokilly turn in powerful showing

By MARY NEWMAN

Senior camogie championship

Imokilly Carrigdhoun

IMOKILLY earned the right to participate in round one of the Evening Echo Senior Camogie Championship as they overcame Carrigdhoun in the divisional section play-off at Castle Road last night.

Their sheer physical presence was very evident as the east Cork division overcame the south east girls with ease. All over the field they were much stronger.

In defence Mary O'Connor and Ann-Marie Walsh stood firm, while up front Claire Keohane, Shonagh Cunningham, Marie O'Neill and Emer-O'Farrell, making a return to action, were sharp in front of goal.

To their credit, Carrigdhoun battled for every ball and with Lucy Hawkes, Ena Coughlan, Marion Jagoe and Liz Bugler producing spirited displays they stayed with Imokilly through the opening half when the main difference was two Imokilly goals scored in the opening five minutes from Emer O' Farrell and Shonagh Cunningham.

Aided by the strong wind, Imokilly led 2-6 to 0-3 at the break.

Carrigdhoun needed an early second half goal to get back into the game, but they failed to make the breakthrough against a strong Imokilly defence and in truth they lived off scraps as they strove to get into contention.

Any hopes of a revival was quashed with 10 minutes remaining when Imokilly tacked on another two goals inside a minute, Emer O'Farrell and Annie Walsh on target.

Carrigdhoun goalkeeper Gillian Harrington denied Imokilly on several occasions as they came in search of further goals and only for her the margin of victory would have been even greater.

Imokilly now go into round one where they are scheduled to meet

Scorers for Imokilly: C Kechane 0-6, S Cunning-ham 1-3, E O'Farrell 2-0, A Walsh 1-1, M O'Nell 0-3, AM Walsh 0-1.

Carrigdhoun: M Jagoe 0-3 (0-2f), J Lynch 0-2 (0-1f, 0-1 45"), D Coomey 0-1.

IMOKILLY: S Beausang (Killeagh): N D'Keeffe IKilleagh), J Murphy (Sarsfieldal, S Smiddy (Killeagh), N Barry (Castlelyonal, M O'Connor (Killeagh), AM Walsh (Killeagh): E Murphy (Sarsfields), S Harrington (Fr O'Neilfa), C Kechane (Killeagh), S Cunsingham (Youghal), G Keemey (Fr O' Neilfa); L Bracken (Watergrasshill), E O'Farrell (Sarsfields), M O'Neil (Watergrasshill), Subs: A Watsh (Killeagh) for L Bracken (48), M Daly (Castlelyonal for G Keemey (51), J O'Shea (Killeagh) for E O'Farrell (52), Y Murphy (Fr O'Neilfa) for N Barry (54), E Murphy (Watergrasshill) for J Murphy (65).

CARRIGOHOUN: G Harrington (Velley Rovers): J Kiernan (Carrigaline), A Collins (Carrigaline), AM Murphy (Valley Rovers): K O'Sullivan (Tracton), L Hawkez (Valley Rovers): E Coughtan (Valley Rovers): J Lynch (Tracton), M Moran (Carrigaline) M Jegoe (Tracton), D Coorney (Ballinhassig), L Bugler (Valley Rovers): C Fitzgerald (Tracton): E Foley (Valley Rovers): A Kiely (Tracton), Subs: A O'Brison (Ballinhassig) for E Foley (N-D, A M Murphy for J Kiernan (44), O Desay (Valley Rovers) for A Kiely (45), D Smyth (Carrigaline) for A M Murphy (49).

Rel; Walter Cole (Butteyout).

Board to enter competition

competition to win A Field of Dreams. This competition is a fantastic opportunity for the camogie board to win a complete makeover of their grounds in Castle Road and help them put the finishing touches to what is a superb facility for the camogie players of every club in Cork.

Open for the last three years, it is acknowledged as one of the best pitches in Cork and the board are hoping to get the final phase of the development up and running. The current economic climate has curtailed activities somewhat and now this is a fantastic opportunity for the board to try and "win their

KELLOGG'S are currently running a dream." To enter the competition they need to collect just 900 tokens and these tokens can be collected from special packs of Kellogg's Corn Flakes, Kellogg's Crunchy Nut and Kellogg's Crunchy Nut Feast.

Camogie players and their families and indeed supporters of camogie are asked to get behind the board and collect and contribute tokens, they need to be collected as quickly as possible and they can be sent to the camogie board officers through your local club or by posting them to Cork Camogie Board c/o Pátrc Uí Chaoimh. So don't forget, come on and get collecting those

Graham's goals prove crucial for Tipperary

Tipperary

IF the curtain raiser was a thriller, so too was the main game on the menu as two committed sides gave it everything in search of a Munster U16A final spot in Cahir on Saturday, writes MARY NEWMAN.

Earlier in the season Tipp had demolished Cork in the All-Ireland championship series but this time out it was a much improved Cork side that made them fight to the death for victory.

Twenty-nine minutes into the game we still had only one score registered. Emma Jordan having given Cork the lead after seven minutes as they played against the strong wind.

With their defence superb as a unit, Cork absorbed anything Tipp threw at them and it took a 29th minute point from Aoife Ryan to get them on level

A minute into added-time and a lapse in concentration allowed corned-forward Michaela Graham, totally unmarked, fire the ball to the Cork net as she got on the end of a harmless looking line ball to give Tipp a 1-1 to 0-1 interval lead after a tough first half.

Orla Cronin and Ciara McGrath swapped early second half points and Cork, growing in stature with the strong wind in their favour, began to get on top as they fired long ball at the Tipp attack.

Cork substitute Leeann O'Sullivan announced her arrival with two points in succession to narrow the gap to just one as Tipp hung by a thread.

Michaela Graham and Emma Jordan exchanged points and as Cork battled hard to get level, the Tipp defence had to be at their best, Louise Loughlin and Ciara Mc Grath doing huge work to stem the tide.

The break Tipp needed came in the shape of Michaela Graham, who all through troubled Cork, 18 minutes into the half when she showed her strength as she shrugged off the Cork defence to fire the ball to the net to give Tipp a four-point cushion and breathing

Tara Kennedy pointed a free to which Orla Cronin replied and for the remaining eight minutes Cork squandered chance after chance as Tipp lived dangerously however they survived thanks in the main to excellent defending and sloppy shooting late in the game by a Cork side who gave it everything in search of victory."

Scorers for Tipperary: M Graham 2-1, C Mc Grath, A Ryan, T Kennedy (f), 0-1 each. Cork: E Jordan, O Cronin (fs), L O'Sullivan 0-2

TIPPERARY: O Mc Eniry; C Maher, S Gleeson R Kennedy; L McLoughlin, M Walsh C Quirke; R Hanifin, T Kennedy; C Mc Grath, A Ryan, A Loughrane; A Eriston, A Cremin, M Graham. CORK: S O'Mahony, A Barry, N O'Brien, R O'Callaghan; A Twohill, T Crowley, C O'Callaghan; A O'Keeffe, E Jordan; O Cronin, J Barry, O Healy; N Crean, L O'Flynn, S Moto-

Subs: L O' Sullivan for S Moloney (43), L Barry for N O'Brien (50), S Moloney for C O'Callaghan (inj 59).

Referee: Peter Whelan (Waterford).

TWENTY minutes of extra-time failed to divide two splendid teams who battled for a place in the U16B provincial final in the curtain-raiser in Cahir on Sat-

Tipperary

urday, writes MARY NEWMAN. Playing with the aid of the strong wind, Tipperary led 1-3 to 0-2 at the interval, Maria Ryan's goal eight minutes from half-time difference between two evenly match sides.

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Cork and

Tipp goes to replay after a

thriller

Sinead Dennehey and Melissa O'Sullivan had Cork within a point inside three minutes of the restart but they were rocked when Moira Ryan finished to the net to give Tipp a four-point advantage.

Cork battled back with Sinead Dennehey, Aisling Moloney Melissa O'Sullivan and Tia Mc Mahon doing huge work and inside a minute they took the lead. Aisling Moloney sending a free from the side line all the way to the net before Aoife Walsh finished over the line.

As play swung from end-to-end, the Cork defence came under pressure and in a goalmouth scramble, Aoife Moloney looked to get the last touch as Tipp went back in front, Moira Ryan pointed to stretch the lead to three points but Cork never allowed the heads drop, as they pinned Tipp inside their own half with Aisling Moloney, Muireann Murphy and Sinead Dennehey pointing to get them back on level.

With both sides searching for a winner, the game remained deadlocked as neither could manage a score for the 12 minutes remaining although it took a superb save from Kaylynn Lee to deny Tipp a certain goal with a minute on the stop watch.

And so to extra-time and again both sides gave it everything. twice Cork came close however but neither side managed to break the deadlock and it remained level to the full-time whistle as both sides lived to fight another day after a thrilling con-

Scorers for Cark: A Molaney 1-1 (1-1f), S Den-Walsh, 1-0, M Murphy 0-1.

Tipperary: Maria Ryan 1-1, A Moloney, Moira Ryan 1-0 each, A MC Grath 0-2 (0-20, A Moloney 0-1.

CORK: K Lee; J Ryan, S Landers, R Harrington; M O' Sulfivan, S Dennehey, E Murphy; A Mo-loney, D Cagney; T Mc Mahon, K Sheehan, A Walsh, C Hickey, B Ryan, K Clifford.

Subs: J Cahall for D Cagney (35), M Murphy for B Ryan(43), S Gaffey for K Clifford (50), M McNulty for K Sheehan (54), D Cagney for M Murphy(elt), B Ryan for S Gaffey (e-t), K Clifford for J Cahill (e-t), K Sheehan for M Mc Nulty (e-t), M Murphy for S Landers (65).

TIPPERARY: S Coonen; M Kenneelly, A Mc Carthy, A Dascy; C Walsh, J Loque, C shans-han; A McGrath, L Mc Keogh, Moira Ryan; E Reidy, A Moloney, M Murphy (capt); Maria Ry-Reidy, A Molone an, M O'Meara.

Subs: C Ryan for C Shanahan (36), 5 Toher for C Shanahan (e-t).

Referee: Ger O'Dowd (Limerick).

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Early scores from Galway help them to seal win over Rebel girls

Galway Cork

1-14 By DARREN KELLY

All-Ireland Camogle Championship

AN EARLY goal and a strong first-half performance from the home side laid the platform for this All-Ireland senior camogie championship victory on Saturday.

Tara Rutledge's strike on two minutes gave Galway an early 1-1 to 0-0 lead and with Veronica Curtin. Caroline Murray, Aislinn Connolly and Brenda Hanney also finding the scoreboard from play, Galway took a 1-8 to 0-5 interval advantage.

In truth, it was a forgettable opening 30 minutes for the Rebel girls. They were guilty of giving away possession and also missed some scoring chances that would have kept the contest close.

Curtin sent over Galway's first point after just 19 seconds before Connolly's free hit the woodwork and Rutledge pounced on the rebound for the Galway goal.

Sile Burns opened Cork's account with a free in the fifth minute and added three more before half-time but with only Eimear O'Sullivan scoring from open play and Galway finding their points with ease, this was as close as the All-Ireland champions got,

Galway led by 1-5 to 0-2 by the 18th minute. While Burns added a second free, points from Rutledge and Connolly were joined by two fine long range efforts for Murray.

Burns got her third free and O'Sullivan picked off her point but Galway replied with three unanswered points through Hanney and a Connolly brace. Burns completed the first half scoring to leave six between the teams.

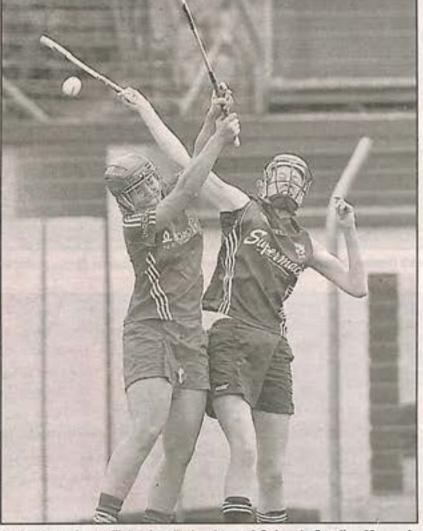
Cork certainly improved for the second period but with Galway going into a more defensive formation, they struggled to find scores. The first two white flags came from Connolly frees as her side stretched their lead to eight points.

Burns responded with three for the Munster outfit, including one from play, to put just five between them again by the 10th minute but another Connolly placed ball made it 1-11 to 0-8 three minutes later.

A move involving Rutledge and Hanney tried to set up a goal chance for Connolly 13 minutes from time but Rena Buckley was alert to the danger even though Orla Kilkenny scored from the breaking ball. And they added two late frees from Therese Maher and Connolly but Cork had more possession. However, with Curtin back playing the role of sweeper, the Cork girls were restricted to only three more points from Jennifer O'Leary, a Burns free and Julia White.

There was one super moment from Aoife Murray four minutes from time.

A quick move involving Kilkenny saw Rutledge run at the defence be-



Cork's Anna Geary flicks the sliothar beyond Galway's Caroline Murray in their Gala All-Ireland Senior Championship clash. Picture: Sportsfile

fore feeding Caroline Murray.

The Galway wing-forward hit a fierce shot only for the Cork stopper to react quickly and get down low at the expense of a 45.

For Galway, it was their third consecutive win at home and with trips against Clare and Dublin to come, Noel Finn's side has their semi-final spot secured. In this game, they put in a strong defensive performance with Niamh Kilkenny and Ann-Marie Hayes standing out.

Kilkenny did well around the middle of the field again and Hanney was superb after moving there for the second half.

And in attack, Rutledge, Caroline Murray and Connolly worked hard while Orla Kilkenny also had an impact upon moving there after the re-

While Cork have two wins against Tipperary and Dublin, two losses in four games will be a cause of concern and with them still having to face Wexford, the champions could be looking to creep into the final four.

They showed their character in the latter stages off this encounter but a poor first half effort ended up being their downfall.

Aoife Murray did all required in goal. Buckley, Catriona Foley, Mary O'Connor and Aoife Geary (second half) were their top defenders and Burns tried hard in attack.

Scorers for Gahway: A Connolly 0-7 (0-5f),T Rutledge 1-1, C Murray 0-2, O Killkelly, B Han-ney T Maher, V Curtin 0-1 each.

Corlc S Burns 0-8 (0-7f), J White, E O'Sullivan, J O'Leary 0-1 each.

GALWAY: Susan Earner; Sandra Tannian, Sarah Dervan, Niamh Kilkenny; Regina Glynn, Ann-Marie Hayes, Heather Cooney; Emma Kilkelly, Orla Kilkenny; Caroline Murray, Ther-cise Maher, Brenda Hanney; Tara Rutledge, Veronica Curtin, Aislinn Connotly.

CORK: Acide Murray; Jenny Duffy, Rena Buckley, Arnanda O'Regan; Catriona Foley, Mary O'Connor, Anna Geary; Orla Cotter, Gernma O'Connor; Julia White, Marie Walsh, Eimear O'Sullivan; Jennifer O'Leary, Sile Burns, Denise Cronin.

Subs: Pamela Mackey for Duffy (HT), Katriona Mackey for Walsh (44), Joanne O'Callaghan for O'Regan (59).

leagues

By MARY NEWMAN

U14 leagues

U14 PLAYERS will enjoy a summer break, with the various games in all sections of the league now completed, before returning to action.

In U14 A there were two groups with two teams emerging from each group. The four teams to contest the semi-finals are Brian Dillon's, Cork Féile na Gael representatives Courcey Rovers, Valley Rovers and Éire Óg.

In the U14 B, there are two groups with four teams qualifying for the semi-finals, Cloughduv topped their group with Glen Rovers in second place and they are joined by Killeagh who topped group two with Sarsfields as runners-up.

Four teams have emerged from the three groups at U14 C level and here there will be two quarter-finals to decide who goes to the semi-final stages the six qualifying teams are Buttevant, Ballyhea O'Neill's, St Catherine's, Tracton and St Vincent's.

It was the same in U14 D where again there were three groups with two teams emerging from each group.

The qualifying teams are Sarsfields 2, St Vincent's 2, Ballygarvan. Newcestown. Banteer and Ballinacurra.

In order to ensure games for the clubs who have not qualified from the respective groups the juvenile camogie board will hold a special competition in the four U14 grades to trying to ensure the players continue to playing in the summer.

The thinking behind this competition is to ensure that clubs who have not qualified for the quarter-final, semi-final or final stages continued to get games now that their group games have been completed.

Last year this proved to be a huge success and now building on this the board has decided to again hold an U14 blitz this year for those who did not qualify for the closing stages of competitions.

The organising committees has had a positive response from clubs and while a lot of club players will be on holidays it has been decided that the tournament will be played on an 11-a-side basis this will give every opportunity to clubs to participate.

The date pencilled in for the U14 Blitz is Sunday August 22 and this will go ahead in Ballincollig. In the coming weeks we will have an update on clubs who are participating in sections and we will also have the draws for the quarter and semi-final stages of the U14 leagues.

CAMOGIE

Gala SCC: Westerd 2-17 Clare 1-5; Kriteney 2-18 Toperary 3-12; Galvay 1-14 Cork 0-11; Gala PJCC Group 1: Lists 3-17 Rescension 1-7; Group 2: Witterhold 3-18 Dochin 0-5; Gala JACC: Kidara 3-15 Westercall 3-4; U18 ACC: Galvay 1-9; Kriteney 4-5; Clare 1-7 Toperary 1-10; Linesist 2-7 Dochin 2-5; Westerd 0-4 Cork 6-14; U18 ACC: Group 1, Archine 13-22 Dochin 0-1; U18 BCC Group 1; Arbitro 12-22 Dover 0-1; Group 2: Ottoly 3-3 Laois 1-3;

Clubs start to emerge to emerge in the U14 Fixture clashes set

Wexford outclassed by Rebels

Wexford

6-14 0-3

NO DISPUTING the results of this game in the Gala All-Ireland minor A championship as Cork returned to inter-county action after the break for exams with a resounding victory over Wexford in the opening game in the series, writes MARY NEWMAN.

Always in control Cork hit the front from the start and they were full value for their half time lead of 3-8 to 0-1 as they put the home defence under huge pressure with Maeve Scannell, Katriona Mackey Mariah Reidy and Katie Buckley all on the score sheet as Eimear O'Connor hit Wexford's only reply

Cork continued their dominance in the second half as Wexford battled in vain, all over the field Cork were in control.

Up front Maebh Scannell caused the Wexford defence huge problems, adding three goals to her first half tally as Cork increased their lead.

Again in all sectors Cork held the upper hand, Wexford to their credit worked hard but they never had the same potential. Eimear O'Connor pointed two frees as they tried to keep pace but Sinead O'Flynn and Caroline Sugrue joined Katriona Mackey, Mariah Reidy, Katie Buckley and the sharp shooting Maebh Scannell in scoring for the Rebels.

Cork took the points on offer to comfortably book their place in the next round where they will meet Clare who defeated Cork in

Scorers for Cork: M Scannell 5-2, K Mackey 1-7, K Buckley 0-2, S O'Flynn, C Sugrue, K Buckley 0-1

Wexford: E O Connor 0-3.



Chloe Connell and Jessica Fleming taking a break during the recent Carrigaline camogie sponsored walk which took place along the Crosshaven

Imokilly just have the edge

TOMORROW

Evening Echo Senior Camogle Championship: Carrigdhoun v Imokilly, Castle Road, 6pm.

IN THE final game in the divisional section of the Evening Echo Senior County Camogie Championship, Carrigdhoun and Imokilly paths cross to decide who goes forward to meet Rockban in the first round of the championship proper.

Last weekend Impkilly got over the line with two points to spare over a determined Carbery side whilst Carrigdhoun received a walk over from Muskerry who were unable to field.

lmokily have been the division tavoured to make it into the championship proper but they know they will need to up the pace if they are to do

This weekend they are strengthened by the inclusion of Mary O'Connor in their line-up and they will be hoping she will come through a busy day on Saturday when she lines out with both the inter-county camogie and football teams in championship action. Verdict: Impkilly.



THE FIASCO and toing and froing that has taken place during the past two weeks between the camogie association and ladies football with regards to the double fixture today of the Munster football final and camogie fourth round qualifier could have been avoided.

With the blame game doing circles and incorrect information being bantered about, here are a few facts.

In November 2009 the camogie association sought a meeting with ladies football to co-ordinate national fixtures for the forthcoming season. On November 9 two such meetings were held at national level. Three camogie representatives and two ladies football representatives were involved in meetings resulting in the following.

 A number of fixture clashes were identified in the 2010 National League and both associations made adjustments to accommodate each other.

 All camogie association representatives left the meetings with the view that there was a clear understanding that camogie senior championship fixtures in 2010 would be played on a Saturday. This is not new and was a continuation of the practice in 2008 (when the senior championship was also run on a seven round system) and also the practice in 2009.

· Since mid June three championship clashes have arisen -

1) Saturday, June 19: Cork v (Munster championship) clashed with Cork v Kilkenny (camogie All-Ireland). Accommodation was reached at local level in staggering match starting times as both games were played in Cork.

The camogie association acknowledged that this is not an ideal solution as dual players had to play back-to-back games. They recognised that there are player welfare concerns and in co-operation would prefer to avoid future instances.

2) Today: Cork v Clare (Munster final) in Castletownroche clashing with

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Murray being denied by a brilliant save from Aolfe Murray.

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Wexford secured an ultimately comfortable win over Clare on a 2-17 to 1-5 scoreline but were not at their best against a Banner outfit that has improved significantly in the past 12 months Clare had the wind in the opening half and trailed by just 0-7 to 0-3 at half time but once the league queenpins had the advantage of the elements, they pulled clear

Lenny Holahan struck for a goal 14 minutes into the second half and though Maireéad Scanlon responded in kind three minutes later, Ursula Jacob's eye for a point helped Wexford edge clear. finished with seven points, five of which came from play and substitute Eveyln Quigley hand-passed to the Clare net in injury

time to ensure a flattering margin of victory.

For all the latest results see www.sportsmanager.ie/cake/camogie/treland/latestResults.

Form of camogie team becoming bit of a concern

I might be overreacting but I wonder have our camogie team fallen back a bit.

Two losses against Kilkenny and Galway have me in this frame of mind.

The most worrying aspect of losing to Galway on Saturday was that we only scored 0-4 from play over the hour which, in a

camogie game, is fairly poor. We relied far too much on Sile Burns for scores from frees and although she was brilliant at converting them, it is disappointing, that as perennial All-Ireland challengers, we need to rely on placed balls to stay in contention in games when really we should be looking to win with a

performance befitting of the talents at our dispos-I appreciate that it is never easy going to Galway looking for a win but you would expect more from this team because we all know how good they can play against any team, playing-

Maybe it is just a minor blip but there is a niggling feeling in the back of my mind that it is more than that

What do you think?

Caltriona, Ovens.

I think it is a bit premature to be thinking so negatively about the whole situation to be honest

I believe that we will see the true Cork telam later in the summer

One or two losses of this nature may enable m to focus better going forward to facing fur-

to be resolved



Lea Murray a sixth class student in St Mary's school, Dunmanway who won a competition to design the new Carbery camogie club's kit which she is wearing. She recivied her award from Cork players Marian Murphy Killbritain/Timoleague, Caroline Sugrue, Ballinascarthy and Orla Cronin, Enniskeane.

camogie championship games Cork v Galway in Athenry and Clare v Wexford in Wexford Park. Cork and Clare dual players are affected.

On notification of such a clash the camogie association formally dis-cussed with ladies football the possibility of an accommodation.

The camogie association demonstrated its own co-operation and goodwill by agreeing to move one fixture, therefore Clare v Wexford has been switched to Sunday. The ladies Football association at national level formally and informally notified the camogie association that they were not agreeable to a change.

It subsequently advised that at national level the management committee was meeting this week and would discuss the situation.

3) This Sunday: The Ulster intermediate camogie final and the Ulster intermediate ladies football final were clashing. The camogie association again demonstrated co-operation and goodwill by agreeing to defer the camogie final.

In fairness to camogie, two out of three ain't bad. The only outstanding issue is arising with the Cork dual players and the logistic headache between Athenry and Castletownroche. Galway to their credit agreed to bring the camogie game forward from 3pm to 2pm. For other reasons they can't switch to the Sunday.

So from where I'm looking the only

thing the ladies football needed to do is move their 6pm scheduled game back to 7pm to at least give the players time to make the game.

I phoned the president of the camogie association, Joan O'Flynn, for her views. This is what she had to say:

"Joint planning and a spirit of co-operation and reciprocity are vital between the camogie and ladies football associations so that dual players and their supporters are accommodated and appreciated.

 "By initiating a meeting with ladies football in November we demonstrated our commitment to joint planning. "However, unfortunately this weekend several clashes have arisen. To address these the camogie associ-

ation deferred the Ulster camogie fixture and re-scheduled one of the senior championship games. "The camogie association has demonstrated willingness, common sense and regard for good relations between the female Gaelic codes in

two out of three such circumstances this weekend. "This is a genuine demonstration of our concern for player welfare and our co-operation in avoiding such unnecessary clashes. A reciprocal decision would ensure that the outstanding issues relating to Cork's involvement in the camogie championship and ladies football final could be satisfactorily dealt with from a players' and supporter's point of

Tracton prove their quality

Tracton 4-18 Ballyhea

A GOOD start to the round robin series of game in the Evening Echo intermediate championship for Tracton at Castle Road. writes MARY NEWMAN.

A more focused Tracton hit the front early with a goal from Aolfe Kiely and they kept the pressure on as they picked off scores Acife Kiely and Marion Jagoe hitting goals as Maria Walsh and Mary Coleman kept Bal-

At half-time Tracton led 3-12 to 1-2. Clodagh Fitzgerald, Jennifer Lynch, Marion Jagoe, and Aoife Kiely all on target adding points to their tally

Again, through the second half, Tracton held the upper hand Aoife Kiely struck for her third goal and picking off points they stretched their lead to run out convincing

Scorers for Tracton: A Kiely 3-2, M Jagoe 1-6, J Lynch 0-7 (0-3f, 0-1 45), C Fitzgerald 0-2. Ballyhea: M Walsh 1-4, M Coleman 0-1

TRACTON: N. Lynch: G. McCarthy, T. Harrington, N. Mullane: K. O' Sullivan, J. Kingston, A. Dempsey, G. Hurley, J. Lynch; C. Fitzgerald, M. Jagoe, M. McGuinness: C. Castleton, A. Kiely and J. Griffin.
Subs: E. Harrington for J. Griffen (40), E. Collins for A. Dempsey (48), G. Ross for M. Mc Guinness (56), T. O' Callaghan for C. Fitzgerald (57), C. Murray for J. Lynch (60).

BALLYHEA: R. Garvey, V. Hennessey, A. Morrissey, S. O'Kelly, G. Crowley, L.O'Kelly, K.O'Leary, M. McCarthy, M. Walsh, S. Douglas, M. Coleman, N. Morrissey, M. Walsh, M. Kelleher, G. Hanley, Sub. J. Reidy for G. Crowley (56).

Town girls capitalise on poor shooting

By MARY NEWMAN Senior B Camogle

Newcestown Aghabullogue 0-6

AGHABULLOGUE lived to regret erratic shooting as they lost out to a sharper Newcestown in the opening game of the Evening Echo Senior B Camogie Championship round robin seriesin Cloughduy. Shooting a total of 11 wides and aided by the strong wind in the second half, Aghabullogue were given every opportunity to gain the upper hand, but credit must go to Newcestown who worked hard over the hour to ensure itwas they who took the points. The opening half was evenly contested as Newcestown. aided by the elements, never managed to shake off a determined Aghabullogue side who matched them stride for stride

It was deadlocked at 0-4 each as the half-time whistle approached, but a lapse in concentration by the Aghabullogue defence saw them allow Hilda O'Mahony make a run on goal unchallenged before she finished the ball to the net for a score that was to prove crucial.

Aghabullogue hit three wides in a row inside four minutes of the restart before Emma Healy cut the deficit with a pointed 45.

Newcestown's Colette Desmond hit a point and for the next 14 minutes it was all Aghabullogue, but they failed to find the target, driving wide after wide.

Colleen Long (2) and Gráinne Cronin pointed as Newcestown opened up a five-point lead and still Aghabullogue battled to find their range, striking four wides in as many minutes as the clock ticked on. Sinéad Buckley pointed a long-range free, but it came too late to affect the outcome as Newcestown held on.

Scorers for Newcestown: C Desmond 0-4, H O'Mahony 1-1, C Long 0-2 (0-1 f 0-1 45), G Cronin 0-1.

Aghabullogue: E Healy 0-3 (0-2 f, 0-1 45), N Twomey, T Roche, S Buckley (f) 0-1 each.

NEWCESTOWN: L O'Sullivan; K. Murphy, M Deasy, M Crowley; A Coughlan, R Desmond, C O'Mahony; E Crowley Icl, F Crowley; G Cronin, T McCarthy, A Crowley; C Long, C Desmond, H O'Mahony, Subs: T Hurley for A Crowley (h-t), S Deasy for T Mc-Carthy (55).

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AGHABULLOGUE: N Moynihan; M
Twomey, J Twomey, L Rohan; D
Twomey, S Buckley, T Roche; B
Twomey, C Murphy; N Doherty, N
Twomey, E Healy; S Dineen, F Buckley, E O'Connell, Subs: M O'Sullivan for E
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Buckley (58), E O'Mahorry for C
Murphy (52).

Reference Ger Sheehan (Doubles)

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Galway power sees off

Camogie

Daragh Ó Conchúir

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CAMOGIE

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each)
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0-1) Dublin 0-5 (0 Durkan 0-4 (-3f, 0-145), A Bugler 0-1) GALA JUNIOR A CHAMPIONSHIP Kildare 3-16 Westmeath 3-4 U-18 A CHAMPIONSHIP Kilkenny 4-5 Galway 1-9; Tipperary 1-10 Clare 1-7; Limerick 2-7 Dublin 2-5; Cork 6-14 Wexford 0-4. LEINSTER U16 CHAMIONSHIP FINAL

Dublin 3-9 (M O'Reilly 2-1, K Mc Evoy 1-0, C Berkeley 0-6(0-f), A Maher, L Walshe O-1 each) Kilkenny 2-11 (L. Fitzpatrick 1-2, A Byran 1-0, 0 Harrick 0-4 (0-2f, 0-145), K Hamilton 0-3, C Holden, N Bambrick O-1 each)

Gala Junior B Championship Group 1: Donegal v Mayo, 70; Group 2: Louth v Meath, 8.0; Wicklow v Kildare, 8.0.

Auditor critical of camogie body

A Belfast college and the body that runs Ulster camogie have been criticised in the latest report by the North's Comptroller and Auditor General.

The handling of accounts at Belfast Metropolitan College, which has an annual budget of £45 million (€54 million). was "unacceptable". It was criticised for submitting late accounts and for a consultancy bill that could top £2 million.

Referring to the Ulster Camogie Council, comptroller Kieran Donnelly reported that between 2000 and 2008. £48,502 was paid to the body

by the sports council, "Of this, £14,754 has been deemed irregular because UCC were unable to provide evidence of associated expenditure."

Cork minors can turn the tables on Clare

CORK v CLARE, Gala All-Ireland Minor Championship, Ballincollig 7.30pm.

JUST a point separated the sides when they met in the Munster final two months ago, writes MARY NEWMAN.

Clare edged it with an injury-time score and Cork will be anxious to gain revenge.

Cork recorded a huge victory over

lost out to Tipperary and come into tonight's clash via the back door.

Last season Clare reached the All

is a reliable goal keeper, defenders Rosie O'Mahony, Ena Coughlan and Pamela Mackey will have to be at their best to hold a strong Clare attack where Louise Woods Susan Fahy and Niamh Corry should pose huge threats.

Up front, Cork have a match winner in Meadhbh Scannell who bagged five goal against Wexford Katrina Mackey, Finola while

Wexford in round one while Clare Murphy. Captain Jessica Kavanagh Neville and Aine O'Donovan will defence where the experienced Chloe Morey, who captains the side, Christina Glynn and Joanne Walsh are sure to feature prominently.

Manager Francie McMahon will be confident that his side can repeat their provincial final result but this is a serious Cork outfit that has done huge work and, with home advantage, can advance to the semis.

governing body, the Camogie Association, cooperated at all times with investigations into the use of Sport Northern Ireland funding by Ulster Camogie Council," said O'Hara.

"All amounts referred to in the report of the comptroller and auditor general have been repaid to Sport NI. Ulster Camogie Council has a new executive since 2007 and is working to achieve appropriate standards of excellence in governance."

O'Hara issued a statement in re-sponse to the report insisting that bes practice was now being observed by Ulster Council and its executive. "Ulster Camogie Council and it

now been paid.

The auditor-general also criticised the Sports Council for continuing to pay grants to the Ulster Council, even though it did not receive audited accounts from them between 2004 and 2007.

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"This includes £1,690.50 relating to invoices that were allegedly falsified."

The report explains that it was the Camogie Association that identified the irregularities and repaid £5,469 in January 2008 on behalf of its Ulster branch.

Of the remaining £9,285, the Sports Council was able to vouch for £5,825 after the UCC produced bank statements and issued a clawback for the remainder, which has relating to falsified."

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the Northern Ireland Sports Council had been falsified, and that the money claimed was significantly greater than the expenses actually accrued.

The investigation revealed between 2000 and 2008, £48,502 (€58,000) was paid to the Ulster Camogie Council by the Sports Council.

"Of this, £14,754 has been deemed irregular because UCC were unable to provide evidence of associated expensional diture" said Donnelly in his report.

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AN investigation into grants awarded to the Ulster Camogie Council should have been treated as a fraud probe, according to yesterday's report to the Northern Ireland Assembly by the NI comptroller and auditor-general, Kieran Donnelly.

Council chairperson, Catherine O'Hara has responded to revelations of financial impropriety by stating that it

Ireland final where they lost to Kilkenny and, having defeated Cork recently, they will be confident that they can confirm the form.

Cork were full value for their victory over Wexford and have prepared extremely well under the guidance of Aghabullogue's Murt

Biddy Phillips, national camogie referee and administrator, passed away on Wednesday July 6th. Biddy was manager of the 1999 Tipperary Camogie Team that brought the O'Duffy Cup to Tipperary for the first time. Biddy was the referee for the All Ireland Senior Camogie Final in 1997 as well as intermediate, junior and senior club all Irelands between 1993 and 1999. Biddy also gave long service to the Camogie Association's National Referees Committee which she chaired for a term and also acted as treasurer of the Tipperary County Camogie Board from 1988 to 2000.

Speaking about Biddy's contribution to Camogie President of the Camogie Association Joan O'Flynn said: "Biddy's commitment to camogie on and off the field was exceptional. A particular highlight was her involvement in managing Tipperary Camogie team to win their first senior All Ireland Camogie title in 1999. This stands alongside her wonderful service to her club, Tipperary Camogie Board, Munster Camogie Council and at national level. On behalf of the Camogie Association I would like to extend our sympathies to her husband Jimmy and family Leonard, Barry, Carol and Sinead. know that Biddy's loss will be deeply felt by her family and in Tipperary but also throughout Camogie nationally. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dilis.

Funeral arrangements:

Biddy Philips will be reposing at Egans Funeral Home on Thursday July 8th from 5pm and 8pm. Burial on Friday at 11.30am Bohernanave Church.

President's July Blog President's July Blog

The championship season is racing ahead, and the All Ireland championships are throwing up some fantasic games. Results are not always going to form. That's adding a bit of extra spice. The draw for the All Ireland Sonior Sens Finals will be made in Croke Park on 26th July to I'm sure there'll be keen interest in that

It's great to see the momentum around expanding participation. New clubs are mushrooming in each Province. Congrats to The Loop in Derry, Giengoole Gostnahoe in Tipperary, Tubberourry in Sligo and Carnew in Wicklow to name just four of the recent aniwals?

Over past month, here's some particular highlights to tell you about:

First was a wonderful Go Games Primary Schools Bitz in Pearse Og Grounds in Armagh City where there was big participation and huge fun. Colette McSorley (Armagh) and Jane Adams (Antrim) joined in as stars of our game.

Second was the opening of Na Maigh Hurting and Camogie Facilities. Na Margh is the only hurting and camogie club in Derry city and two
new pitches were officially opened last, weekend. It was great to see the unity between both codes here.

Thirdly was a 'Meet the Stars' event attended by over 200 young players in Kildare. The stars in attendance were Louise O'Hara (Dublin),
Orio Kilenny (Galway), Cathriona Foley (Cork), Erner Delaney (Labis) along with Susie O'Carroll, Rossin O'Connell, Aolfe Trant and Namh
Concannon (all Kildare). It was wonderful to see the intercounty players' commitment, all having played championship games the previous day.

Fourth, Féile na nGael was an incredible experience. It was very well organised, very well supported by all clubs and visiting teams and there was excellent competition and sportsmanship all round. Three Camogie teams won their first Féile tible – home side Eire Og from Ernis (Div. 2); my own club Cebridge, Kildore (Div. 3) and Cill Ard, Kerry (Div. 4). Lucan Sansheds (Dublin) collected the Division 1 tible making it two tibles in three years – another great achievement, Congrats all round and special appreciation to Mary Hogan and Oria Considere (Clare) who oversiew the Camogie and of these with contractions and original conferences.

July being Bitzed by Carrogic!

Dublin, Leinster Council and Cork and Kerry are focusing on development in July with these events:

Paul Beether is leading the co-ordination of an intercounty under 14 Bitz in Dublin.
 Eve Talbot and Thomas Davis GAA and Camage Club are putting the final touches to an under 16 inter-club Leinster Bitz white raising funds.

Cork are staging an u12 county wide club bits and

Kerry an u15 county wide club bitz.

The sure there are more so make sure to tell us about them

Camogie Pitches

It's interesting to see over the past few months efforts by County Soards to establish their own playing facilities. Most recently, Cork, Galway and Clare Carnogie Boards now join Tipperary in developing/leasing and/or managing their own county Carnogie plich. That's demon confidence and belief in the future well being of the game and I highly commend it.

President to attend historic All Ireland Finals Day in Croke Park

By the time of the next Blog we'll be pretty close to knowing the All Ireland Senior, Intermediate and Junior Finalists. The 12th September will be a historic one for us as Croke Park will host three Camogie Finals for the first time. The President of Ireland Mary McAleese will join us for the Camogie Showdown – put the date in your diary – it will be a special occasion, as always.

Catch up again in August,

Joan O'Flynn

PHILLIPS (nee Hefferman)
(6 Childers Park, Thurles):
On July 6, 2010, after
a long illness, BRIDGET
(BIDDY). Sadly missed by
her loving family, husband
Jimmy, daughters Carol
and Sinéad sons Leonard Jimmy, daughters Carol and Sinéad, sons Leonard and Barry, grandchildren, daughters-in-law, brother Martin, sister Catherine, cousin Kathleen, brotherin-law, sister-in-law aunt May, best friend Rose, Carol's partner nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. RIP. Reposing at Egan's Funeral Home Thurles today (Thursday) from 5pm, Removal at Spm to St. Joseph's and St. Brigid's Church, Boher-nange, Thurles Requiem Mass tomorrow (Friday) # 11.30am. Burial afterwards in St. Patrick's Cemetery. House private.

Comeback not enough for Rebels

Cork

3-5

CLARE emerged victorious after a titanic battle with Cork in this Gala All-Ireland Camogie Minor Championship game played at Ballincollig last night, writes KEVIN MURPHY.

A superb goal from Niamh Corry proved vital in giving the visitors a fourpoint cushion late in the second half.

They stretched their lead to five before Cork launched a late rally which included a Katie Buckley goal and an injury-time point from Maeve Scannell. However, they just ran out of time.

The opening exchanges were evenly balanced before Cork had two glorious goal chances on the 10-minute mark. Firstly, the Clare goalkeeper denied Fiona Cotter with an excellent save and minutes later Finola Neville was crowded out by the Clare defence. Clare led by 0-2 to 0-1 at the end of the first quarter.

Clare dominated the second quarter and Naomi Carroll scored a superb goal on 25 minutes to give her side a 1-3 to 0-1 lead. The goal unsettled Cork and scores from Chioe Morey and the excellent Carroll gave Clare a commanding lead at half-time.

Cork signalled their intent early in the second half with a Mariah Reidy point inside a minute before Maeve Scannell blasted to the net. They were level after the excellent Katrina Mackey got a second Cork goal at the end of the third quarter, to leave the score at 2-2 to 1-5.

Every time Clare went ahead, back came Cork and the sides were level at 2-4 to 1-7 with five minutes remaining. The killer goal was dispatched by Niamh Corry before Louise Woods added a point to push Clare five points clear. Incredibly Cork got 1-1 inside a minute to get within a single point again. However, their second heroic comeback ended in

Scorers for Clare: N Carroll 1-1, C Morey 0-3 10-3f), N Corry 1-0, S Tuohy 0-2, S Fahy, O Duggan, L Woods 0-1 each.

Cork: K Mackey 1-2(0-1'68), M Scannell 1-1, K Buckley 1-0, M Reidy, F Neville, 0-1 each.

CLARE: S O'Shea: J Watsh M McGrath. J O'Neill: L Woods, C Morey, C Glynn; O Duggan, N O'Dea, E Horgan, K Cahill, N Corry, S Tuohy, S Fahy, N Carroll. Sub: R O'Halforan for E Horgan.

pan.

CORK: J Kavanagh: R O'Mahony, N O'Brien, E Couphlan; S Harrington, P Mackey, L Browne: C Meaney, S Coomey; K Mackey, F Neville, M Reidy; M Scannell, F Cotter, A O'Donovan, Sub: K Buckley for C Meaney, Referee: D Leahy (Tipperary).

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Tipp Rally Fails Narrowly

played for large periods of the game, Tipperary came within a hair's breadth of securing a precious away Nowlan Park on Saturday.

Trailing by twelve points fifteen minutes remaining, a woman down and against the wind, Tipperary pounced on Kilkenny's physical frailties to come within three points of snatching an unlikely draw.

Tipperary found the going tough in the opening half, with the Kilkenny half and full forward lines rampant at times. Michelle Quilty was flawless from placed balls and when Shelly Farrell netted for the Cats, it looked like Kilkenny would blow Tipperary out of the

and Tipperary were still margin to three, before

within range at half time. Mairead Luttrell slotted over some superb long range points, while Claire Grogan kept the scoreboard draw against Kilkenny at ticking over from placed balls. Minutes later and the margin was reduced to five, when Noreen Flanagan found the waiting Grogan. Her shot left Kilkenny keeper Catriona Ryan stranded and found the net. From Tipperary's point of view, half time came at the wrong time as they outscored Kilkenny by 1-3 to a solitary point in the closing stages.

Tipperary began the sec-ond half just as they had ended the first and Mairead Luttrell opened their account from midfield with a Nicole Walsh assist. Cora Hennessy sent over a long But that didn't materialize range free to narrow the

Siobhan Ryan received her front of her, before retaking in midfield and isolating the marching orders after pick-control and unleashing a Tipperary forwards. ing up a second yellow card for a high tackle on Shelly Farrell. Kilkenny duo Ann Dalton and Michelle Quilty punished Tipperary at every opportunity and when wing forward Marie Dargan roofed the sliotar to the Tipperary net, it looked like Kilkenny were about to dish out a hammering.

However, it was to be their last score of the half as Tipperary threw down the gauntlet. Cait Devane and Jill Horan started the revival with a point apiece, before Grogan's 21m free went over the bar. Mairead Luttrell found the net with a screamer from 30 yards finding the top corner. Joanne Ryan breached the Kilkenny rearguard and field and this proved bugely sensing the forthcoming effective as the Cats were block she let the ball fall in winning the decisive battle

rasper across the goal and into the net. Geraldine Kinnane was dragged to the ground and Grogan's penalty again sailed a foot over

Tipperary launched one unable to latch onto Joanne Ryan's handpass and the danger was averted. With that, the curtain had come down on what was a spirited revival, but a bridge too

Tipperary were simply outclassed for periods of the game with the Kilkenny midfield and half forward line running amuck at times. Indeed, their halfback line drew Tipperary's half-forward line into mid-

Tipperary can take great heart from the final 20 minutes in which they outscored Kilkenny 2-3 to 0-0. Kilkenny took their foot off the gas and Tipper-ary pressed home their final attack, with Jill Horan physical edge. Nothing changes for Tipperary, they still have to beat Wexford next weekend to keep their championship hopes alive. That game is fixed for the Camogie grounds on Saturday next July 10th at 3.00pm. Hopefully, clubs in Tipperary 1.10, the county will rally support in their locality, & help encourage & support the Senior team in their own back yard.

> Tipperary: R.Kenneally, J.Kirwin, S.Ryan, M.Tynan, S.Larkin, M.Ryan, J.McGrath, J.Horan (Capt) (0-1), C.Hennessy (0-1

(free)), C.Devane (0-1), M.Luttrell (1-3), G.Kinnane, A.McLoughney, N.Flana-gan, C.Grogan (1-6 (0-6 frees)). Subs used: J.Ryan (1-0) and N. Walsh.

Referee: F.McNamara (Clare)

U18A All Ireland Championship Tipp Defy Clare Comeback Clare 1.07

In a windswept Sixmilebridge last week, Tipp's minors withstood a Clare second half blitz to come away with maximum points in what was a spectacular performance from the premier girls. With the wind in their back for the first half, Tipp went in at half time leading 1.08 to 0.03.

Clare was never going to let this game go without a fight, & what a contest the second half provided. Despite being out scored in the second half, Tipp stood the second half, Tipp stood up to the challenge, & held on to a well deserved victory, setting them up with a home clash against Wexford this Wednesday, July 7th in the Camogie grounds.

Tipperary; Orla McInery, Ann Eviston, Lisa Cahill, Sheila Ryan, Clodagh Quirke, Mairead Barry, Sinead O Meara, Brid Quinn, Nicole Walsh (0.01), Alice Fogarty, Claire Kennedy (0.03), Niamh O Donoghue (0.01), Amy Kennedy (1.02), Cait Devane(0.01), Aoife Ryan (0.02)

TONIGHT: Courcey Rovers v Milford, Coachford 8pm.

MILFORD will start out their campaign determined to go the full distance this

Last year they knocked out the champions only to lose to St Catherine's in the final.

They have a strong panel of players and they are strengthened with the return of Eimear O'Friel and Aoife Dillon, while Cork seniors Anna Geary and Elaine O'Riordan will spearhead their campaign.

Courcey Rovers have been hit with an injury to their Cork star Rachel Moloney. She is sidelined for six weeks after picking up a knee injury against Kilkenny. While she is listed in the substitutes, it's doubtful she will be fit to line out.

They have good players like former Cork senior Sara Hayes, Aisling Moloney, Julia Mulcahy and Caron O'Reilly, but the loss of Moloney, if unable to play, is something they may not be able to overcome.

TOMORROW: Ballincollig v St Catherine's, Sarsfields 3pm.

It's a big occasion for Ballincollig as they step out for the first time to participate in senior championship.

They could not have it tougher as they face defending champions St Catherine's.

Last season, Ballincollig captured the senior B crown and won promotion to senior ranks, but it was a fairytale year for their opposition as they created their own piece of history by taking their first senior county title.

Ballincollig's Leah Weste has been troubled by a knee injury, but she is expected to line out.

Cork captain Orla Cotter is a superb athlete and she has huge support from the Twomey sisters, Denise and Deirdre and Orna Neville as the champions seek to defend their

The champions will have to be at their best if they are to avoid finding themselves in the losers round in three weeks time.

Ballygarvan v Douglas; Cloughduv, 6pm.

champions in Douglas lost their crown to Milford last season.

New coach former St Finbarr's player Billy Clarke is joined by Mary Harrington and Mossy Mac and with Deirdre Murphy returning to their panel, they have a full squad to pick

Louise O'Regan captains a side that is backboned by their

Big guns out in camogie this weekend



Milford's Anna Geary (right) about to catch the ball against Barryroe. The Cork senior player will spearhead their attack against Courcey Rovers.

By MARY NEWMAN

Camogle preview

has emigrated.

inter-county senor players Amanda O'Regan, Julia White and the Mackey twins, Katriona and Pamela. Ballygarvan will be without four of

their usual starting line-up. Emer Dillon, Suzanne Lynch and Sally Ann O'Halloran are currently on holiday, while Amanda Murphy

> Inniscarra v St Finbarr's; Cloughduv, 7.30pm

Last year the Barrs took St Catherine's to a replay at the semi-final stage, but they are minus the services of Vivienne Harris (retired), Catriona Myers (emigrated), while Orla O'Sullivan is also unavailable, but just for the first round.

However, they are a strong side with Cork seniors Gemma O'Connor, Lynda O'Connell and Jenny Duffy spearheading their challenge.

Mick Finn has taken over the coaching this year and he is joined by Ciarán Barry and Brian Walsh.

Inniscarra are a young outfit un-

der the guidance of former Cork seniors Irene O'Keeffe and Paula Goggins with Fergal O'Leary and Sean Twohig also on the line.

Rena Buckley is their key player and she has plenty of support from Rosie O'Mahony, Fiona O'Connell and Niamh Dilworth.

Meanwhile, in the Senior B Championship on Friday night, Éire Óg meet Bishopstown in Ballincollig, Glen Rovers and Carrigaline meet in Shanbally with both at 7.30pm, while Killeagh and Kilbrittan are in action in Castle Road at 8pm.

Jacob inspires Model victory

Daragh Ó Conchúir

THE Gala All-Ireland senior hurling camogie championship semi-finalists were confirmed over the weekend.

Wexford, Galway and Kilkenny advance to the last four after Saturday victories, while Tipperary's defeat by the Model County ensured the progression of Cork, who had the weekend off,

Ursula Jacob was the Wexford star, contributing 1-12 in their 2-17 to 0-14 success over the Premier county.

Jacob hit 1-7 from placed balls with the remainder from open play.

Wexford had the perfect start with a Lenny Holohan goal in the fifth minute but Claire Grogan's prodigious point-scoring — nine points, seven from frees and one from a 45 - had Tipp level at the break

But after Jacob's attempt at a point from 45 dropped to the net, Wexford pushed on with the wind at their backs to ram home their advantage.

Clare gave Galway a fright before eventually falling by two points in a thrilling encounter at Corofin.

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GALA SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP Corofin: Galway 1-13 (T Rutledge 1-2, V Curtin 0-4, A Connolly 0-4 (0-31, 0-145) ,O Kilkenin; B Hanney, C Marray 0-1 each) Clare 1-11 (C Mc Mahon 1-7 (0-51). C Morey O-2f, D Murphy O-2) The Rage: Wexford 2-17 (U Jacob 1-12 (O-3/45, O-4f), L Holohan 1-1, K Parrock 0-2, M O'Leary, J Dwyer 0-1 each) Tipperary 0-14 (C Grgan 0-9 (0-7), 0-145), C Devane 0-2, C Hennesse 0-2(0-1f), G Kinnane 0-1) Nowlan Pic Kilkenny 6-20 (A Neary 3-2 (D-11), K. Power, S. Farrell 1-3 each, M. Dargan 1-2, A. Dalton O-4 (D-21), M. Quilty, A. Farrell O-2 each, D. Gaule, C. Dormer 0-1 each) Dublin 0-6 (I, O'Hara 0-5 (0-3f, 0-145), S Duff 0-1) Intermediate Championship Derry 2-8 (K Mc Auley 2-1, K Keit, O-3, S Cassidy O-2, G Mc Goldrick, G Mc Cullagh O-1 each) Limerick O-11 (E O'Brin O-7, O Curtin O-2, M Casey, D Fizpatrick O-1 each) Premier Junior Championship Antrinn 1-11 (R Mc Corry 1-0, J Adams 0-5 (0-4f), C Hamill, K Mc Alcese, S

Graham 0-2 each) Laois 1-11 (S Fitzgerald 1-2, E Mahony 0-3 (0-2f), N Dollard, K Cuddy 0-2 each, L Mahony, A Mahory 0-1 each). Meath 2-12 (E Lynch 1-2, F O'Neill 1-0, J Dolan 0-7 (0-6f). A Donnelly 0-1f, C Troy. S Hackett O-1 each) Roscommon 1-6 (G Egan 1-0, K Hopkins 0-5f, S O'Brien 0-1). Waterford 3-18 (A Lyng 2-10 (0-4f), K Kelly, T Jackman 0-3 each, N Rockett, G Kenneally 0-1 each) Down 0-6 (0 Mc Ginr, C Mc Gourty 0-2 each, K Mc Mullan, L. Mc Crickard 0-1 each) Junior 'A' Championship Westmeath 4-12 (J Walsh, S Jackman 1-2 ench, M Scuffy, L Shaw 1-0 each, P Greville 0-3, D Loughlin, D Mc Grath 0-2 each, A Higgins 0-1) Carlow 0-6 (C Quirke 0-3, N Quirke 0-2, M Coady 0-1) Kildare 3-18 (S O'Carroll 1-9 (0-4f), R OConnell 2-1, S Hurley 0-4, M Mortagh 0-2, O Mulally, A Maher O-Jeach) London 1-2 (R Casack 1-0, H Murphy 0-2f) Minor A Championship: Galway 3-16 Limerick 0-7; Cerk 3-5 Clare 2-9; Kilkerny 3-12 Dublin 1-10

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Chloe Morey hit back from distance but time ran out on the Banner with Galway prevailing 1-13 to 1-11. Galway began well and led by 0-4 to 0-1 before Clare drew level at 0-7 apiece at the break. The Tribeswomen had goalkeeper Susan Earner to thank for parity as she made a brilliant save from Fiona Lafferty's fierce, low shot. Rutledge and McMahon exchanged goals to set up the dramatic conclusion and it was Galway's greater experience that proved crucial.



■ BREAKING THROUGH: Tipperary's Rosie Kenneally is closed down by Wexford's Ursula Jacob in the Gala All-Ireland Picture: Brian Lawless/SPORT: senior camogie championship at The Ragg GAA Grounds, Thurles. Picture: Brian Lawless/SPORTSFILE

At Nowlan Park, Kilkenny's 100% record was never under threat, as they hammered Dublin by 6-20 to

Goals from Katie Power, Aoife

Neary, Shelly Farrell and Marie Dargan helped them establish a 4-8 to 0-3 interval lead. Neary added two more after the resumption to head the scoring charts with 3-2.

Louise O'Hara was the visitors' best player and she provided five of her side's points.

For all the latest results see www.sportsmanager.ie/cake/camogie

Death of Noted Sportswoman Biddy Phillips

By John Guiton

The untimely death of popular Thurles woman Biddy Phillips on Tuesday evening caused widespread sadness, especially among the sporting fraternity in County Tipperary.

Biddy who passed to her eternal reward, following a long illness borne with remarkable fortitude, was best known for her life-long association with Tipperary camogie, and was a key figure in the golden era of the game in the Premier County in the late nincties.

Biddy who resided in Childers Park in Thurles, a mere stonethrow from Semple Stadium, was synonomous with the development and growth of camogie in County Tipperary from her days as a player right up to her years in a pivotal management role at underage, junior and senior level. With the help of many of her close associates and friends she dedicated a large part of her life towards fostering and promoting the game on the playing fields and at administrative level. She served Tipperarty Camogie Association in a number of capacitites, including

Her devotion to the game she loved with a passion brought her and her family immense joy and satisfaction, particularly when Tipp dominated the national honours list in a never to be forgotten in the history of the game in the Premier County.

Biddy Phillips took a keen interest in all sports, and apart from her abiding love of camogie and hurling, she, her husband Jim-



my, and family had long association with Thurles Crokes club. A woman who dedicated herself to the works of many other community organizations in Thurles, she was renowned for her courtesy, good nature, and loyalty to all who had the pleasure of knowing her. On the management and coaching side of camogie in Thurles and Tipperary she was renowned as a shrewd tactician whose advice and support helped launch the highly successful careers of many household names in the game. She also had the distinction of being a well-known All-Ireland camogie referee.

Biddy Phillips (nee Heffernan) will be sadly missed by all who knew her and her passing leaves a huge void in Tipperary sporting circles. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to her husband Jimmy, family, extended family, relatives, and legion of friends to whom she leaves a legacy of special memories. At the time of going to press on Wednesday morning funeral arrangements have yet to be announced. Peace to her

Senior semi-finalists confirmed

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By Daragh O Conchilir

The four semi-finalists for the Gala All-Ireland senior hurling camogic championship were confirmed yesterday as Wexford. Galway and Kilkenny all recorded victories, and Tipperary's defeat by the Model County ensured the progression of Cork, who

Ursula Jacob did the damage for Wexford, contributing 1-12 of her side's tally in their 2-17 to 0-14 success. Accurate from placed balls, Jacob

was always dangerous, plundering 1-5 from play. Wesford got off to the perfect start with a Lenny Holohan goal in the fifth minute but Claire Grogan's prodigious point-scoring - she finished with

nine points, seven of which came from frees and one from a 45 - brought Tipp back level at the break, 0-10 to 1-7. Once Jacob's attempt at a point from 45m dropped to the Tipperary net however, Woxford pushed on with the wind at their backs to ram home their advantage.

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Chipe Morrey hit back from distance but time ran out on the continuously improving Bannerwomen, Galway prevailing on a 1-13 to 1-11. Galway began best and led by 0-4 to 0-1 early on before Clare hit back to level at 0-7 apiece at the break. The Tribeswomen had goalkeeper Susan Earmer to thank for not being behind as she made a brilliant save from Flona Lafferty's flerce, low shot.

Rutledge and McMahon exchanged goals to set the game up for its dramatic conclusion and it was Galway's greater nous that prevailed. At Nowlan Park, Kilkenny's 100% record was never under threat, as they hammered Dublin by 6-20 to 0-6.

Louise O'Hara was the visitors' best player and she provided five of her side's points but Killenny were never under threat.
Goals from Katle Power, Apife Neary, Shelly Farrell and Narie Dargan helped them establish a 4-8 to 0-3 interval lead. Neary added two more after the resumption to take the scoring honours with a tally of 3-2. For all the latest results see www.sporturnanager.ie/cake/camogie/Ireland/latestResults

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Torrential rain made it hard for both teams, and with Ballincollig hitting three points in row to level matters and edge ahead before half time they led 0-7 to 0-5.

Inside 10 minutes of the restart Orla Cotter had St Catherine's level, converting three frees as Patricia Buttimer hit one for Ballincollig, Sarah Buckley and Finola Neville swapped point as it remained level. Otla Cotter converted two frees to put her side two ahead and St Catherine's were now in control, but Ballincollig keeper Aisleen Sheehan denied them on several occasions as they went for goals

Denise Cronin converted a close in free to narrow the gap to a point with four minutes remaining and Ballincollig hit the front with Buttimer grabbing the vital goal. Denise Twomey narrowed the gap to one, but Ballincollig won a free which Denise Cronin converted to the sound of the full time whistle.

St Catherine's now face a back door losers round clash with the losers of the Cloughduv/Barryroe clash while Ballincollig advance.

Ballincollig: A Sheehan; E O'Sullivan, A Kiely, A Coughlan; C Irish, K O' Donoghue, A Cotter; S Buckley, S Coomey; J Ryle, L Weste, D Cronin; P Buttimer,

M O' Donoghue (c), H Coomey, Subs: A Lovett for J Ryle (51) 8 O' Callaghan for A Coughlan (55), Scorers: P Buttimer 1-2, S Buckley 0-4 (0-3f, 0-1 45"), D Cronin 0-2 (0-2f), M O' Donoghue, L Weste, J Ryle 0-1 each.

St Catherine's: D Leahy; F Noonan, N Mulcahy O'Neill; A O'Regan, L Power (c), C Motherway: O Cotter, M O'Regan; Deirdre Twomey, M Tobin, F Cotter; F Neville, E Ronayne, Denise Twomey, Sub: R O' Callaghan for M O' Regan (36). Scorers: O Cotter 0-8 (0-6f 0-1 45"), F Neville, Denise Twomey 0-2 each.

Referee: Cathal Egan (Glen Rovers).

Douglas Ballygarvan

1-11

IT went down to the wire as Douglas and Ballygarvan battled it out in Evening Echo senior county championship at rain drenched Clough-

Maria Harkin and Pamela Mackey were to the fore for Douglas, while for Ballygarvan the impressive Rebecca Murphy caused the Douglas defence huge problems. Catriona Kelly again showed great accuracy with three first half points but it was Douglas who led by two at the

Rebecca Murphy narrowed the gap at the restart with a point but again Maria Harkin put Douglas two points clear as Catriona Kelly replied, inside 12 minutes Douglas grabbed a goal Maria Harkin finished over the line in a goal mouth

Catriona Kelly and Mackey swapped points before Rebecca Murphy finished to the net and now just a point separated the sides as Ballygarvan kept the pressure on. Catriona Kelly converted a free and the sides were level with six minutes remaining.

Douglas hit two long range frees before Katriona Mackey converted from an awkward angle. Aine O'Donovan pointed two minutes

Senior championship off to a flying start

into injury time to give Douglas victory. Ballygarvan go forward to a losers round meeting against Courcey Rovers.

Ballygarvan: M E O' Donovan; A Keohane, J Browne (c), A Moynihan; M Moynihan, L Browne, D Daly; V Browne, C Murphy; A Byrne, C Kelly, M Hallahan; R Murphy, S O' Donovan, M Dunne, Subs: S Quilligan for M Dunne (htt), R Keohane for A Byrne (htt), L Kennefick for M Hallahan (53). Scorers: M Harkin 1-3, K Mackey 0-5 (0-31), A O Donovan, A O' Regan (0-21), 0-2 each, D Murphy; 0-1.

Douglas: J Kavanagh; M O'Donovan, E Jordan, T McCarthy; A Barrett, A O'Regan, L O' Regan (c); H O'Mahony, D Murphy; M Harkin, K Mackey, C Murphy; C Kavanagh, R O'Sullivan, A O'Donovan, Scorers: C Kelly 0-7 (0-61, 0-1 45"), R Murphy 1-4.

Referee: Peter Downey (Inniscarra)

Eire Og Bishosptown

EIRE ÓG and Bishopstown battled it out for the points in the first game in the round robin series of matches in the Senior B Championship.

With all the first half scores coming from frees it was Eire Og who led by a point 0-4 to 0-3 at the interval. On the resumption the lead changed hands. Roisin Murray and

Erin Corkery grabbed Eire Óg goals, but Bishopstown hit back with two from Ciara Healy. With seven minutes on the stop watch Bishopstown led by a point. Alanna Mc Kenna levelled before hitting 1-1 to give Eire Og the lead, Erin Corkery added a goal before Clare Meaney and Aine Donegan swapped points as Eire Og held on.

Eire Óg: M Glesson; Catriona Mc Kenna, A Hennessy, K Mc Carthy; Clara Mc Kenna, Aoife Mc Carthy, A Barry; C Meaney, E Crowley; E Corkery, A Mc Kenna, M Herlihy; A Desmond, A Mc Carthy, R Murray, Subs M Corkery for A Desmond. Scorers: M O Herlihy 0-5(0-4f), E Corkery 2-0, A Mc Kenna 1-2, R Murray 1-1 C Meaney 0-1.

Bishopstown: D Coughlan; P Finn, A Noone, E Duggan; J Crowley, P Kenneally, A Corcoran; M Crowley, S Kelly; M Scannell, A Donegan, F Shanshan; M Egan, C Healy, J A Browne, Subs: C Enright for A Noone (inj 50). Scorers: C Healy 2 -6(0-4f), M Crowley, A Donegan 0 -1each.

Glen Rovers Carrigaline

GLEN ROVERS proved to strong for Carrigaline in rain lashed Shanbally in the first round of the Evening Echo senior B championship round robin series of games.

The Glen set the pace from the start as Denise Luby showed her accuracy from three placed balls before Edel O'Connell finished to the net after good pressure from the Glen attack. Denise Luby converted two further frees before Sarah Cotter hit Carrligaline's opener as Glen Rovers led 1-5 to 0-1 at the break.

A much improved Carrigaline made life difficult from the start of the second half but the Glen stretch

when Denise Luby converted a free. Carrigaline replied with a Sarah Cotter point before they grabbed a goal from Grace Harrington. With seven points between the sides Denise Luby made it eight from play before a double goal blast from Aoife Walsh and Denise Luby ensured the points for Glen Rovers.

Glen Rovers: K Newman (c); Z Buckley, A Guiton, B Walsh; K O Connell, L Curningham, N O' Brien; E O' Riordan, S Fahy; S O' Hailoran, D Luby, A Walsh; E O' Connell, A O' Keeffe, L Kelly, Subs T Curningham for B Walsh, L O' Sullivan for S Fahy, Scorers: D Luby 1-9 (1-6f, 0-2 45"), A Walsh E O Connell 1-0 each.

Carrigaline: A Kiely; J Kiernan, A Collins, C

Inniscarra St Finbarr's

0-10 INNISCARRA hit five goals as

they overcame St Finbarr's to advance in the Evening Echo Senior B championship. A goal from Alanna Twohig set-

tled Inniscarra with the sides level on 0-3 each, and when Margaret Cosgrove hit for their second goal four minutes later they were in the control. Gemma O'Connor and Trisha Doyle pointed to keep the Barrs in touch, but with Joanne Casey (2) and Emma Kingston extending the Inniscarra lead they led 2-6 to 0-6 at the interval.

Rene Buckley pointed inside a minute of the restart, but three points without reply from Gemma O'Connor had the gap at four. In-niscarra rallied and hit three points in a row. Gemma O'Connor pointed for the Barrs, but Inniscarra finished strong, Alanna Twohig, Rena Buckley and Niamh Dilworth striking goals in a five minute spell that finished the game as a contest before Joanne Casey had the final say with a pointed free.

The Barrs now meet the losers of the Rockban/Imokilly clash, but keep an eye on an Inniscarra side that look very much the finished product and will be serious title contenders.

Inniscarra: S Ni Riain; R O' Mahony, L Hayes, M Buckley; K Jones, F O' Connell, A Kavanagh; M N O' Sullivan (c), K O' Mahony; N Dilworth, E Kingston, R Buckley; J Casey, M Cosgrove, A Twohig, Sub: L Buckley for E Kingston (inj45). Scorers: J Casey 0-7 (0-31, 0-145"), Alanna Twohig 2-0, R Buckley 1-2, M Cosgrove, N Dilworth 1-0each, E Kingston, K O' Mahony 0-1 each.

St Finbarr's: B A Corcoran; A Mc Carthy, C Harrington, M McCarthy (c); C Barrett, L O'Connell, N Goulding: G O'Connor, J Duffy; N Cooke, C Spellman, H Morgan; M Cahalane, T Doyle, V Hosford, Sub N Varian for V Hosford (43), Scorers: G O' Connor 0-6 (0-210-145"), T Doyle 0-3 C Spellman 0-1.

Referce: John O' Leary (Mallow).

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Courcey Rovers

THREE second half goals ensured victory for in this Evening Echo Senior championship clash in Coachford on Friday night. Julia Mulcahy got Courcey's off to a great start with a goal Rachel Moloney returning from injury added to their tally with three pointed frees in the first half as Milford Sarah Sexton Anna Geary Emer Watson and Aine Watson were to the fore. At the half time whistle Courcey's led by two points but on the turn over Milford got on top Goals Maire Flanagan and Louise O' Flynn(2) gave them the upper hand despite a strong showing by Courcey's they failed to breach the strong Milford defence.

Courcey now face a back door meeting against Ballygarvan to stay in contention as Milford advance to the next round.

Courcey Rovers: E Ryan; C Hayes, M O' Donovan, A Allen; P Collins, C O' Neill C O' Driscoll; A Moloney, S Hayes, U Guinn; S Downing, J Crowley, R Moloney; J Mulcahy, C O' Reilly, Subs: E O'Regan for J Crowley, N McCarthy for S Downing, C Duggan for Quinn, Scorers: R Moloney 0-3 ff Julie Mulcahy 1-0

Milford: R Finn; A Dillon, N O'Brien, L Healy; O O'Mahony, D O'Reilly, S Sexton; A Watson; E O' Riordan; M Watson, A Geary, M Flanagan, E O' Friet, E Watson, L O' Flynn, Subs: A O' Flynn for A Dillon, S O' Flynn for E O' Friet, K Galvin for E Watson, Scorers: L O' Flynn 2-0, E Watson 0-3, M Flanagan 1-0, S Sexton, A Geary, O-1, each Sexton, A Geary 0-1 each.

Inaugural Sarah Buckley Memorial Camogie Tournament



Blarney's joint captains, Aisling O'Keeffe and Sarah Martin, accepting the trophy from the Buckley family, Ray, Margaret, Ciaran and Shane, following Blarney's win in the inaugural Sarah Buckley Memorial tournament.

by Mike English

THOUGH the weather was unkind the standard displayed in this underage camogie competition helped to dispel the gloom of the day as St. Finbarr's Ballinascarty, Causeway and the home side, Blarney battled it out in the inaugural Sarah Buckley Memorial Tourna-

Sarah had been a playing member of the Blarney Camogie Club until her untimely death.

Her family, parents, Margaret and Ray with brothers Ciaran and Shane felt that inaugurating a

camogie tournament would be an appropriate way of keeping her memory alive and so they presented trophies to the Blarney Club.

lackie Manley, chairperson, thanked the family for their gesture and the teams who travelled to play, saying they were proud to have known Sarah and thanked her for her dedication to the club.

Margaret Buckley also thanked everyone who helped make the tournament a success, and she hoped that Sarah's memory would be kept alive as teams in the future competed for the trophy. She pointed out that some members of the Blarney team turned down other attractive activities so that they could play in honour of Sarah and for this she and her family would be forever grateful.

It was probably fitting that the home side, Blarney, would be the first winners. But they were pushed all the way by a gallant St. Finbarrs side. The Shield competition was won by Ballinascarty who edged out Causeway, Kerry.

The trophies were presented by the Buckley family to Eimear Foley, Ballinascarty and to joint Blarney captains, Aisling O'Keeffe and Sarah Martin.

Cork have to wary of Tipperary forwards

Cork v Tipperary, Munster U16B semi-final replay, Kilworth, 7.30pm.

TWENTY minutes of extra-time failed to divide these teams last week in Cahir writes MARY NEWMAN.

So it's back to the playing fields again tonight in Kilworth where Cork and Tipplace in the U16B camogle final.

Last time out Cork showed fierce commitment as they refused to let Tipperary get away from them.

All over the field Cork had players willing to give it their all and with both sides searching for a winner the game remained deadlocked, as neither could manage a score for last 12 minutes of normal time.

Into extra time and again it was the same with both sides failing to add to their tally.

Cork know they will have to close down the big threat that Maria Ryan, Acife Moloney and Moira Ryan will pose up front, but with players of the

calibre of Sinead Dennehey, Melissa O'Sullivan and Jennifer Ryan they will be confident of closing down the Tipper-

ary attack. Up front Cork will be looking to players such as Aisling Moloney, Kayleigh Sheehan and Tia McMahony to go the extra mile and grab the vital scores to ensure they reach the decider.

ruthless efficiency

0-10 St Finbarr's

GOALS win games and Inniscarra's ability to bag five proved crucial as they comfortably overcame the challenge of St Finbarr's in Clougduv on Saturday evening, writes MARY NEWMAN. St Finbarr's battled hard to keep pace but eventually they were worn down as Inniscarra hit them with three goals in the closing minutes to ensure no way back.

A goal from Alanna Twohig edged Inniscarra ahead 10 minutes into the game with the sides level on 0-3 When Margaret Cosgrove's first time shot hit the net for Inniscarra's second goal four minutes later, they were in the driving seat. With Gemma O'Connor working hard, the Barrs searched for a reply.

Trisha Doyle pointed to keep them in touch but with Joanne Casey (2) and Emma Kingston extended their lead with points.

Inniscarra grew in confidence. Gemma O'Connor and Doyle pointed before the break to leave two goals between the sides 2-6 to 0-6 at the in-

terval. Rena Buckley got Inniscarra off the mark with a superb long range point from play inside a minute of the restart but with the Barrs having moved Gemma O'Connor to attack, they began to trouble the Inniscarra defence, three points without reply from O'Connor had the gap at four but that was as close as the Barrs came. With their defence as a unit superb, they closed down the Barrs attack. Fiona O' Connell and Karen Jones were hugely impressive, while up front Joanne Casey and Katie O'Mahony with points restored their seven-point advantage.

With seven minutes on the stop watch, Gemma O'Connor pointed for the Barrs but they needed a goal if they were to have any hope of getting something out of the game.

Inniscarra finished strongly with Alanna Twohig, Rena Buckley and Niamh Dilworth firing in goals in a five-minute spell to effectively finish the game as a contest before Joanne Casey had the final say with a poin-

There was no disputing the result and while the Barrs will be hoping to get their challenge back on track with a back door appointment with the losers of the Rockban/Imokilly clash, Inniscarra clearly signalled that they will be serious contenders.

Scorers for Inniscerra: J Casey 0-7 (0-3f, 0-1 45"), Alanna Twohig 2-9, R Backley 1-2,M Cos-grove, N Dilworth 1-beach, E Kingston , K O' Mahony 0-1 each. St Finbarr's: G O' Connor 0-6 (0-2f 0-1 45"), T Dovle 0-3 C South

St Finbarr's: G O' Connor 0-6 (0-2f 0-1 45"), T Doyle 0-3 C Spetiman 0-1.

INNISCARRA: S NI Riain; R O' Mahony, L Hayes, M Buckley; K Jones, F O' Connell, A Kavanagh; M N O' Sullivan (c), K O' Mahony; N Dilwerth, E Kingston, R Buckley; J Casey, M Cosgrove, A Twohig.

Sub: L Buckley for E Kingston (inj45).

ST FINBARR'S: B A Corcoran; A Mc Carthy, C Harrington, M McCarthy (c); C Barrett, L O'Connell, N Goulding; G O'Conner, J Duffy; N Cooke, C Spetiman, H Morgan; M Cahalane, T Doyle, V Hosford.

Sub: N Varian for V Hosford (43).

Referee: John O' Leary (Mallow).

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Inniscarra Buttimer goal hands the show their victory to Ballincollig

St Catherine's

PATRICIA BUTTIMER goal with three minutes remaining made it a dream Senior Championship debut for last season's Senior B champions Ballincollig.

In winning, they consigned reigning county champions St Catherine's to the losers' round in the opening game of the Evening Echo Senior Camogie Championship at Riverstown on Saturday.

Torrential rain and a swirling wind made conditions difficult with Ballincollig hitting three points in-a-row to edge ahead 0-7 to 0-5 at the interval, after an opening half where the sides were evenly matched after being level on three occasions as neither could manage to pull away.

The game restarted in a downpour of rain that continued for the second half and all credit to both teams as they dug deep and battled it out. Inside 10 minutes of the restart, Orla Cotter had the champions back on level terms converting three frees as Patricia Buttimer hit one in reply for Ballincollig.

Sarah Buckley and Finola Neville swapped points as it remained deadlocked but St Catherine's were now beginning to exert a lot more pressure on the Ballincollig defence.

Orla Cotter converted two frees to put them two ahead and St Catherine's were now in control but crucially they could find no way past Ballincollig keeper Aisleen Sheehan who denied them on several occasions as they went for the goal that would put the game out of Ballincol-

Denise Cronin converted a close-in free to narrow the gap to a point with four minutes remaining. Continuing to battle, Ballincollig got the break they wanted when Buttimer showed tremendous composure from an acute angle to put them two points ahead.

St Catherine's swept up field and Denise Twomey narrowed the gap to one but Ballincollig held their nerve Referee: Cathal Egan (Glen Rovers).



Maria O'Donoghue, Ballincollig, gets her shot away despite the pressure from Noirin Mulcahy and Yvonne O'Neill St Catherine's, during the Evening Echo Senior Camogie Championship game at Sarsfields.

By MARY NEWMAN

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and won possession from the puck out and also won a free. Cronin converted to the sound of the full-time whistle to give them a huge victory.

St Catherine's now face a back door losers' round clash with the losers of the Cloughduy / Barryroe clash and they know they will need to improve if they hope to retain their crown.

Scorers for Ballincollig: P Buttimer 1-2, S Buckley 0-4 (0-3f, 0-1 45"), D Cronin 0-2 (0-2f), M O' Donoghue, L Weste, J Ryle 0-1 each.

St Catherine's: O Cotter 0-8 (0-6f 0-1 45"), F Neville, Denise Twomey 0-2 each.

BALLINCOLLIG: A Sheehan; E O'Sullivan, A Kiely, A Coughlan; C Irish, K O' Donoghue, A Cotter; S Buckley, S Coomey; J Ryle, L Weste, D Cronin; P Buttimer, M O' Donoghue (c), H

Subs: A Lovett for J Ryle (51) B O' Callaghan for A Coughlan (55).

ST CATHERINE'S: D Leahy: F Noonan, N Mulcahry O'Neill; A O'Regan, L Power (cl.C Motherway: O Cotter, M O'Regan; Deindre Twomey, M Tobin, F Cotter; F Neville, E Ronayne, Denise Twomey.

Sub: R O' Callaghan for M O' Regan (36).

Three second-half goals key to Milford's victory

Milford Courcey Rovers

> AN EXCELLENT second-half performance where they hit three goals helped Milford to victory in this Evening Echo Senior Camogie Championship clash in Coachford, writes MARY NEWMAN.

Julia Mulcahy got Courceys off to a great start with a goal. Rachel Moloney, returning from injury, added to their tally with three pointed frees in the first half as Milford's Sarah Sexton, Anna Geary, Emer Watson and Aine Watson were to the fore.

At the half-time whistle, Courceys led by two points but on the change over, Milford got on top. Goals from Maire Flanagan

and Louise O' Flynn (2) gave them the upper hand despite a strong showing by Courceys, they failed to breach the strong Milford defence. Courceys now face a back door meeting against Ballygarvan to stay in contention as Milford advance to the next round.

Scorers for Courcey Rovers: R Moloney 0-3 (f) Julie Mulcahy 1-0.
Milford: L O' Flynn 2-0, E Watson 0-3, M Flanagan 1-0, S Sexton, A Geary 0-1 each.
COURCEY ROVERS: E Ryan; C Haves, M O' Donovan, A Allen; P Collins, C O' Neill C O' Driscoll; A Moloney, S Hayes, U Quinn; S Downing, J Crowley, R Moloney; J Mulcahy, C O' Reilly.
Subs: E O'Regan for J Crowley, N McCarthy for S Downing, C Duggan for U Quinn.

Quinn.
MILFORD: R. Finn; A. Dillon, N. O'Brien, L. Healy; O. O'Mahony, D. O'Reilly, S. Saxton; A. Watson, E. O'. Riondan; M. Watson, A. Geary, M. Flanagan, E. O'. Friel, E. Watson, L. O'. Flynn.
Subs: A. O'. Flynn for A. Dillon, S. O'. Flynn. for E. O'. Friel, K. Galvin for E. Watson.

Harkin the toast of Douglas with top display

Ballygarvan

DOUGLAS had to overcome a late rally by a spirited Ballygarvan side in the Evening Echo Senior County Championship on Saturday.

Douglas had excellent performers from Maria Harkin and Pamela Mackey. Ballygarvan kept in touch with impressive Rebecca Murphy catching the eye up front causing the Douglas defence huge problems while Catriona Kelly again showed

1-13 great accuracy as she found By MARY NEWMAN her range with first-half points and it was still all to play for in the second half. Twelve minutes in, Douglas went four points clear. Maria Harkin finished over the line in a goalmouth scramble and when Katriona Mackey pointed a free to put them five points ahead, it looked as if Douglas were in the driving seat. Credit Ballygarvan who refused to give in, Kelly and Mackey swapped points before Rebecca Murphy crashed the ball to the net to give Bally-

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garvan a massive boost. Now just a point separated the sides and Ballygarvan kept the pressure on winning a free, Kelly duly converted and they were on level with six minutes remaining. With the game there for the taking, it was end to end stuff as both defences stood firm, Amanda O'Regan showing great composure in the heart of the Douglas defence while Valerie Browne did huge work for

Ballygarvan as both sides each, D Murphy 0-1.

pressed for a winner. Aine

Ballygarvan: C Kell
45"), R Murphy 1-4. O'Donovan pointed minutes into injury time to give Douglas a two point lead and Ballygarvan no way back. Ballygarvan can take huge positives from their display and look forward to a losers round meeting against Courcey Rovers while Douglas will be happy to have weathered the storm and advance to the next

Scorers for Douglas: M Harkin 1-3, K Mackey 0-5 (0-31), A O'Donovan, A O'Regan (0-21) 0-2

BALLYGARVAN: M E O'Donovano A Kechane, J Browne Ici, A Moyni-han; M Moynihan, L Browne, D Dahy, V Browne, C Murphy; A Byrne, C Kelly, M Hallahan; R Murphy, S O'Donovan, M Dunne.

Subs: S Quilligan for M Dunne (h/t), R Keohane for A Byrne (h/t), L Ken-

netick for M Hallahan (53). DOUGLAS: J Kavanagh; M
O'Donovan, E Jordan, T McCarthy;
A Barrett, A O'Regan, L O'Regan (c);
H O'Mahony, D Murphy; M Harkin, K
Mackey, C Murphy; C Kavanagh, R

O'Sullivan, A O'Donovan. Referee: Peter Downey (Inniscarra).

There were also victories for Killeagh, Glen Rovers and Eire Og in the Senior B Championship.



IT'S been a very sad week for camogie members with the passing of Tipperary's Philips.

Biddy was one of these people you couldn't help but warm to. Always friendly, smiling and up for a bit of banter, it is hard to believe that she's no longer here. Biddy's contribution to camogie was immense. An administrator, national referee and manager of the Tipperary side that took their first All-Ireland in 1999.

The 99 team formed a guard of honour at her removal last Thursday with the huge crowd a testament to how much Biddy was thought of.

I've some great memories of Biddy, she'd bring a smile to my face every time I met her with her cheerful greeting of 'Well howya?".

I remember she refereed our 1997 All-Ireland senior final against Galway. I got a slap into my knee with time almost up and as I lay on the ground Biddy came over, put her hand on my shoulder and said 'It's alright Linda, time is up, ye've won'. To me she was the most important person on the pitch at that time. Little did she know that just two years later she would manage a senior Tipperary side to their first All-Ireland success and I've no Biddy's doubt that was proudest moment.

A huge rivalry developed between Cork and Tipperary from 1999 onwards as they became a formidable force and certainly denied us a few more All-Irelands. While the competitor in you might begrudge them their success at your expense, I could never begrudge Biddy. I was in London when they won that title in '99 and made sure to make contact with Biddy to pass on my congratulations.

Biddy also refereed junior, intermediate and senior club All-Irelands between 1993 and 1999. She chaired the National Referees Committee and also acted as treasurer of the Tipperary Camogie board from 1998 to 2000.

Joan O'Flynn, President of



Biddy was a real camogie person with a big heart



Sinead Pumphrey and Sarah O'Neill, Gael Scoil an Teaghlaigh Naoife, Ballyphehane, part of the winning camogie team at the Hurling by the Lough recently. Picture: Ria Bonus

the Camogie Association paid Cork suffered a six-point detribute to Biddy earlier this week.

"Biddy's commitment to camogie on and off the field was exceptional.

"On behalf of the camogie association I would like to extend our sympathies to her husband Jimmy and family Leonard, Barry, Carol and Sinead.

"I know that Biddy's loss will be deeply felt by her family and in Tipperary but also throughout camogie nation-

"Ar dheis De go raibh a hanam dilis."

It's a long time since Cork went into a game as underdogs and the thought struck me as I viewed previews of last weekend's games on the camogie website. The site was right as feat to Galway. Cork are in trouble despite the fact that even if they lose to Wexford next weekend, they will still possibly advance to the semi-finals. The pressure is on for the Wexford game. A performance is needed more than a win. With each passing game Cork's confidence is taking a massive hit but if any team can call on their reserves of confidence it's Cork. That old bogey that seems to strike Cork as they bid for a threein-a-row seems to be hovering above their heads again. Meanwhile, Kilkenny, Galway and Wexford are growing in stature. Once again last Saturday we failed to find the net and were chasing the game from the 19th second when Veronica Curtin struck for the

only goal of the game. Behind 1-8 to 0-5 at the break, the second half didn't see the gap narrow and no doubting the fact that Cork are concerned. Galway have settled into their stride after a shaky start which saw them lose to the Cats but a victory over the 2010 National League champions and the reigning All-Ireland champions have them on their way to a semi-final spot.

Kilkenny booked their place in the semi-finals with an assured display over Tipperary in Nowlan Park. After collecting points against Galway and recording an away victory to Cork, Kilkenny are secure. Meanwhile, Wexford had an expected comfortable win over Clare after their last-minute lost to Galway the week be-

Interestingly, while in Intermediate grade and by way of gaining more enterestingly, while in Entermediate grade and by way of gaining more experience, a rather daring step was taken, that of participating in the senior National League. In 1994, following victories over Wexford, Kildare, Clare and Kilkenny, Tipp qualified for the final and lost narrowly to Galway in Railleaster. Biddy can credit a control of the contr Ballinasloe. Biddy saw such participation as the right road for the development of the squad that was heading determinedly towards taking Tipperary Camogic along the road back to respectability.

Back in senior ranks in '98 much of what was to follow can be attributed to Biddy Phillips wisdom and commitment. Her input was handsomely rewarded when Tipp knocked Kilkenny out of the '98 championship in Semple Stadium. Galway put an end to their gallop in the All-Ireland semi final in Nowlan Park Galway put an end to their gasop in the Arthur and though understandably disappointed, Biddy well knew that her charges had far more to offer and was confident that the years ahead would be so productive.

The extent of the League final defeat by Cork in '99 hardly seemed to endorse that view but Biddy in her role as team manager realised that an extra spark was required to bring about that realisation of an All-Ireland victory, which had eluded the county for so long. It came in the shape of the introduction of Michael Cleary, Colm Bonnar and Sean Hennessy to the back room team. Tipperary camogic then took off and under Biddy's astute management and a combination of a brilliant team, back room team and tremendous spirit all round, the Holy Grail was at last reached on September

Speaking with "The Guardian" after that final Biddy said she had confidence in the team as far back as the previous summer. Yes, they froze in the league final but she was convinced that wasn't a true performance. People, she said, were inclined to skit at them after that match which made them all the more determined to succeed. Following Tipp's success Biddy received the Sports Executive award at the annual Tipperary Sport Stars (Cidona) awards

Biddy was part and parcel of the great era and with Michael Cleary and Jim Madden masterminded the three-in-a-row achievement. Disappointment came when the four-in-a-row bid failed in 2002 and with Michael and Jim, she bowed out, leaving it to Raymie Ryan, Conor Ryan and Marion Graham to begin a new cycle of success.

Referening was another of Biddy's major inputs into the game of camogie. She served on the National Referees Committee for several years and also chaired that body. She had charge of the All-Ireland junior final in 1993 and in '97 she refereed the senior final between Cork and Galway. In 1998 she was in charge of the Intermediate final and a year later was honoured with refereeing the All-Ireland club final.

Though removed from the day-to-day camogie activities of recent years Biddy's interest never waned and she was a frequent attendee at matches and always loved meeting up with players and administrators, being especially regarded by the members of the 1999-2002 panel.

Her untimely passing last week after a long illness evoked immense sadness in camogie circles as well as in much of Thurles life as evidenced in the vast throngs that queued to extend sympathy to husband Jimmy and her family at Egan's Funeral Home on Thursday evening and again at the Funeral Mass in St's Joseph & Brigid's Church Bohernanave on Friday. Camogie Association President Joan O'Flynn in a tribute described her

Prior to the weekend's Gala All-Ireland championship games, a minute's silence was observed in her memory. Biddy Phillips remains were buried in St Patrick's cemetery.

commitment to camogie, on and off the field as exceptional.

Ar dheis De go raibh a hanam dilis.

Camogie personality's lamented passing

By Gerry Slevin

Camogie has lost one of its most popular and respected personalities with the sad passing on Tuesday of last week of Biddy Phillips, 6 Childers Park, Thurles. Player, official, referee, administrator, Biddy packed it all into three wonderful decades of camogie commitment from the early 1970s right up to the arrival of the third millennium when she experienced the greatest thrill of her sporting life through her involvement with the all-conquering Tipp side of

As Biddy Heffernan she wore the Ballytarsna colours with pride in her early involvement years and in 1971 had the distinction of lining out on three Tipp teams in championship fare, the under 18s, juniors and the senior side. She featured with the under 18s and seniors again in '72, a year that saw her make an impressive debut with the Thurles club by scoring 3-1 in the Ann Frazer cup final against St Bernadette's /Knockshegowna. She also figured prominently in the Thurles county championship success. They were surprisingly beaten by Eire Og, Ennis in the Munster club semi final, a defeat not without its talking points as referred to in 'The History of Camogie in Tipperary 1904-2003' by Martin Bourke and Seamus King. They recall that the Thurles team had embarked on a fourteen-day American tour in October and less than forty eight hours after their return were forced to line out against the Ennis side in Shannon. In addition they had to play twenty one minutes of the first half with only nine players (it was the twelve a side era) because one carload of Thurles players had difficult in finding the venue. They managed to be on level terms at half time 0-4 to 1-1 having played with the wind but what was a very leg-weary side succumbed in the second half to

Ample amends were made a year later when Thurles claimed the provincial title. Biddy put them ahead in the decider against Ahane with a first minute goal and in a 4-5 to 0-1 victory she accounted for all four goals. Her playing days ended in the Moycarkey colours in 1977.

1980 saw Biddy Phillips make her administrative debut when she was elected assistant County Board secretary. In addition she Joined Timmy Delaney and Bernie O'Dowd as selectors of the senior team. The 1980s were years of struggle for Tipp camogie and Biddy was a selector when, following an inability to field a team against Galway in the league, it was agreed to pull out of the competition entirely. Lack of interest continued to be maintained when championship time came around and Central Council was informed that Tipp was withdrawing, permission being granted to regrade to junior status.

This was something that Biddy was deeply concerned about and her tremendous love for the game saw her throw herself wholeheartedly into the rehabilitation process then embarked upon. She became treasurer of the County Board in 1988, a position she held until 2000 and she coupled her duties with those of Registrar. She was a member of John Kennedy's back room team when the Tipp juniors lost out to Kildare and Down in successive All-Ireland finals in '90 and '91. That rehabilitation process reached a decided height in '92 when Galway lost in the All-Ireland final and Tipp moved up to Intermediate ranks.

Biddy was a constant source of inspiration as the journey back to senior status was travelled. When, eventually, the goal was reached following the defeat of Clare in the Alf-Ireland Intermediate final of 1997, Biddy was team coach and she was now set to lead the challenge for senior honours.

Hurley will be huge loss

IT was with regret that camogie followers will have learned this week of the untimely death of Alan Hurley from Blackrock camogie club. Alan was a very popular mentor with the club and worked with many of the teams especially the club's U18 team for a few seasons. Always obliging and willing to help out with a fixture if there was a problem, Alan had a great enthusiasm for the game and for the club He did huge work in promoting the game at both county and Seandún competition level. While illness curtailed his involvement a little in recent times, he maintained his huge drive for the game and was up to date in all activities. His wife Kerri shared his drive and has a big involvement also and represented the club at various levels including serving as an officer with Seandun. Alan always had a smile on his face and always had a word about the game he loved to be involved in Many a tough game we were in opposite corners, be it in Blackrock or the Glen Field and afterwards we would have a quick word and he would pick out and acknowledge some player who would have played well. Now sadly this will not be the case again and we will certainly miss his involvement with his beloved Rockies. To Kerri, Mollie, Abigale, and James, to his parents Pat and Theresa, brother Ian and sister Susan, the sympathy of the camogie community in Cork is extended. May he rest in

Massive game for Cork girls

THERE is a huge game for the Cork senior side next Saturday, July 17, as they continue the round-robin series of games in the Gala All-Ireland championship when they meet Wexford in Páirc Uí Rinn.

With victories over Tipperary and Dublin to their credit, the Rebels lost out to Galway and Kilkenny and it is hoped that Saturday's game will help them clinch a semi-final spot and with just one game to go after this against Clare on July 24, every game is vital. For the side's first home game against Kilkenny the county board introduced a new initiative by contacting clubs and encouraging them to bring their underage teams to the game to support the Cork senior and intermediate teams in action on the day. In total, eight clubs brought groups and the feedback from the youngsters was a very positive one and now the board is once again urging the clubs to get organised and bring their underage players to Páirc Ul Rinn next Saturday. At half-time the last day, the county juvenile board organised four U12 teams to play two mini-games at half-time and again next Saturday it will be the same and this time out, Douglas, Cobh, Milford and St Catherine's are the four clubs who will take part. Club groups who attend the game will be admitted free as will the accompanying adults and all groups who attend will be included in a raffle to be held during the game. Most clubs have been contacted to get their groups organised but any club who hasn't, is encouraged to get organised and bring their youngsters to support Cork in their quest for a place in the closing stages of the All-Ireland.

Barrs camogie blitz is a big hit

Coach Orla Hurley and her team at the St Finbarr's camogie club blitz.

Picture: David Keane.



Coach Claire Barry pictured with her team at the St Finbarr's camogie club blitz.

Picture: David Keane.

blitz finals took place recently with 65 girls ranging from U5 up to U9 taking part. The event started with all the players

parading on to the main pitch at the Barrs led by a piper.

Following the national anthem the games started and the finals were contested by a team coached by Claire Barry v Orla Hurley's team, Cloe O'Sullivan's v Linda Keane's team and Kim Edwards team v Ber O'Mahony's team.

Prior to presenting the medals, Barrs Street Leagues chairperson Colette Hurley congratulated the girls on their great performances, their parents for bringing the girls along to the blitz, the president of the club Catherine O'Brien and members of the senior panel for supporting the blitz with their pres-

She thanked the committee for their ongoing hard work and dedication, especially Traolach O'Callaghan for or-

ganising a very successful blitz. She also thanked the Boys Street League chairman, Sean McCarthy for all his help and it is hoped the club can continue to co-operate in successfully building a club that has something for all the family.



Catherine O'Brien, St Finbarr's camogie club president, presents the cup to winning captain Emma Olden (Claire Barry's team) at the St Finbarr's camogie club blitz. Picture: David Keane.

Training has moved to Tuesday evenings for the summer, with girls U11s at 6 to 7pm and U6 to U10 at 7 to 8pm. Any girls interested in joining this training session are always welcome.



Deirdre Noonan, Grange, Eileen Doolan, Ballygarvan, Elleen O'Callaghan, Pouladuff Road and Allison O'Callaghan Carrigaline, all smiles at the Barrs camogie club blitz. Picture: David Keans.



St Finbarr's senior camogie players Barbara-Anne Corcoran, Claire Spellman and Claire Harrington pictured at the camogie blitz in St Finbarr's. Picture: David Keane



St Finbarr's under age camogie teams on parade behind Ballyphehane piper Donnacha O'Connell before their recent camogie blitz.

Picture: David Keani



Áine O'Callaghan in a battle for possession with Ciara Golden during the St Finbarr's camogie blitz. Picture: David Keane.



Jessie Mendez wins the race for possession during the St Finbarr's camogie club blitz.

Picture: David Keane.



Sisters Aisling and Naoimh Lynch from Douglas delighted with their medals at the Barrs camogie blitz. Picture: David Keane.



Natasha Bulman has a well earned drink after playing in the recent St Finbarr's camogie club blitz. Picture: David Keane.



Courtney Dorgan captain (Kim Edwards' team) receives the cup from Des Collins (PRO Street Leagues Section).

Picture: David Keane.



Michelle and Alex O'Herlihy from who were at the St Finbarr's camogie club blitz which was held at the club's complex. Picture: David Keane.

Clare left to rue missed opportunities

Tipperary 1-10 Clare 1-07 @ O'Garney Park, Sixmilebridge

Eoin Brennan

IT'S last chance saloon for Clare this week after they were edged out by fierce rivals Tipperary last Wednesday. Clare, who have contested the last two All-Ireland deciders appeared far from championship winning mode in the blustery conditions of Sixmilebridge and will now have a straight knock-out affair against Cork on Wednesday to decide their fate.

The home side will look back on this frustrating game with regret as they certainly had the chances to win the game but didn't appear to have sufficient firepower to do so. How they missed the scoring prowess of Naomi Carroll who has excelled for the county senior side this year, but equally they might have still survived this tie had it not been for a sluggish start against the strong conditions that saw them ship 1-5 in the opening 12 minutes

Cait Devane was causing major problems to Clare's last line but while she did set up several scores, luckily for the home side her accuracy was off on the night hitting six first-half wides. The goal came in the seventh minute when Nicole Walshe was allowed to walk through the centre of the Clare defence and offload to Amy Kennedy who gave goalkeeper Suzie O'Shea no chance.

It took 15 minutes for Clare to open their account with a brace of Chloe Morey frees but once they did, the home side visibly grew in confidence

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CHAMPIONSHIP **ROUND 2 PREVIEW** for the remainder. They were to hold Tipperary to five points for the remaining 48 minutes, only scoring two in the second-half as a rejuve-nated Clare came storming back into the game led by the commanding influence of captain Chloe Morey who cut off the supply to the Tipperary forwards.

In saying that, Clare goalkeeper Suzie O'Shea made two outstanding saves in that first-half but in the 22nd minute, Clare could have closed the gap with a much-needed goal themselves. Louise Woods ran at the Tipperary defence before handpassing to Sinead Tuohy whose shot was blocked by team-mate Susan Fahy who subsequently pulled to the side netting as Clare went in trailing by 1-8 to 0-3 at half-time.

Fahy and Tuohy were to combine to better effect immediately on the resumption as within a minute Susan Fahy's shot was stopped by McEniry only for Tuohy to pull the rebound to the net. It should have sparked a major revival but they failed to build on it and it was to be another 17 minutes before they would score again. Again it was Fahy who was the threat, gathering Chloe Morey's long range free to point and she also had a goal opportunity only seconds later but her shot was saved.

By now, Clare were laying siege to the Tipperary goal and three placed balls from Chloe Morey cut the deficit to just two with only five minutes left on the clock. There were some nervy moments for the Tipperary defence as a Katie Cahill effort was batted, only for the rebound to fall to Niamh Corry whose effort was de-

flected away from goal. Tipperary held firm however and got some major relief when Aoife Ryan hit a point on the counter in the 60th minute. Clare were not finished yet and in one final move, Niamh O'Dea and Niamh Corry combined to set up substitue Rachel O'Halloran but her shot was blocked.

Clare will have to be more ruthless against Cork on Wednesday if they are to survive.

Orts McEnry (New Inn), Ann Eviston (Drom/ Inch), Lisa Cahill (Kiruane), Shela Ryan (Capt.) (Toomevara), Sinead O'Meara (Drom/Inch). Mairead Barry (Drom/Inch), Clodagh Quirke (Clonoutly), Brid Quinn (Severmines), Nicole Washe (Toomevara) (0-1f), Alice Fogarty (Thuries) (0-1), Claire Kennedy (Kiruane) (0-2), Namh O'Donoghue (Duhama) (0-1), Amy Kennedy (Duhama) (1-2), Clat Devane (Clonoulty) (0-1), Aolfe Ryan (Toomevara) (0-2)

Subs Caltriona Short (Drom/Inch) for O'Donoghue (41 mins), Emma Spillane (Holycross) for O'Meara (41 mins), Moira Ryan (Toomevara) for Eviston (56 mins), Capimhe Maher (Duharra) for Quinn (56 mins), Louise Hogan (Kilruane) for C. Kennedy (60 mins)

Sucie O'Shea (Ballyea), Learne Boyle (Wolfe Tones), jessica O'Neili (Clooney/Quin), Helen Hehir (Inagh), Joanne Walsh (Newmarket-on-Fergus), Orloe Morey (Capt.) (Sixmilebridge) (0-6 5t 1'65), Christina Gyrin (Kihamona). Ellen Horgan (Truagh/Clonlara), Niamh O'Dea (Corofin), Orlath Duggin (Clooney/Quin), Louise Woods (St Joseph's), Niamh Corry (Somilebridge). Sinead Tuohy (Somilebridge) (1-0), Susan Fafty (Whitegate) (0-1), Katie Cabill (Kilmaky) Subs Maire McGrath (Somlebridge) for Walsh (HT), Lisa Loughnane (Kiloshen) for Horgan (46 mins), Rachel O'Halloran (Somlebridge) for Tuohy

Player of the Game Chloe Morey (Clare)

Referee Killan O'Looney (Cork)



Clare's player of the game Chloe Morey in action

Camogie > ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 4

Young side overrun by a strong Wexford outfit

Wexford 2-17 Clare 1-05 at Wexford Park

Eoin Brennan

AFTER Clare's bubble finally burst against Tipperary the previous weekend, it was always going to be dif-ficult to travel to Wexford against a side who had comprehensively put them to the sword twice over the past year on home soil.

Clare's young side travelled more in hope than with any real confidence and despite holding their opponents to a 0-7 to 0-3 half-time advantage with Clare's points coming from Fiona Lafferty, Claire McMahon and Roisin McMahon, the wind was a significant factor for Clare in that opening half. Also the intervention of goalkeeper Susan Vaughan kept the home side at bay when saving a

However, with the wind at their backs, Wexford soared clear on the restart, scoring three early unanswered points before Claire McMahon opened Clare's second half account in the 37th minute.

Wexford's centre-back Mary Lacey dominated her defence, which set up many of Wexford's attacks leaving the Clare backs under enormous pressure. This eventually gave way

to Wexford's first goal from corner forward Lenny Holohan in the 44th

Clare continued to battle hard though and they were rewarded only three minutes later when substitute Mairead scanlon got Clare's only goal of the game.

That cut the deficit to six but unfortunately it was as good as it got for Clare, as a plethora of points followed for Wexford with only one more free from Claire McMahon in reply for Clare for the remainder. To pour more salt into the wound,

in the 65th minute when substitute Evelyn Quigley handpassed to the net to flatter the home side. Clare will play Galway in the next

Wexford also grabbed a second goal

round in Corofin on Saturday at lpm.

Fiona Lafferty scored a point for Clare during their defeat by Wexford in Round 4 of the All-Ireland Senior Championship.

Match Details

Clare Susan Vaughan (Ogonnelloe), Anne Marie McMahon (Crusheen), Kate Lynch (Kilkishen), Sinead Donovan (Wolfe Tones), Eimear Considine (Kilmaley), Chice Morey (Sixmilebridge Kaiser (Newmarket-on-Fergus), Roisin McMahon (Newmarket-on-Fergus) (0-1), Kelly MacLean (Clooney/Quin), Deirdre Murphy (Clooney/Quin). Sharon McMahon (Newmarket-on-Fergus), Fiona Lafferty (Kilnamona) (0-1), Claire McMahon (Kimaley) (0-3f), Claire Ryan (Clooney/Quin). Danielle Sheedy (Broadford)

Subs Marread Scanlon (Scanli) (1-0) for Sheedy, Aine O'Brien (Scariff) for Kaiser Helin Guinnane (Truigh Cloriars) for Ryan, Sarah Sherlock (Truigh Cloniara) for S McMahon, Alveen O'Shea for Considine

Banner might just shade it

Cork v Clare @ Ballincollig, Wednesday 7.30pm

A DIFFICULT task lies ahead for Clare if they are to make it through to the semi-finals of the Under 18 championship for the third year running, Clare will have to travel to Cork to take on the home side after last week's defeat. First round wins gave the winning teams home advantage in round two and it is must-win from here on in as there are no more second chances. Clare will have the services of Naomi Caroll back this week after she was unavailable for last week's game. Cork will be tough oppoennts for Clare after the Banner side defeating them in a closely constested Muniter

The Clare side were minimum point winners in that tight affair and Cork will not let them away with a win on home soil so easily

The sides have built up a huge rivalry over the last number of years with honours almost even but Clare got the better of Cork in at All-Ireland semi-final stage last year also and will not want to exit the championship at the same hands again

Clare if they come out of this one will have to play very well and work very hard.

Verdicts Clare



Minor championship results

Minor championship results

Compiled by Maire Ul Scotai MINOR B C'SHIP

Derry 1-9,K Kielt 1-6, G Mc Nicholl,M J Mc Cullagh,T Mc Elroy 0-1 each Antim G-8, M Devlin D-3, S Devlin, R Walsh, AM Mc Fadden, S Mc Keown, C Drain G-1 each

Waterford S-11, Z O'Donoghue 3-1, R Whelan 1-3, N Rockett 1-0, M Tobin 0-4(0-2f), A Hannon 0-2, R Geoghegan 0-1 Offaly 2-10, M Nevin 1-2, AM Guinan 1-0, O Kinvan 0-M, D Flynn 0-3f, C Nevin 0-1

Westmeath 1-6,C Buckley 1-1,5 Mc Grath 0-2, E Flynn,S Jackson,M Scally 0-1 each

Carlow 3-18,E Treacy 2-6, S.J. Cahill 1-0,C Malone 0-4, K.O'Byrne 0 -3, M Murphy 0-2, L. Bible,S Williams, M Carroll 0-1 each

Camogie > MUNSTER UNDER 16 CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL

Clare win battle of high scores in Munster semi

Clare 4-15 Limerick 4-06 @ Clooney

CLARE earned a second consecutive Munster under 16 final appearance with a hard fought win over Limerick at Clooney on Saturday. Clare were well in control for the majority but lapses in concentration especially in the opening ten minutes of the second-half kept Limerick in the game.

Clare dominated in most sectors with the forward line in good form with possession. Sinead Tuohy opened the scoring within two minutes quickly followed by Alice Ca-

Clare continued to dominate and Niki Kaiser converted a free just before a deft pass from Sinead Tuohy to Alice Casey who slotted home Clare's first goal, with Niki Kaiser adding one from play a minute later. This had the home side 1-4 to 0-0 ahead in the 11th minute.

Limerick continued to work hard into the breeze though and Niamh Cagney scored from play to open Limerick's account. Vera Loughnane and Niki Kaiser both had points from play either side of good save by Aine Bresnihan from Sinead Tuohy in the Limerick goal.

Limerick had a goal back though in the 21st minute when Caoimhe Costelloe struck the net from play. In this high scoring game though Clare brushed aside that setback as Claire O'Brien pointed with Niki Kaiser goaling before Sinead Tuohy and Alice Casey added points or the home side who looked comfortable. However, an Elaine Mullane goal just before the break gave Limerick a glimmer of hope to leave the half

time score Clare 2-9 Limerick 2-2.

Bouyed by that goal, Limerick dominated the opening ten minutes or the second-half and brought themselves right back into the game. With the aid of the strong breeze they recorded 1-2 without reply with Mullane grabbing her second goal.

A brace of points from Niki Kaiser was soon cancelled by Caoimhe Costelloe and the recovery was complete in the 40th minute as Limerick grabbed their fourth goal after a goalmouth scramble to actually take the lead for the first time in the game at 4-06 to 2-11.

Clare could have crumbled here but true to character, they held firm and grew stronger as the half progressed. Aisling Corbett was held back to earn a penalty which was rifled to the net by Vera Loughnane and with that shot in the arm, Clare never looked back.

Niki Kaiser tacked on another brace, Alice Casey grabbed her second goal, having had one disallowed only moments earlier for a square

Niki Kaiser and Sinead Tuohy finished the game as a contest with further points and the most impressive aspect of Clare's resurgence is that they held Limerick scoreless for the final 20 minutes of the game.

This win will give confidence to this young set of players who will now prepare for a Munster Final in two weeks time, again against Tipperary who defeated Cork in their semi-final 2-6 to 0-7.

Chare Suzie O'Shea (Ballyea), Laura McMahon (Newmarket-on-Fergus), Clodagh Lawfor (Newmarket-on-Fergus), Jane Flanagan (Ballyea), Louise Griffin (Ballyea), Claire McDonnell (Capt) (Ruan), Kate O'Neil Newmarket-on-Fergus), Rachel Mulcaire (Clarecastle), Kate Collins (Scariff), Vera Loughnane (Feakle) (1-1, 1 Pen), Rebecca Culligan (Ballyea), Sinead Tuohy (Somilebridge) (0-3), Niki Kaiser (Newmarket-on-Fergus) (1-8 4f), Claire O'Brien (Wolfe Tones) (0-1), Alice Casey (Ruan) (2-2) Subs Aisling Corbett (Clooneyl Quin) for Tuohy (nj), Ali Quinlan (Somilebridge) for Collins.

Limerick Aine Bresnhan, Miren o'Grady, Catriona White, Emma Quaid, Kate Bristane, Katie Hurley, Muireann Creamer (0-1), Niamh Ryan, Niamh Foley, Niamh Cagney, Caoimhe Costelloe (1-3 2f), Claire Keating (0-1), Kristy Carroll, Baine Mullane (3-0), Fiona Holmes (0-1).

Referee Mike O'Kelly (Cork)





Puc Fada winners: In first place was Aine McNamara, Sixmilebridge.

Second was Chloe Morey, Sixmilebridge, and third was Sorchadha Loughnane,
Kilkishen. The Munster finals of the long puc take place in Thurles Racecourse on
July 10.



The Clare Primary Squad that took part in the Munster Camogie Blitz for primary school girls as part of the Munster Camogie Development Plan.

Fiona O'Driscoll

2007 Recipient of the Outstanding Contribution to Sport Alumni Award

Originally from Knockadoon, Ballymacoda in East Co. Cork, this honours UL graduate is truly at the top of her game. As an immensely talented camogie and football player, Fiona O'Driscoll BA '95 is the holder of no less than six All-Ireland Senior Medals. Today, she has taken her sporting career a step further by becoming one of the most successful female GAA. Coaches.

Fiona arrived in UL in 1991 to pursue a Physical Education & Chemistry teaching degree, graduating in 1995

While a student on campus, she indulged her love of both football and campgie, a time during which she played on three O'Connor Cup UL Football

winning teams from 1993 to 1995. Significantly, Fiona captained the UL team to their first intervarsity camogie title in 1995, thereby launching a long tradition of Ashbourne Cup success for UL. Unsurprisingly, this All-Stars high achiever was named National Camogie Player of the Year 2002 following her performance in the All-Ireland Final in which she scored a hat-trick leading the Rebels to a 4-9, 1-9 win over Tipperary.

Numerous honours as an Intercounty Player with Cork and as an Interprovincial Player with Munster of both football and camogie have also followed, leading to her being named as a Member of the All-Stars Camogie Team (1993) and All-Stars Football Team (1994 and 1995).



Fiona (35) is currently on a career break from her teaching post at Colaiste Choilm, Ballincollig, Co. Cork to work with Let's Go! Summer Schools Ltd. while also focusing on camogie.



Today, she pursues her love of the game as Coach and Trainer of Cork Senior Camogie Team. In the role since 2005, she has led her home county to All Ireland glory in 2005 and again in 2006 and in the process has become the first female Coach to all-Ireland camogie winners in over 20 years. While her team were defeated finalists in 2007, Fiona is already preparing for next season.

When not coaching or playing, Fiona has served on the administration side as President of National C.C.I.A. (Governing Body of Third Level Camogie) 1995-1998 and is currently Chairperson of the National Camogie Coaching and Development Committee (2006-2008).

By those who know her best, Fiona is described as

"extremely accomplished and passionate about camogie".



Camogie fans are set for a triple delight following the announcement at the launch of the Gala All-Ireland Camogie Championships that the Intermediate camogie final will be played with the Senior and Premier Junior finals for the first time in GAA headquarters this year.

President of the Camogie Association Joan O'Flynn was joined by Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport Mary Hanafin, Mr Gary Desmond, CEO of Gala; and captains of the 28 participating counties as well as a number of managers for this year's championship launch at Croke Park.

Speaking at the launch President of the Camogie Association Joan O'Flynn: "I am excited that we will now have six high quality teams bringing the best of Camogie skill, rivalry and competitiveness to GAA Headquarters. All Ireland Finals Day is the Camogie Showdown of the Year and we want people from all over the country to come to enjoy a wonderful sporting spectacle as well as a great family day out.

"Adding the Gala All- Ireland Intermediate final to the bill widens the opportunity for more Camogie players to reach Croke Park." Special tribute was paid to Championship sponsors Gala who are now entering their fifth year with the Association.

Speaking at the launch, Gary Desmond, CEO of Gala, said: "Our partnership with the Camogie Association has gone from strength to strength over the past five years. The addition of the Gala Performance Award last year was immensely successful, and recognised the commitment of the Senior Camogie players who are always on form, delivering outstanding performances.

"The Gala Performance Award is a further progression in our sponsorship of the Gala All-Ireland Camogie Championship. This mirrors the ethos of the Gala Group which is growing year-on-year."

The 2010 Gala All-Ireland Camogie Championships commenced on June 12th with current senior All-Ireland champions Cork beginning the defence of their crown against rivals Tipperary. This year all teams in each grade

will compete on a round robin basis before proceeding to the knock-out stages.

Camogie fans can continue to enjoy coverage of this year's finals on RTÉ; highlights of championship action on RTÉ. The Sunday Game' as well as live web coverage of selected matches.

The Gala Performance Award will be awarded to a player chosen from senior championship games with one game nominated each weekend for consideration.

In total there are nine Gala Performance Awards including the senior semi-finals.

The 2010 Gala All-Ireland Championship commences on June 12th

with seven round robin fixtures taking place prior to the semi-finals. The senior semi-finals will take place as a double header on August 13th in Nowlan Park.

Current Champions Cork are bidding for three- in a row having defeated Kilkenny in last year's All-Ireland final. Gala All Ireland Senior Championship- Cork, Kilkenny, Galway, Tipperary, Clare, Dublin, Wexford

Gala All Ireland Intermediate Championship: Cork, Tipperary, Limerick, Derry, Kilkenny, Wexford, Galway, Offaly

Gala All Ireland Premier Junior Championship: Antrim, Laois, Roscommon, Meath, Down, Waterford, Dublin.

Gala All Ireland Junior A Championship: Armagh, Kildare, Tyrone, Westmeath, Carlow, London

Gala All Ireland Junior B Championship: Donegal, Cavan, Mayo, Monaghan, Wicklow, Meath, Kildare, Louth



Cork set to face physical Oak Leaf

TOMORROW, Gala All-Ireland Intermediate Championship, Cork v Derry, 1pm,Venue TBC

A WIN is a must for Cork against Derry if they harbour any hopes of making it to the semi-final stage of the Gala Intermediate championship, writes MARY NEWMAN.

It's a huge task given that Cork will be facing Derry's first choice side. Cork lost out narrowly to Tipperary after a late rally by the home side saw Cork pipped at the post by the narrowest of margins, against a strong Limerick side Cork were superb and a draw was little reward for their dominance.

The position as it stands has Derry on four points, Tipperary on two and Limerick and Cork on one each. Cork need to win and for results to go their way in the Limerick v Tipperary game, were Limerick to beat Tipp and Cork defeat Derry it would ensure Cork of a play-off for the second semi-final spot, a draw between Tipp and Limerick and a Cork win would ensure a play-off with Tipp.

Derry are a tough, physical side who have shown fierce determination through both the league and championship campaigns, Cork's quest for victory is not helped by the situation which sees the senior team in action in Cork at 2pm in Páirc Uí Chaoimh and the counties second adult side travelling to a half way venue between Cork and Derry for a 1pm throw-in. Given that several of the senior substitutes are eligible to play on the Intermediate team, it lets both sets of selectors in a no-win situation and players pulled in all directions. Cork did seek to have the game deferred to Sunday given the clash with the senior camogie game and the Munster hurling final replay in Thurles but the request could not be accommodated and so off on their travels they go. Cork are hampered by the unavailability of Marion Jagoe who is on holidays but they have plenty of players who will not be found wanting Through this campaign, goalkeeper Jessica Kavanagh, Roisin de Faoite and Lydia Cunningham have been superb in defence while Denise Luby, Linda Dorgan and Patricia Buttimer will feature in the Cork attack as they battle to stay in contention.



TOMORROW, Gala All-Ireland Senior Championship, Cork v Wexford, Páirc Uí Chaoimh, 2pm.

STILL all to play for as Cork and Wexford meet in round five of the Gala All-Ireland Senior Championship in Pairc Uí Chaoimh on Saturday.

Wexford have already booked their semi-final spot but Cork, with just two wins to date, need a result from either this game or their last outing against Clare to be sure of a semi final place. Clare have two points to their credit, with Kilkenny and Cork to play and were they to win both and Cork to lose to Wexford they could be the ones heading for the semi-final.

So far it been a rough campaign for Cork losing out to Kilkenny and Galway after good victories over Tipperary and Dublin, injury to key players has not helped the situation. Having to replace players of the calibre of Briege Corkery, Emer Dillon and Una O'Donoghue has been a big ask.

Up front Cork need to improve. There has been a lack of goal scoring power and this has proved a problem.

Cork likely to receive thorough examination

By MARY NEWMAN

Camogle preview

Rachel Moloney is a definite non-starter tomorrow as she is still troubled by a knee injury and while she did lineout with her club Courcey Roves the injury has not cleared up sufficiently for her to take her place against Wexford.

Cork will show a lot of positional changes and in a bid to get more from their inside line they have named Gemma O'Connor at centre forward. Joanne O'Callaghan makes a return after injury to take up her customary corner back position, Catriona Foley moves to full back with Rena Buckley in the other corner. Jenny Duffy, Mary O'Connor and Anna Geary make up a solid half back line.

Eimear O'Sullivan will partner Orla Cotter at midfield with Denise Cronin and Jennifer O'Leary flanking Gemma O'Connor. Sile Burns, who has been the most impressive of the Cork forwards in the campaign to date continues on the wing with Julia White named at full forward and Katriona Mackey coming into the side at corner forward.

On paper it's a strong Cork 15 but they will need to be at their best against a Wexford side who have lost just one game to Galway where they narrowly lost out by a point, they will travel determined to put one over on a Cork side they would happily like to see depart the scene.

They are a strong physical side, defensively Mary Lacey, Aoife O'Connor and Catherine O'Loughlin form the foundations while up front they have huge strength in their forwards with the likes of Una Lacey, Ursula Jacob and Katriona Parrock.

Cork and Wexford clashes have always been close and over the last few years and there has been little between them on present form Wexford will go in as favourites.

Cork need to find form and push on for the semi-final spot they certainly have the capabilities but a lot more players now need to stand up and be counted. Saturday is a huge challenge and it will take a mighty effort against a good Wexford.

CORK: Acife Murray: Joanne O'Callaghan, Catriona Foley, Rena Buckley, Jenny Duffy; Mary O Connor, Anna Geary, Orla Cotter, Eimear O'Suffiver; Denise Cronin, Germa O'Connor, Jennifer O'Leary; Sile Burns, Julia White, Katriona Mackey.

O'Connor will guide the way for Imokilly

SUNDAY Evening Echo Senior Championship, Rockbán v Imokilly, Castle Road, 7pm

THE Evening Echo senior championship continues on Sunday as Rockbán and Imokilly meet in Castle Road writes MARY NEWMAN.

Imokilly come into the clash with two victories to their credit after coming out on top in the divisional side of the draw and having come through a tough hour against Carbery, they were totally dominant in all sectors against Carrigdhoun.

Backboned by Mary O'Connor, Killeagh, Marie O'Neill, Watergrasshill, Youghal's Shona Cun-

ningham, and Emer O'Farrell from Sarsfields they are a well organised side and they will be confident of continuing their advancement.

Emmett Fennell, Don Ryan and Mag's Finn are guiding the fortunes of the divisional side as they seek to make it to the next round.

Rockban, in their second season at senior level, will be hoping to make inroads, however they report they are hampered by the unavailability of several of their players because of holidays.

However they can still call on their Cork senior duo of Sile Burns and Catriona Foley and added this they have the experienced Elaine Harte, Coleen Foley and Margaret Howard.

Waterford stand in the way of U16 glory

SUNDAY, Munster U16B Final, Cork v Waterford. Kilworth, 1pm

FRESH from their midweek victory over Tipperary in the replay of Munster U16B semi-final replay it back to the playing fields for Cork as they take on holders Waterford in the final writes MARY NEWMAN.

On Tuesday night last Cork's second U16 team turned in a superb display to defeat a strong Tipperary side by five points and they will be hoping to repeat that display on Sunday.

The Cork side are a hard-working group of youngsters whose determination, skill and commitment is a joy to watch. Every one of the starting 15 and indeed the substitutes introduced both in the drawn game and on Tuesday last played with flerce passion and heart and no doubt they will give it their all again on Sunday.

Against Tipperary their defence was superb as they mopped up attack after attack, Sinead Dennehy, Roberta Harrington, Kaylynn Lee and Melissa O'Sullivan all performed well while in attack Ciara Hickey, Tia McMahon and Caitlynn Hickey and showed plenty of pace.

Waterford are fielding the county's first team at U16 level and having reached the All-Ireland semi-final they will be confident of holding the upper hand. They have excellent players in Fiona Morrissey, Captain Ruth Geoghegan and Zoe O'Donoghue but they will have to be at their best to deny this group of determined Cork players a provincial title.

Luby stars as Glen triumph

Glen Rovers Carrigaline

GLEN ROVERS proved too strong for Carrigaline in the first round of the Evening Echo senior B championship round-robin series of games at rain-lashed Shanbally.

The Glen set the pace from the start and Denise Luby showed her accuracy from placed balls, pointing on three occasions before Edel O'Connell finished the ball to the net after good pressure from the Glen at-

Denise Luby converted two further frees before Sarah Cotter hit Carrigaline's opener to leave the half-time score reading 1-5 to 0-1.

A much improved Carrigaline took the game to their rivals after the restart and the Glen defence, in which Lydia Cunningham excelled, had to stand firm against Carrigaline pressure.

The Glen were soon back on the attack and Luby extended their advantage. Carrigaline replied with a Sarah Cotter point before they grabbed a goal from Grace Harrington.

With seven points between the sides Luby made it eight from play before a double goal blast from Aoife Walsh and Luby sealed the Glen's

Scorers for Glen Rovers: D Luby 1-9 (1-6f, 0-2 45), A Walsh E O' Connell 1-0 each.

Carrigatine: G Harrington 1-0, S Cotter 0-2 (0-1f).

GLEN ROVERS: K Newman Ict: Z Buckley, A Guiton, B Walsh; K O'Connell, L Cunningham; N O' Brien; E O'Ricadan, S Fahy; S O'Halloran, D Luby, A Walsh; E O'Connell, A O'Keelfe, L Kelly, Subs T Cunningham for B Walsh, L O'Sullivan for S Fahy, CARRIGALINE: A Kieley CARRIGALINE: A Kiely, J Klernan, A Collins, C O'Connell; L Kelleher, E Power, D Smyth; M Morzn, S Cotter; E Egan, C O' Keeffe, G Harrington, M Sarry, S Barry, J Foster.

Ref: Barry Day (Aghada).

Late goals clinch win for Éire Óg



Tara camogie club beat Father Murphy's 7-8 to 0-6 in the London County Senior Championship. Pictured are Meabh Brennan and Noirin Mulcahy from Cork.

Mallow hosts provincial blitz

ALL roads lead to Mallow GAA complex today as the Munster Council hold its inaugural U15 development squads blitz. This is the first year the U15 development panels have been in operation and it's part of the overall Munster Camogie Development Plan, supported to promote and develop Gaelic games for young players in Munster.

It has been set up by Munster Development Committee to engage more girls in inter-county games which will hope to increase the number of girls playing at all levels in the game, including the top levels and to develop the skills of the game. Cork have two development squads involved today and these squads have been

receiving coaching under the guidance of Miriam Deasy, Aidan Crowley Nora Aherne Liz O'Neill and co-ordinator to the group Margaret Hyde. All participants are under 15 and are not members of either county U16 panels. Games got underway at 10.15am and with all six Munster counties taking part it promises to be a hive of activity.

By MARY NEWMAN

Senior B Camogie

Eire Og Bishopstown

GRABBING two late goals, Eire Og got the upper hand on Bishopstown in the first-round clash in the round robin series of matches in the Senior B Championship.

Heavy rain made conditions miserable for the teams and throughout the opening half, little divided the

All of the scores in the first half came from frees. Ciara Healy showed her accuracy for Bishopstown while Margaret O' Herlihy was on target for Eire Og who led by a point, 04 to 0-3 at the break.

Conditions improved a little in the second half as the rain eased, but neither side left conditions affect them as they battled it out to get on top and, as a result, the lead changed

Roisin Murray and Erin Corkery goaled for Éire Óg, but Bishopstown replied through Ciara Healy who also

With seven minutes left, Bishopstown held the upper hand as they led by a point, but Alanna McKenna levelled matters before hitting 1-1 without reply to give Eire Og the

Now on top, Erin Corkery added an Éire Óg goal before Claire Meaney and Aine Donegan swapped points.

Bishopstown battled to get back in contention, but they met stern resistance from a strong Eire Og defence who held the lead to the finish after an excellent contest.

Scorers for Éire Óg: M O'Herlihy 0-5 (0-4f), E Corkery 2-0, A McKenna 1-2, R Murray 1-1 C Meaney 0-1.

Meaney 0-1.

Bishopstown: C Healy 2-6 (0-4 ft, M Crowley, A Donegan 0-1 each,

Eire Og: M Gleeson; Catriona McKenna, A Hennessy, K McCarthy, Clara McKenna, Aolfe McCarthy, A Barry, C Meaney, E Crowley; E Corkery, A McKenna, M Herlihy; A Dasmond, A McCarthy, R Murray, Subs: M Corkery for A Desmond.

BISHOPSTOWN: D Coughlan: P Finn. A Noone, E Dupgan; J Crowley, P Kennesilly, A Corcoran; M Crowley, S Kelly; M Scannell, A Donegan, F Shanahan; M Egan, C Healy, JA Browne, Subs: C Enright for A Noone (in) 50).

CORKWAIT ON SEMI-FINAL DRAW

CAMOGIE: The round-robin stages of the Gala All-Ireland senior championships come to a conclusion this weekend.

Champions Cork ensured their passage to the semi-final stages weekend and will be joined by Galway, Wexford and Kilkenny. who have a clean sheet from the qualifying stages.

Cork face Clare this Saturday (2.0) while Kilkenny travel to Wexford (1.30) and Tipperary entertain Dublin (2.0). The draw for the semi-finals will take place at Croke Park next Monday.

Meanwhile, 400 underage camogie players will be going pink crazy this weekend in an effort to raise funds for the Marie Keating Foundation.

'Pink Day' throws in at Thomas Davis GAA & Camogie Club. Tallaght this Saturday, with the finals taking place on the Sunday.

Twelve teams from the Leinster region will battle it out for the title of Pink Day champions.

It is hoped that over €10,000 will be raised for the cancer awareness organisation.

Ballygarvan may just have edge

IT'S the last chance saloon for Ballygarvan and Courcey Rovers when they take to the field in Brinny on Wednesday in the

Both sides lost their first performance. this game will decide who role, scoring 1-4 out of 1-11. such an early stage.

draw as one can get yet Bal- both Kelly and Murphy. lygarvan and Courcey's acquitted themselves well.

CAMOGIE By LINDA MELLERICK

second round of this year's without the services of line out for her club. Evening Echo Cork County Emer Dillon, lost out by Whether she is match fit Senior Camogie champion- just two points when once and capable of lasting the again they gave a spirited hour remains to be seen. round games to Douglas Murphy is growing in player to leave out so

advances and who exit's There is a doubt sur- she copes with the pace. this year's championship at rounding Catriona Kelly Both sides had tough broken ribs picked up dur- performance against draws in their opening ing the first round clash, strong Milford side, games. Douglas, champions Should she lineout, then in 2008 and Milford, final- Courcey's will have their the break however they ists in 2009 were as tough a hands full trying to curtail failed to score for the

since coming on in last score from play. They need year's All-Ireland final to threaten more up front. against Kilkenny.

She will travel from Dub-Ballygarvan, lining out lin Wednesday afternoon to

Rebecca Emer is too influential a and Milford respectively so stature and played a huge chances are Ballygarvan will start her and see how

Courcey's on the other who is suffering from hand had a great first half

Leading by two points at second half while Milford Emer Dillon hasn't got in for three goals. Julie played a competitive game Mulcahy got Courcey's only

Despite her absence from

Cork's last three championship outings Rachel Moloney is close to match fit again and her contribution will be crucial to Courceys' advancing.

Much will also be required of Sarah Hayes at midfield.

Should both sides line out with their full compliment of players the game should be closely fought. Ballygarvan may just have that bit too much firepower.

FIXTURE:

Evening Echo Cork Country Senior Camogle Championship 2nd round: Ballygarvan v Courcey Rovers Brinny Wed 7.30pm



for this year's Gala All-Ireland Senior championship.

It could go to a three-way play-off between Cork, Tipp and Clare if Cork lose to both Wexford today and Clare next Saturday, and Tipp beat Dublin.

But it would be the shock of the century if Clare took points from Cork and I think it's safe to say a play-off won't be necessary.

With there being every chance that Cork could meet Wexford in the All-Ireland semi-final (open draw) on August 15, neither side may be willing to show their hand at this stage.

Holding back may be more difficult for Cork than Wexford as they are struggling to find form. They have named a completely re-shuffled side for today's game, but that's more about finding a winning combination rather than pulling the wool over Wexford's eyes.

Kilkenny are the only side with a 100% record in the qualifiers. Is there a senior All-Ireland in this hugely successful underage side?

I asked Marina Downey, a great player in the great Kilkenny era and liaison officer with the current side, her thoughts on Kilkenny's chances and the championship itself.

"Yes, I think there is definitely an All-Ireland in this team, but it doesn't happen overnight. It takes a lot of dedication and hard work.

"Last year's defeat to Cork hurt the players and management a lot. We were young and inexperienced and the pressure of such a big day on such a big stage got to the girls.

"It's a huge day for any player especially if it's your first time playing in Croke Park and it was the first time for 90% of our team. Cork's experience of winning All-Irelands definitely stood to them last year.

"I thought we gave a good account of ourselves in the first half, but Cork pulled away in the second period. We are physically the smallest team in the championship, but equally as skilful as every other team.

"Fran Larkin always says not to worry about size and maybe he's right. If the girls have the skill, then all they need is the heart and the will

Kilkenny's victory over Cork in the championship in Pairc Ul Rinn in June gave an indication of how their team is growing with experience.

Cork still searching WEXFORD'S victory over Tipperary last weekend determined the semi-finalists for this year's Gala All-Ire-



The Cork U16 B team.

Good start for Ballinhassig

Ballinhassig Valley Rovers

BALLINHASSIG got their Evening Echo Senior B Championship campaign off to a good start when they defeated neighbours Valley Rovers.

The first half was an even affair. Ballinhassig held a one-point lead at the break, 1-7 to 2-3. Valley Rovers had Eileen Foley and Liz Bugler on target with goals while Lucy Hawkes was also on target with points. Ballinhassig had a goal from Aisling O'Brien while Sinead O'Callaghan and Deirdre Coomey were also on the scoresheet.

Alleen Gilmartin and Aisling O'Brien added to the goal tally for Ballinhassig

wiped out Kilkenny's five-point inter-

val lead and whereas previously,

Kilkenny's heads may have dropped

with the assumption that the All-Ire-

land champions would go on to win,

Kilkenny upped their performance

and took the lead into injury-time to

That must have pleased Marina?

against Cork. We picked up 100%

from the game against Galway. Obvi-

"We were thrilled with the win

win by a point.]

in the second half and as Valleys battled to stay in touch, Ena Coughlan, Orla Deasy and Katie Richardson added points. Ballinhassig had further points from Aileen Gilmartin and Aisling O'Brien to run out winners.

Scorers for Ballinhassig: A O' Brien 2-4, A Gilmartin 1-2, S O'Callaghan 0-4(0-2f), D

Corney 0-1.

Valley Rovers: E Foley 1-0, L Bugler 1-1, L. Hawkes 0-2 0-2ft, E Coughten, O Deasy, K Richardson 0-1 each.

BALLINHASSIG: G O'Callaghan; E O'Regan, M Reardon, E O'Donovan; L Jordan, C Collins, A Coleman; E O'Sulfivan, M Kelleher; S O'Callaghan, D Coomey, K McCarthy; E Jordan, A Gilmartin, A O'Brien, Sub: A O'Leary for A Coleman.

VALLEY ROVERS: G Harrington; A M Murphy, J O'Mahony, M Cottrell; J Hawke's, L Hawke's, E Coughtan; E O'Regan, E O'Mahony, K Richardson, C Hawkes, J Callanan; O Deasy, E Foley, L Bugler, Subs: A Cummins for E O'Mahony.

Cork back into the game, but I think that is always going to happen and one team won't dominate a game throughout.

"The positive thing is that the girls got stuck in, never gave up, kept plugging away and got their reward in the end. Having said that, we know that if we meet Cork again it will be just as tough. Kilkenny will have to continue to improve."

What does she make of the champi-

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"I think the round-robin system is crazy and the fact that it started in the middle of the junior and leaving cert is even more ludicrous.

"We have a very young panel and obviously had girls tied up with exams. Players' welfare has to be looked after and asking girls to play competitive games six weeks in a row is not putting the players first.

"Also, to be fair to every management team, if they get a bad result, they need time with their team to work on where things went wrong and in the current system you don't get a chance to do this.

"They should have run the league this way so you could blood new players. The way they ran the league meant you only got two games unless you reached the semis which was crazy."

Kilkenny are progressing but that doesn't guarantee success. This young side, so used to picking off titles at underage, are realising it's a different ball game at senior level.

Marina acknowledges their progression. "We have made progress in the last three years, winning the league final in 2008, reaching the All-Ireland final in 2009 and getting to the league final this year.

"However, we are still chasing the O'Duffy Cup not won since 1994."

Knowing Kilkenny and Ann Downey, they will chase it until they

Murphy leads the way for Killeagh

By MARY NEWMAN

Camogie latest

Killeagh Kilbrittain/Timoleague

KILLEAGH overcame Kilbrittain/Timoleague in appalling weather conditions in this Senior B round robin championship encounter at Castle Road.

2-8

2-3

Kilbrittain/Timoleague played with the wind in the first half and opened the scoring with a pointed free from Siobhan Sexton after four minutes.

Killeagh replied with a Kate Murphy point before she added a goal.

Claire Keohane extended the Killeagh lead with a point but Kilbrittain hit back with Michelle Dollard hand passing the ball to the net.

Stephanie Beausang added a point to the Killeagh tally but a goal from Miriam Deasy gave Kilbrittain/Timoleague a 2-2 to 1-3 interval lead.

Aided by the wind in the second half, Killeagh applied huge pressure on the Kilbrittain defence who worked hard to try and contain their opponents.

Angela Walsh and Mary O'Connor pointed to get Killeagh on level terms.

Clare Keohane and Gillian Cunningham added points before Murphy hit for her second goal.

Kilbrittain battled hard and Siobhan Sexton added a point but Kate Murphy replied.

Kilbrittain battled to get back into the game but Killeagh held firm to record a victory.

Scorers for Killeagh: K Murphy 2-2, C Keohane 0-2, A Walsh, M O'Connor, G Cunningham, S Beausang 0-1 each.

Kilbrittain/Timoleague: M Dessy 1-1, M Dollard 1-0, S Sexton 0-2.

KILBRITTAIN /TIMOLEAGUE: L. Molo-ney: G O'Brien, E O'Sullivan, E O'Donovan; M O'Sullivan, S Moloney, D O'Sullivan; M Dullea, D O'Mahony; A Crowley, J O'Regan, S Sexton; M Deasy, Cashman, M Dollard, Subs; C Harte for J Cashman, (54) KILBRITTAIN /TIMOLEAGUE: L Molo-

ously you'd have to worry that we let Two Cork goals after half-time

CORK showed they will not be relinquishing their All-Ireland senior camogie title without a fight after a gutsy last-ditch victory gutsy last-ditch victory Chaoimh.

It looked like the threein-a-row chasers were heading for a third defeat of the campaign as they trailed the league champions by a point entering injury-time.

But Sile Burns struck for a goal and then followed it up with a point to snatch

the victory.

The hosts were playing with a strong wind in the first-half and got off to a wonderful start with Julia White bagging a goal. But a resolute Wexford

outfit stayed in touch and were just two points behind at the break, 1-5 to

Skipper, Una Leacy was in brilliant form for the visitors and she struck for a trademark goal to give her side the upper hand before Burns confirmed Cork's place in the semifinals

Record

Kilkenny maintained their perfect record but once again Clare showed that they are not out of place in this company before falling to a 4-14 to

0-14 defeat at Corolin. The Banner girls were tremendous throughout **E CAMOGIE** Round-up

ond-half when they managed to hold their vaunted opponents to just two scores in normal time of the second period.

One of those was a third goal for the deadly aoimhe Fennelly but they added 1-5 in nine minutes of injury time.

That included a goal by Ann Dalton, while Michelle Quilty finished with nine points in total to given them a flattering margin of victory.

Notching

Chloe Morey, Claire McMahon and Claire Ryan were amongst the Clare stars, while Deirdre Murphy also stood out, notching up three points for the Munster side.

Galway concluded their. campaign with a comfortable 4-19 to 2-5 win over Dublin in Portmarnock. Aislinn Connolly was on fire for the Tribeswomen, totting up a personal tally

Dublin did lead by a point early on thanks to scores from Ciara Burgess and Anne Kirwan but then Galway hit 2-4 without replay, the goals coming from Connolly and Tara

Rutledge. Kirwan and Carolanne Carney did hit goals for the hosts but Connolly and Veronica Curtin hit back



DELIGHT: Geary with Joan O'Flynn (Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael) and John Murphy (Gala)

ANNA GEARY is the winner of this week's Irish Daily Star/Gala performance award. The two-time All Star defender was in fine form as Cork kept tabs on league champions Wexford, and especially

the much vaunted Model

County attack.

While Sile Burns was the scoring hero for the Leesiders, Geary's mopping up and deliveries to her forwards was a key feature of the game.

With Geary playing at this level, Cork are sure to make a serious bid to complete a famous three-in-a-row.

GALA SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP Cork 2-40 (S Burns 1-50-46, J White I-6, 6 0 Connor 0-2, 0 Cetter J Carvy, J O'Leavy 0-1 each Wesford 1-10 (J Leavy I-3, C Jacob 0-46, Kelly, K Parrock, J

Gatway 4-19 (A Connotity 2-8 (0-54, 0-245), V Curtin 1-3, T Rutledge 1-1, L Ryan D 3, O Kilkenny, S Keare, ALyeskey, L Mitchell D-1 each (Dublin 2-5 (A Kirwan 2-1, L O'Hara D 3 (0-25), C Bargest 0-1)

Külenny 4-14 (C Fennetly 3-0, M Quitty 0-9 (0-4f), A Datten 1-1, M Dargan 0-2, K Power, E Lyng 0-1 each) Clare 0-14 (C Mc Mahon 0-6, N Murphy 0-3, M Scan-lon, F Lafferty, R Kailer, D Murphy 0-1 each, C Morey O. M.

GALA INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP Derry 1-15 (K Graham 1-0, G Mc Goldrick 0-10-0-4). A Kelly 0-3, G Mc Cullagh, K Kelly 0-1-each) Conk 1-10 (D Luby 1-3, P Buttimer 0-4, A (T Donovan 0-2, L

Limerick 2-12 (Cortin 2-4, ID-15, E-010: ren D-6(D-31, D-1-45), D-010: ren, M-Cassey G1 each), Tipperary G-5 (J O'Connor D-2, A Kennedy D-2(D-M, T-Shortt D-1).

GALAPREMIER CHAMPIONSHIP

Antrim 3-13 (R Mc Carry 2-2, J Adams 1-3 (D-1'45), S Graham D-4, K Mc Aleese D-2, C Hamill M Convey G-Teacht, Meath 3-5 (J Dolan 1-410-4f), A Mc Guire. L Lynch 1-Deach, A Donnetly D F45)

GALA JUNIOR 'A' CHAMPIONSHIP

Westmeeth 12 (D Loughtin 0 8, J McCormak 1-1, JWdoth, Llawy 1 0 cech, DMcCrath 0 2 P Smelle 0 (Landon 1-8) D disigan 1-2, SMcNeeta, E Durphy, JMarphy, R Cusack 0 1 each)

Armogh 4-11 (CMc Sortey 3-2, C Donnetty 1-0, NMc Geown, J.Madden D. Beach, C.Farrell D.Z. A.Mc.Der-mett D.IJ Cartow 1-3 (N. Quirke 1-0, C. Quirke D-2, C. Multims () 1) Tyrone v Kildare (walkover to Kildare).

MINOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Minor 'A': Tipperary 4-19 Wesford 0-6. Minor 'B' Orp I: Derry 1-9 Antonio 0-8. Minor 'B' Orp 2: Water-ford 5-10 Offsty 2-10. Minor 'C' Orp 2: Louth 0-1 Carlow 3 19 Kidare 4-17 Westmeath 1-6.

Cork forward Burns is now a real leader

HEY PETE,

As goals go, there will be fewer more important than Sile Burns' injury-time strike against Wexford in Páire Uí Chaoimh on Sunday in the Gala All-Ireland Senior Camogie

Championship. Six points are now in the bag ensuring an All-Ireland semi-final place with a game against Clare to go and Burns' overall performance went an awful long way to guaranteeing that.

Burns has been one of the leading lights for this Cork team over the last few weeks and every time they have needed a player to really step up, she has done so. Collectively, I was pleased to see an

increased hunger from the whole team as well that was maybe lacking a bit in recent After Julia White's goal, Wexford showed a

lot of character and if the sides are to meet again this year, it could well be a game people would not want to miss.

They had some impressive displays by Una Lacey and Ursula Jacob and will be a force to be reckoned with.

Niamh, Monkstown.

I think that this victory may drive Cork on to defend their All-Ireland crown Niamh because of the manner in which they won. The goal that Sile scored could well ensure that the mini-slump is well and truly over

Onwards and upwards from here methinks.

Burns fires Cork to Waterford edge past a wasteful a much-needed win

Cork side

2-5 1-4

Cork Wexford 1-10

SILE BURNS won't score a more important goal than the one she hit for Cork two minutes into injury-time in Páirc Uí Chaoimh on Saturday as the holders showed that there is life in the champions yet.

Cork came into this Gala Senior All-Ireland championship tie with just two victories to their credit and having lost out to Galway and Kilkenny.

There were a lot of questions being asked but when the need was greatest they responded in the best possible fashion to secure a muchneeded victory. More importantly, they got two valuable points which takes them to six as they face into their last game versus Clare next weekend with a semi-final place se-

From the throw-in, Cork signalled their intentions and aided by the strong wind blowing towards the Blackrock End, they were four points in front inside two minutes. Sile Burns pointed a free and with Julia White and Sile Burns applying huge pressure on the Wexford defence, Julia White got the last touch forcing the ball over the line to give Cork a huge boost.

Wexford struck back with two points on the trot from Josie Dwyer and Una Lacey and as Cork matched them in all sectors, they held the advantage. Gemma O'Connor pointed before Wexford hit two in a row but were unlucky not to extend it on the 20-minute mark with the ball stopping a fraction from the goalline with no player from either side near it. Mags Darcy beat the Cork attack on the backward sprint to scoop to safety. Twice the sides swapped points before Orla Cotter gave Cork a two-point advantage just before the break.

Cork, turning to play against the stiff breeze, were under a lot of early pressure. Burns pointed a free but two points in a row from an ever improving Wexford saw them beginning to gain the upper hand as they used their physical strength to good effect all over the pitch. They edged ahead for the first time in the game with Una Lacey finishing to the net



Cork goalscorer Sile Burns in action against Wexford in their Gala All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship game at Páirc Uí Chaoimh on Saturday. Picture: Larry Cummins

CAMOGIE

By MARY NEWMAN

but Cork never panicked and continuing to drive forward they won a free. Burns converted before levelling with a good strike with 12 minutes of normal remaining.

Both defences came under huge pressure and Cork's, conceding two frees, were punished as Ursula Jacob converted to restore the Wexford lead. Now fighting for survival, Cork needed to hold their nerve, substitute Joanne Casey struck a superb effort from under the covered stand over the bar and Cork, pushing for an equaliser, drove at the Wexford

At the back, the Cork defence held firm with Anna Geary, Mary firm.

O'Connor and Catriona Foley superb. And it was from Anna Geary's clearance that Cork grabbed the winner, Jennifer O'Leary gathered and sent a long delivery goalwards. Burns, now operating at full-forward, won the race for possession, leaving her marker stranded and bore down on goal before unleashing a piledriver to the net past the helpless Mags Darcy.

There followed a further six minutes of injury-time (all justified by three long stoppages) as Wexford searched for a goal but the Cork defence was superb showing plenty of experience and calm under pressure, they swept up-field and won a free. Burns duly converted again. Wexford attacked from the puck-out but Cork were not going to be denied as their magnificent defence again held

Following a spell when results did not go their way, this time out they showed a marked improvement and hunger for victory. Certainly there is still room for improvement but with just one game to go against Clare next weekend and six points to their credit, hopefully the storm has passed and they can now look forward to the semi-final stages.

Scorers for Cork: S Burns 1-5 (0-4f), J White 1-0, G O'Connor 0-2, J Casey, O Cotter, J O'Leary 0-1 each.

Wexford: U Lacey 1-3, U Jacob 0-4 (0-4f), K Kelly, K Parrock J O'Dwyer 0-1 each.

CORK: A Murray: J O'Callaghan, C Foley, R Buckley: J Duffy, M O'Connor, A Geary: O Cotter, E O'Sullivan: D Cronin, G O'Connor, J O'Leary: S Burns, J White, K Mackey.

Subs: J Casey for K Mackey (240, E O' Riordan for D Cronin Int).

WEXFORD: M Darcy: N Lambert, C O'Lough-

WEXFORD: M Darcy; N La In, K Atkinson; C Storey, M Lacey, O'Connor; M O'Leary, K Kelly: K Parrock, J Dwyer, B Gordan; U Jacob, U Lacey, F Kavanagh. Sub: C O'Connor for K Atkinson. Referee: John Morrissey (Tipperary).

WATERFORD just about edged it in this Munster U16B final in Kilworth yesterday, writes MARY NEWMAN.

In the finish, they were a better balanced side than Cork and they took the chances that fell to them.

Cork squandered several scoring chances in both halves, twice coming within a fraction of grabbing a first-half goal, while they also missed several scoring chances from frees.

With Aoife Hannon causing them a lot of bother, Cork struggled to contain a lively Waterford side. Sara Judge and Aoife Hannon had them two points ahead before Caitlyn Hickey replied with one for Cork.

Hannon grabbed a vital goal that was to prove a valuable cushion for Waterford 18 minutes in when the Cork defence allowed her carry the ball from midfield totally unchallenged before unleashing an unstoppable shot to the top corner of the net. Ciara Hallahan extended the lead before Aisling Moloney and Aoife Hannon swapped points as Cork, winning as much possession as Waterford, failed to make use of it in front of

From the restart, Cork showed plenty of improvement in defence and they were now holding the Waterford attack and when Denise Cagney struck for a goal, Becky Ryan followed with a point and the Waterford lead was down to

Waterford, having gone 23 minutes without a score, extended their lead to two points but again Cork came at them. Twice Siobhan Nugent in the Waterford goal came to their rescue as they lived dangerously.

They grabbed a liteline that was somewhat controversial with two minutes of normal time remaining when Katie Browne finished to the net for what looked to be a definite square ball. Becky Ryan for Cork pointed but they tailed to grab the goal they needed.

Scorers for Waterford: A Hannon 1-2 (0-21), K Brown 1-0, S Judge, F Morrissey, C Hallanan

0-1 each.

Cork: D Cagney 1-0, B Ryan 0-2, Caitlynn Hickey 0-1, A Moloney 0-1 (f).

WATERFORD: S Nugent; C Murphy, S Prendergast, C McCarthy; C Whyte, F Morrissey, A Cahilane; A Hannon, C Hallanan; A Gallagher, V O' Brien, A Landers; R Geoghegan, S Judge, E Fennell, Subs; K Brown for A Gallagher (22); S Cummins for A Cahilane (htt), D Flynn for V O' Brien (36), A Cahilane for C Mc Carthy (48), J Frather for S Judge (61).

CORK: K Lee; A Walsh, M O' Sullivan, J Ryan; K Sheehan, S Dennethy, E Murphy; A Moloney, D Cagney; Caitlynn Hickey, Clara Hickey, T Mc Mahon, K Clifford, B Ryan, M Murphy, Sub: S Landers for K Clifford (45).

Landers for K Clifford (45)

McGoldrick excels for physical Oak Leafers

Derry Cork

THERE was disappointment for the Cork Intermediate team as they lost out to Derry in their Gala All-Intermediate championship clash in

1-15 Coralstown, Kinnegad.

In a close opening half, Cork trailed at the interval 0-9 to 0-6 but they were in with a chance despite the strength of a Derry side who had good performers in Gräinne McGoldrick, Aine Kelly and Gemma McCullagh. Cork kept in

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touch with Denise Luby, Patricia Buttimer Aine O'Donovan working hard to get them on the scoreboard.

Graham grabbed a second Derry goal and as Cork

Derry extended their lead. Luby had a Cork goal and with Aine O'Donovan Linda Dorgan, Patricia Buttimer adding points.

However, Derry kept in touch and finished strong with Aine Kelly, Grainne McGoldrick, Gemma McCul-

battled to stay the distance, lagh adding points to their tally to run out winners and take the points to secure a semi-final spot.

Scorers for Derry: K Graham 1-0, G McGoldrick 0-10 (0-4f), A Kelly 0-3, G McCullagh, K Kelly 0-1 each.

Cork: D Luby 1-3, P Butsimer 0-4, A O'Donovan 0-2, L Dorgan 0-1.

Kilbrittain to face Éire Óg

THE Evening Echo Senior B championship has four games for the week ahead. This evening, there are three games on the fixture list. Kilbrittain and Éire Óg are in action in Newcestown, Carrigaline and Bishosptown meet in Castle Road, while Valley Rovers meet Aghabullogue in Ballincollig. On Wednesday, there is one game on the fixture list with Glen Rovers meeting Killeagh in Castle Road. All games throw-in at 7.30pm.

Cork are Clare on what must be done



WHILE Cork are safely through to this year's Gala All-Ireland senior Camogie championship semi-finals, played as a double-header on August 14, they will still treat their final group qual-ifying game with Clare in Pairc Ui Chaoimh tomorrow with the upmost of respect.

It is in their best interest to do so having had a topsy-turvy campaign to date, saved by their immensely important win over Wexford last

While Cork didn't set the world alight it was a good win over a strong championship contender, albeit won in injury time.

While Cork are expected to win Clare won't be a pushover and that is what Cork require.

With a lack of challenge games between now and August 14 this game could be Cork's last chance of a competitive outing.

Clare would love to come to Cork and take points from the All-Ireland champions. They play with great heart. Despite the fact that Clare haven't qualified and Saturday is equally non-essential to them for this season, expect them to come to Cork as if they were in an All-Ireland final.

The Banner county came within minutes of beating Galway last Saturday in Corofin and would have achieved a shock result but for a storming finish by Galway.

While Wexford secured an ultimately comfortable win earlier in the campaign over Clare - 2-17 to 1-05 - they didn't have it all their own way against a Clare outfit that has improved significantly in the past 12 months.

Clare's only victory in the qualifi- was to be expected.



Cork have named two changes to last Saturday's winning side, Sile Burns (injury) and Rena Buckley (rested) are out and Joanne Casey (above) and Amanda O'Regan come in.

ers was against Dublin, but to be fair to them they made it very hard for every opponent.

Cork have named just two changes to last Saturday's winning side, one enforced due to an ankle injury picked up by Sile Burns during the game and they have decided to rest Rena Buckley.

Joanne Casey and Amanda O'Regan come in as direct replacements. Other than that Cork line out as they did seven days ago and that

Having performed throughout most of the campaign now isn't the time to start upsetting the apple cart, particularly after last weekend's win.

The odd positional switch may come into play throughout, but that will be about the extent of it. Cork don't have a plentiful bench to allow such changes in any case, so their focus is on trying to get a typical starting 15 to perform like they know they can.

Another outing will do Joanne O'Callaghan the world of good as she sharpens up after injury.

Joanne Casey, back on the senior

panel only a fortnight or so, finds herself making her first championship start after a very good performance after being introduced against Wexford, her equalising point showing great courage and confidence.

It is hoped Rachel Moloney will be back to full training in the next couple of weeks as the wheel looks to be turning for Cork.

CORK: A Murray; J O'Callaghan, C, Foley, A O'Regan; J Duffy, M O'Connor, A Geary; E O'Sullivan, O Cotter; D Cronin, G O'Connor, J O'Leary; J Casey, J White, K Mackey.

FIXTURE TOMORROW

Gala All Ireland Senior Championship 6th round qualifier: Cork v Clare, Pairc Ui Chaoimh, 2pm.

Trio face tough ask with two games in 18 hours

CORK players Joanne O'Callaghan, Aoife Murray and Jenny O'Leary will be lining out just 18 hours after they play Clare in their senior championship qualifier this weekend when Cloughduv and Barryroe face each other in this year's Evening Echo senior club championship first round tie in Bandon on Sunday

It's a tough assignment, particularly when so much is expected from these four players; their clubs rely heavily on them.

For that reason Cork may well choose to substitute players early if things are going very much their

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way against Clare on Saturday. Joanne O'Callaghan is possibly welcoming the heavy schedule with open arms as she fights to get back to full match fitness after her elbow

Little is expected from Cloughduv this year having failed to perform in the past two seasons along with the added loss of Breige Corkery who is travelling for a year. That may well work in their favour.

Losing their opening round to St Catherine's by a single point for the

second year in-a-row in 2009 was a bitter blow particularly when Catherines' went on to become County Champions.

Cloughduv had a chance to get back to winning ways via the back door, but a quarter-final defeat to Douglas saw them exit when, despite a good first-half performance, their inability to finish up front became their downfall.

The return of Jennifer O'Leary is a huge boost to Barryroe.

So much rides on her shoulders though and Barryroe will need more than Jenny to make progress.

Two outings against Rockban and

Inniscarra and two defeats saw Barryroe exit after round two.

They would have been disappointed with the defeat to Rockbán after dominating for long periods, but 10 wides in the opening half and two shots off the crossbar cost them.

Both sides will be anxious for a first round victory

This game will be close with Cloughduv shading it.

FIXTURE

SUNDAY

Evening Echo Cork County Senior Club championship 1st round: Cloughduv v Barryron,

Champions are staring elimination in the face

COUNTY Champions St Catherine's, having suffered the shock defeat of the season to debutants Ballincollig in their opening championship round, face elimination should they not account for Barryroe this evening in this knock-out second round stage. They will go into the game as favourites based on their status as champions.

Barryroe suffered a sickening defeat to Cloughduv just five days ago when leading by four points with five minutes of normal time remaining they lost by a point as

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Cloughduy struck 1-2. How they bounce back form that in such a short period of time will be crucial to their chances this evening. The big issue Barryroe have is their dependency on Jennifer O'Leary.

She was outstanding five days ago and ran Cloughduv ragged, scoring 11 points from a total of 1-12 (nine

from play) and was the instigator in her side's goal.

Should St Catherine's or any other side for that matter manage to curtail Jennifer then Barryroe are significantly depleted.

They will be up against it with St Catherine's, who have a typically solid defence. Carolyn Motherway, Faith Noonan and Noirin Mulcahy won't afford as much open space and with Orla Cotter, Fiona Cotter, Fiona Neville, Denise and Deirdre Twomey it is difficult to see Barryroe overcoming them. St Catherine's were disappointing

in round one, playing well below form. Their two-point loss to Ballincollig will ultimately go down as the shock of the season. However, it may be just what the doctor ordered and considering Spain lost their opening game and went on to win the World Cup, St Catherine's may just replicate that occurrence and win a major trophy this year again.

> FIXTURE FRIDAY

Evening Echo Cork County senior cham-pionship Second round: St Catherine's v Barryroe, Castle Road, 7.30pm.

Myers hits late goal to seal win for St Finbarr's

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By LINDA MELLERICK

St Finbarr's Rockbán

5-9

ANOTHER nail-biting finish in this year's Evening Echo Cork county senior championship as St Finbarr's pulled out all the stops in the final six minutes to advance to the quarter-finals of this year's championship. With scores coming fast and furiously and sitting at 3-11 to 4-8 it was anyone's guess as to who would emerge victorious. That is until Rachel Myers showed up for her third goal to put the game beyond the reach of a worthy Rockban side. Lining out without the services of Gemma O'Connor it is to the city side's credit that they played with such spirit and determination. Starting at a lightning pace St. Finbarr's found themselves leading 1-3 to 0-1 after just five minutes in what was a perfect start for them. But Rockban didn't panic and were level five minutes later after Sile Burns reacted first to a goalmouth scramble to pull

The scores went back and forth, but a second Rachel Myers goal had the Barrs leading by four again midway through. Shauna Brickley and Burns hit points before a quick Catriona Foley free to Burns saw the latter's 60 metre strike defy the defence and drop into the net. Niamh Goulding and Burns swapped points, but it was Rockbán who led at the break -

The Barrs restarted strongly with e and Goulding again picking off points. Again Burns responded when she spotted the Barrs napping and a quick low drive found its way through the defence into the left corner. Trish Doyle pulled back a well taken goal to draw level and she added a second three minutes later. Sinead Dilworth and Burns (2) hit points to level the game for the seventh time in a highly entertaining

With just four minutes left the game was stalemate until Niamh Cooke struck a good point under pressure and Myers got her third major.

Scorers for St Finbarr's: R Myers 3-0, T Doyle 2-2, N Goulding 0-3, C Spellman, N Cooke 0-2 each.

Cooke 0-2 each.

Rockbán: S Burns 3-8 (1-3 f. 0-1 45), M
Howard, S Brickley, S Dilworth 0-1 each,
ST FINBARR'S: B A Corcoran; C Sargent, C
Harrington, M McCarthy, A McCarthy, J
Duffy, L O'Connell; H Morgan, C Barrett; R
Myers-Murphy, C Spellman, N Goulding; N
Varian, T Doyle, N Cooke.

Subs: M Cahalane for N Varian (40), V Hosfeet for C Revent (57).

forit for C Barrett (57).

ROCKBAN: E Harte; O Mulcahy, S Ryan, M McSweeney; M Foley, C Foley, C Coleman; E Casey, C Foley; M Howard, S Burna, S Brickley; K Howard, V Mulcahy, L Ryan. Subs: S Dilworth for C Coleman (h/t inj), C Coleman for O Mulcahy (50), F Hayes for K

Referee: Walter Cole (Buttervant)

Healy the hero for Bishopstown Burns pulls it

Bishopstown Carrigaline

0-5

BISHOSPTOWN got on the winning trail when they overcame Carrigaline in Castle Road. Bishosptown, with Maebh Scannell and Ciara Healy on target, led at the break 0-6 to 0-1 as Carrigaline battled to keep in touch with Grace Harrington and Maria Moran working hard.

On the turnover Carrigaline exerted plenty of pressure but the Bishosptown defence held their lines with Eithne Duggan and Julie Crowley prominent, ably assisted by Miriam Crowley. Carrigaline picked off point as they battled to catch up Maria Moran, Grace Harrington and Deirdre O'Leary got on the scoresheet.

Bishopstown worked hard to maintain their lead. Ciara Healy again showed her accuracy from frees, adding four to her tally, while she sent a long-range effort all the way to the net.

Scorers for Bishopstown: C Healy 1-5 (1-4f), M Scannell 0-6 (0-1f), M Crowley 0-1 Carrigaline: G Harrington, M Moran 0-2 each, D O'Leary 0-1.

BISHOPSTOWN: D Coughlan; C Enright, A Noone, E Dug-gan; J Crowley, P Kenneally, A Corcoran; M Crowley, S Kelly: M Scannell, A Donegae, J A Browne; O Ni Dhomh-naili, C Healy, N Butler. Subs: R Nunan for C Healy (inj 15) C Healy for R Nunan (htt), F Shanahan for A Donegan (55) ing.

CARRIGALINE: A Kiely; J Kiernan, A Collins, C O' Connell; N Crowley, J O' Keeffe, D Smyth: M Moran, L Kelleber; O Cotter, S Cotter, C O' Keeffe; M Barry, D O' Leary, G Har-rington, Subs: T Scully for M Barry, A Kearney for N Crowley.

Bugler is on song for Valleys

Valley Rovers Aghabullogue

0-5

A CLOSE encounter as Valley Rovers held off the challenge of Aghabullogue to take the points in this second round game of the Evening Echo Senior B championship round-robin series of

From the throw-in little divided the sides and as they traded points it was Valley Rovers who held a narrow interval lead, 0-4 to 0-3, Eileen Foley pointing two frees while Liz Bugler was on target twice from play as Emma Healy and Erin O'Connell were on target for Aghabullogue.

The second half was as close as the first as both sides battled to try and gain control. Connie Hawkes and Katie Richardson (2) added to the Valley Rovers tally while Aghabullogue, despite a strong performance, failed to grab the scores.

Scorers for Valley Rovers: E. Foley 0-2 th, L. Bugler K. Richardson 0-2 each, C. Hawkes 0-1.

Aghabullogue: E Healy 0-4 t0-2 th E. O'Connell 0-1.

AGHABULLOGUE: N. Maynihan: L. Ronan, J. Twomey, M. Twomey; T. Roche, N. Twomey, D. Twomey; B. Twomey, L. O'Gorman: E. Healy, C. Murphy, M. Buckley; M. Twomey, E. Buckley, N. Doherty, Subs: S. Dineen for M. Twomey, E. O'Connell for N. Doherty

VALLEY ROVERS: G. Harrington; A. M. Murphy, M. Cottrell, J. O'Mahony; J. Hawkes, L. Hawkes, E. Coughlan; E. O'Regan, E. O'Mahony; K. Richardson, C. Hawkes, J. Callanan; O. Deasy E. Foley Liz Bugler, Subs: A. Cummins for J. O'Mahony, T. Hawkes for E. Foley.

Michelle O'Leary, Wexford, in action against Cork's Anna Geary during the All-Ireland Senior Championship last weekend.

Two out of two for Eire Og

Eire Og Kilbrittan/Timoleague 3-11

Éire Óg made it two out of two as they recorded their second victory in the Evening Echo Senior B championship round robin series of game as they defeated Kilbrittan/Timoleague.

Eire Og led at the break 1-6 to 1-1 having played with the aid of the wind in the opening half.

Maebh Corkery grabbed a goal while points from Margaret O'Herlihy and Alanna McKenna helped

give them a five point cushion.

Kilbrittan/Timoleague kept in touch thanks to a goal and a point from Miriam Deasy.

Miriam Deasy was on target with a goal a minute into the second-half, but Éire Óg responded with a goal from Aoife McCarthy.

Laura O'Callaghan pointed to keep Kilbrittan in touch as Margaret O'Herlihy pointed and Eire Og free in reply but Siobhan Sexton hit two for Kilbrittan.

Roisin Murray had a third Eire Og goal as they began to pull

Defeat would have left Cork very vulnerable



FULL credit to Cork for their victory over Wexford last Saturday.

It took a lot of resolve after two previous defeats which must have dented their confidence but All-Ireland champions don't fall easily and Cork showed that they will not be relinquishing their All-Ireland title without a fight after a gutsy victory at Páirc Ui Chaoimh.

It looked like Cork were heading for a third defeat of the campaign as they trailed the league champions by a point entering extra time but Sile Burns struck for a great goal and then followed up with a point to snatch the victory.

Captain Una Leacy was once again in brilliant form for the visitors and she struck for a trademark goal to give her side the upper hand before Burns, showing excellent ball control and coolness, confirmed Cork's place in the semi-finals.

Kilkenny maintained their 100% record but once again Clare showed that they are not out of place in this company before falling to a 4-14 to 0-14 defeat at Corofin.

The Banner girls held their own throughout but especially in the second half when they managed to hold table-toppers Kilkenny to just two scores in normal time of the second half, one of which was goal number three for the on form Caoimhe Fennelly. Kilkenny hit 1-5 in nine minutes of injury time to give them a flattering margin of victory

Cork play Clare today at 2pm in Pàirc Ui Chaoimh and despite this game being non-essential to their qualifications it is important that they treat it as if it were. This could be a good competitive game ahead of the semi-finals as Corks chances of getting quality challenge games before then are slim.

Camogie bosses to reveal semi-final pairings

Daragh Ó Conchúir

July 2010

CAMOGIE chiefs will make the draw for the Gala All-Ireland senior championship semi-finals this afternoon after the conclusion of the round-robin phase of the competition on Saturday.

and Cork go into the hat, giving fans the prospect of two mouthwatering pairings in a fortnight.

With Aoife O'Connor providing the platform from the half-back line, Wexford blitzed a previously unbeaten lead by 2-7 to 0-2 at half time with Evelyn Quigley bagging both goals. Michelle Quilty's accuracy from frees improved matters for Kilkenny after the restart and she finished with six points but Ann Downey's side had too much leeway to

Cork made light work of a Clare team that had been very c o m p e t i t i v e i n t h e championship until this tie, with the Leesiders prevailing 220 to 0.8. The champions appear to be hitting form at the right time and led by 1.14 to

the right time and led by 1-14 to

Kilkenny, Wexford, Galway Kilkenny in the first half to make up and lost, 2-10 to 0-10. 0-2 at half-time with Julia best, Clare never looked like white providing the goal.

Young prospect, Joanne Casey followed up her good form in last week's defeat of Wexford with a goal three minutes into the second half and though Claire McMahon and Fiona Lafferty did their

causing an u one-way traffic in the third tie as Tipperary steamrollered Dublin 5-21 to 0-6. Claire Grogan struck for two goals, while Mairead Luttrell, Noreen Flanagan and Joanne Ryan also raised green flags.





from the fire



Aishling and Niamh Bernard and Nicole Harrington from Fr O'Neill's club with Gemma O'Connor after the Cork v Wexford game in Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

Cork U15 squads excel

BOTH Cork U15 development squads had a great day at the Munster Council day last Saturday in Mallow. Squads from Waterford, Clare, Limerick, Cork, Tipperary and Kerry participated. From a Cork point, the performances from both teams were excellent as they won all

games. On the day everything was about participation and every player was presented with a medal.

However the Cork contingent stood out as players to watch out for. Well done to mentors and players hopefully they will go from strength to strength.

I have great time for Clare and admire their efforts and approach to playing senior since their promotion two years ago.

They have given every game their all and given many of the top teams a fright in both league and championship. Clare, led by such loyal players as Deirdre Murphy and Claire McMahon, seem to be relishing their new status and are soaking up the experience like a sponge. They intend to stay in the top flight. Limerick could take a leaf or two out of their book.

Galway concluded their campaign with a comfortable 4-19 to 2-5 win over Dublin in Portmarnock, Aislinn Connolly totting up a personal tally of 2-8. Cork seem to be

the only side who failed to regularly find the net when playing Dublin but hopefully that famine will end after striking two against a firm Wexford defence.

Dublin did lead by a point early on but it was always going to be temporary and when Galway hit 2-4 without reply it was to be another one sided event.

Anna Geary gave a great performance against Wexford and was the recipient of the Gala Performance Award for the second time having already received the award for her performance in Kilkenny's defeat of Cork in June.

Cork needed last Saturday's victory more than they need a victory today against Clare.

They are always expected to beat Clare but a loss to Wexford having already lost to Galway and Kilkenny would have placed them in a vulnerable position. Having said that, when the draws are made for the semi-finals Cork will be in a strong position because they'll be the underdogs, regardless of who they play.

Whether the media have them as favourites or not they themselves will mentally believe they are the underdogs based on the fact that they have been beaten by two of the three already and only narrowly defeated the third. That is a good thing because Cork are at their best when their backs are to the wall.

Who do I hope they draw? I think in a semi Cork could beat Galway and Kilkenny. I'm not so sure they'll beat Wexford. If I were to choose I'd like them to draw Galway. If that happens we'll have a Cork-Wexford final. Having said that, Kilkenny play Wexford today in their remaining game which again is irrelevant at this stage. The outcome of today doesn't matter but it could become relevant for the semi-final. I firmly believe that the defeated team has the upper hand second time round.

First-half scores enough for Glen

Killeagh Glen Rovers 2-6

A STRONG first-half performance was enough to help Killeagh take the points in their Eventing Echo Senior B championship round robin series game in Castle Road.

Playing with the aid of the strong wind, Killeagh made good use of possession and at the interval they led 1-10 to 0-3 with Katie Murphy, Noelle O'Donovan, Claire Keohane and Mary O'Connor hitting points. Denise Luby kept Glen Rovers in touch with three points as they came under huge pressure in defence.

With five minutes to the break Noelle O'Donovan grabbed a Killeagh goal and with Katie Murphy pointing twice they extended their lead. On the turnover the Glen girls rallied and now with the elements in their favour they began to pick off their scores.

Denise Luby pointed as they cut the deficit and a goal from Luby had the Killeagh lead down to five points. Aoife Walsh grabbed a second Glen goal as they came at Killeagh in waves. Killeagh got breathing space as Mary O'Connor pointed a difficult free and with three points separating them they hung on.

Scorers for Killeagh: K Murphy 0-8 (0-4f), N O' Donovan 1-1, M O Connor 0-2 (0-1f), C Keohane 0-1. Glen Rovers: D Luby 1-6 (1-4f), A Walsh 1-0.

Desmond's goal proves difference

Newcestown Clonakilty

TWO first-half goals proved the difference as Newcestown made it back-to-back victories in the Evening Echo Senior B Championship over Clonakilty in Kilbrittain.

Colette Desmond settled Newcestown with two goals and points from Colleen Long and Hilda O'Mahony had them in control.

Newcestown led by two goals at the break. Clon battled hard through the second half with goals from Erica Jennings and Aolfe Deasy but with Colleen Long on target with frees and points from Grainne Cronin and Suzanne Deasy, they

Scorers for Newcestowe: C Long 0-7 (0-4f), C Desmond 2-2, H O' Mahony 0-2, G Cronin and S Deasy 0-1 each. Clonakity: S Whelton 0-5 (0-2 f), A Deasy 1-1, E Jennings

NEWCESTOWN: L O' Sullivan; K Murphy, F Deasy, M Crowley; A Coughlan, R Desmond, C O' Mahony; E Crowley (cl., F Crowley; G Cronin, T McCarthy, A Crowley; C Long, C Desmond, H O' Mahony, Subs: T Hurley for C O'Mehony, S Deasy for T McCarthy, A Keane for K Murphy.

CLONAKILTY: L Daly; N O'Donovan, A Deasy, A M Moyles, A McCarthy, C O'Mahony; H O'Regan, C O'Regan, C Nagle, J Brennen, E Jennings, M O' Donovan, A Campbell, S O'Brien, S Whelton 10-5, 9-2 freest, Subst. L O' Flynn for A McCarthy, S O'Neill for A Campbell, B McManus for AM Moyles.

THE four remaining sides will be awaiting today's draw for the All-Ireland senior camogie champi-onship with bated breath. Kilkenny. Wexford, Galway and Cork go into the hat, giving camogle followers the prospect of two mouth-watering pair-

ings in a fortnight. Inspired

At the weekend Aoife O'Connor inspired from the half-back line, as Wexford blitzed a previ-ously unbeaten Klikenny to lead 2-7 to 0-2 at half time, Evelyn Quigley with both goals. Michelle Quilty's accu-racy from frees improved

CAMOGIE round-up

matters for Kilkenny and she finished with six points but Ann Downey's side still lost 2-10 to 0-10. Cork made light work of a Clare team that had been very competitive in the championship until this tie, with the Lessiders prevailing 2-20 to 0-8.

thistie, with the Leesiders prevailing 2-20 to 0-8. It was one-way traffic as Tipperary thrased Dublin 5-21 to 0-6. Claire Grogan struck for two goals, while Mairead Luttrell, Noreen Flanagan and Joanne Ryan also raised green flags. Wexford's O'Connor has won the latest frish Daily Star/Gala performance award.



HONOUR: Aoife O'Connor gets her award from Michael O'Shaughnessy of Gala

CAMOGIE

GALA SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS Wexford Pk: Wexford 2-10 (E Quigley 2-O. U. Jacob 0-9 (0-41), U Leavy 0-1) Killermy 0-10 (M Quilty 0-6f, K Power 0-2, K Hamilton 0-1, A Dalton 0-1f) Paire Ul Chaolmh: Cork 2-20 (J White, J Casey 1-3 each, J O'Leary 0-4f, G O'Connor, K Mackey O-3 each, E'Riordan 0-2, M Browne, D Cronin 0-1 each) Clare 0-8 (C Mc Mahon 0-3f, F Lafferty, D Murphy 0-2 each, R Kaiser (0-1) The Ragg: Tipperary 5-21 (C Grogan 2-3 J Ryan 1-3, M Luttrell, N Flanagan 1-0 each, C Hennessey, A Mc Loughney 0-4 each, J Horan 0-3, M Ryan 0-2,M Tynan, G Kinnane 0-1 each) Dublin 0-6 (L O'Hara O-3 (O-1f), M Moynihan O-2, M

Junior Champiorship
Ruislip: Armagh 0-11 (C Mc Sorley 0-4(0-1f), S Quinn, B Marray 0-2 each, K.
O'Brion, C Farrell, A Mc Alinden 0-1 each) London 1-6 (D Gilligan 1-3. H Murphy 0-2, J O'Donovan 0-1)

Gala Junior B Championship: Meath v Monaghan, Donaghmore Ashbourne 130, J Heffernar, Cavan v Kildare, Donaghmore Ashbourne 3.15, G

Minor A Championship: Clare v. Tipperary, Kilmallock 130, John O'Leary, Kilkenny v Galway, Kilmallock 3.15. K

Cork and Galway clash in semi-final

CAMOGIE: The draw for the Gala All-Ireland senior camogie semi-fi-Kilkenny against

Vexford in a repeat of this year's league final, while three-in-row chasing Cork will cross swords with Galway, who they defeated in the 2008 All-Ireland final.

The last four clashes will form a mouth-watering double-header at Nowlan Park on Saturday, August 14. Cork and Galway will get the action under way at 2pm, with the throw-in for Kilkenny and Wexford scheduled for 4pm.

Kilkenny had been highly impressive throughout the round-robin stages but were given a rude awakening by their semi-final opponents last Saturday, with the 2007 champions shattering the Black and Amber's 100% record with two goals to

Galway were worthy six-point winners over Cork earlier this month but the Leesiders have shown a return to form in recent weeks.

With the top four only separated by two points at the end of the six rounds, the sides look incredibly even, suggesting that both semi-finals could go right down to the wire.

Daragh Ó Conchúir

A poor Clare side fail to test Cork

Clare

2-20 0-8

THE Clare outfit that came to Cork last Saturday for the final round of this year's All-Ireland Senior Championship qualifier were a huge disappointment.

Despite the fact that the game was meaningless to them, they were expected to come to Pairc Ui Chaoimh and have a go at the champions and use the game as another step in their development.

They have had a good championship campaign to date, and although they have only taken two points, they have given the top teams a spirited challenge all the same.

Their approach last Saturday was the opposite and a lifeless game saw them beaten in all sectors of the pitch. Cork used five of their allotted substitutes and still dominated.

Pamela Mackey came in at the start ahead of Joanne O'Callaghan, who was suffering from a throat and chest infection.

From the outset, the Cork scores came fast with the home side leading 1-4 to nil, 12 minutes in with Julia White the last to get a touch in the goalmouth scramble for Cork's open-

The wide-open pitch allowed for plenty of open space and off the ball running and Cork found each other at full speed.

Jennifer O'Leary was giving Aiveen O'Shea a torrid time at left half-forward and her link play with Gemma O'Connor saw them notch up nine points between them in the opening half (four from frees).

Joanne Casey also looked sharp and her introduction to the Cork panel is a big bonus.

It was hard to pick out a Clare player that stood tall, two points from placed balls their only contribution to the opening period. Clare rarely threatened Cork's full-back



Cork's Julia White battles with Clare's Anne Marie McMahon for the sliothar during the Gala All-Ireland senior championship at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

CAMOGIE

By LINDA MELLERICK

Leading 1-14 to 0-2 at the break, Cork brought in the first of their five substitutes, Michelle Browne for Jennifer O'Leary, rested ahead of her club game with Barryroe yesterday. Elaine O'Riordan, Caroline Motherway, Lynda O'Connell and Emer White the other four intro-

Cork, understandably took their foot off the pedal a little, striking 1-6 in the second half, Joanne Casey hitting home a rebound created by Julia White. Four points from Clare put a slightly better picture on the scoreboard but in truth Cork got very little out of a poorly performing Clare side ahead of their All-Ireland semi-final on August 14.

Scorers for Cork: J Casey 1-3, J O'Leary 0-5 (0-4h, J White 1-2, G O'Connor 0-4, K Mackey 0-2, E O'Riordan 0-2, D Cronin, M Browne 0-1

Clare: C McMahon 0.3 (f), F Lafferty, D Murphy 0.2 each, R Kaiser 0-41.

CORK: A Murray: A O'Regan, C Foley, P Mackey; J Duffy, M O'Connor, A Geary: O Cotter, E O'Sulliven; D Cronin, G O'Connor, J O'Leary; J Casey, J White, K Mackey.

Subs: M Browne for J O'Leary thit, E O'Ricidan for G O'Connor (36), C Motherway, L O'Connell for A Geary and J Duffy (41), E White for A Murray (44).

CLARE: S Vaugham; S Donovan, S Lafferty, A M McMahon; A O'Shea, K Lynch, E Considine: K Mactean, H Guinnane; R McMahon, D Murphy, F Lafferty; R Kaiser, C McMahon, N Murphy,

Subs: A Hannon for A O'Shea (inj., 14), L Clancy for K Lynch (inj., 19), M Scanlon for N Murphy (h/t), A McNamara for R McMahon

Murray sets Cloughduv on their way to win

Cloughduy Barryroe

3-7 30 1-12

A GOAL and two points in the last six minutes earned Cloughduv a one-point first round victory over Barryroe in an Evening Echo Cork County Senior Championship thriller in Bandon.

Behind 0-7 to 2-4 at half-time, Barryroe found themselves four points ahead entering the last three minutes of normal time thanks to the magnificent performance of Jennifer O'Leary.

yards from O'Donoghue and two points from the extremely hardworking Katherine Corkery saw Cloughduv snatch victory at the death.

Twelve minutes in and only a point separated the efore Ann Murray ated by Katherine Corkery.

Barryroe stayed in touch throughout thanks mainly to Jennifer O'Leary who tormented Cloughduy for the hour, scoring 11 points of her sides' 1-12.

Indeed, had Barryroe won the game, one would have to

CAMOGIE By LINDA MELLERICK

didn't do more to stem the threat coming from the lightning fast and on form O'Leary? Barryroe's defence tapped home a rebound cre- and again while at the other end, Joanne O'Callaghan was the driving force in reviving her team after Cloughduv's three-point half time lead was wiped out within 12 minutes.

Three O'Leary points from play and a goal from substitute Rachel McCarthy, after But a blistering goal from question why Cloughduv O'Leary had let two players

in her wake, saw Barryroe the ball ran out for a '45 and now lead by two, Katherine Corkery striking the point (free) for Cloughduv.

As the game went end to end with both sides giving it 100% commitment, O'Leary extended Barryroe's lead to our with only five minutes of normal time remaining.

But Cloughduv battled

O'Donoghue hit a beauty giving Emer White no chance and when Corkery struck her two in injury-time, the Barryroe support willed their side to get an equaliser. Barryroe had a chance to level the game but

Oliver Webb blew the full-time whistle.

Scorers for Cloughduv: A Murray 2-1, C Corkery 0-4 (0-3t, 0-1 45), U O'Donoghue 1-1, M Lucey 0-1, Barryroe: J O'Leary 0-11 (0-2f), R McCarthy 1-0, E O'Regan 0-1.

CLOUGHDUV: A Murray; E Dunne, S Corkery, L Byrnes; A B Murphy, J O'Callaghan, M Corkery; J Lucey; E Dunne; M Lucey, C O'Donoghue, K Corkery; G O'Sullivan, A Murray, U O'Donoghue, M Subsy, C M Murray, U O'Donoghue, M Murray

Subs: O McCarthy for G O'Sullivan (46), M Corkery for C O'Donoghue

BARRYROE: E White; E Carroll, A M Fleming, N O'Driscoll, K McCarthy, C Dineen, P Moloney; I Dineen, R Hol-land; J O'Leary, E O'Regen, L Gan-non; C O'Dwyer, R Dineen, G

Subs: R McCarthy for G Collins (h/t Referee: Oliver Webb (Tracton).

McCarthy goal bags final spot

SOUTH-EAST U21HC

Ballymartle Courcey Rovers

THEY may have waited until late to fully exert their potential but Ballymartie eventually swatted Courcey Rovers aside to make the final of the Carrigdhoun U21HC final for the third year in succession at Kinsale last night, writes ALAN SMITH.

The 2008 champions had Darren Mc-Carthy to thank, as his 54th minute penalty proved to be the decisive score, moving them into a six point lead.

In fact McCarthy was the outstanding performer over the hour and his incisive moves at wing-forward troubled the Courcey backs all evening.

The Riverstick based side hurried into a five point lead, with John Coleman rifling over two placed balls before striking the ball high into the net in the 11th minute.

It took 20 minutes for a point to be scored from play but Shane McCarthy's well-taken goal on 22 minutes brought

Courcey's within the minimum. Still, the first half was tepid at best, reflected by the football-like score at the interval where Bally led 1-5 to 1-2.

It livened up straight after the break however, when Darragh McCarthy was shown a red card for a nasty altercation off the ball in the 33rd minute.

Tempers threatened to boil over for a moment but things soon calmed down.

It should have given Courcey's an advantage and although they did manage five points, Ballymartle always had that little more talent on show.

Darragh Lordan, hero in the quarter-final win over Ballinhassig, did contribute three points but it was not enough

And when McCarthy stepped up to drive the sliothar home six minutes before the end, it finally gave them a comfortable advantage with Dwyer and Keith Fitzpatrick raising flags in the final minutes to guarantee the win.

Scorers for Ballymartie: Darren McCarthy 1-5 (1-10, J Coleman 1-2 (0-21), J Ryan 0-4, F Fitzpatrick 0-1.

Coursey Rovers: S McCarthy 1-0, D Lordan 0-0

BALLYMARTLE: P Allen; C Coleman; M Tobin, I Dwyer; D Edmunds, S Corry, Darragh McCarthy S O'Mahony, G Webb: Derren McCarthy, Dwyer, M O'Mahony; K Fitzpatrick, J Coleman, I Kelly.

COURCEY ROVERS: S Nyhan, C Duggan, Dar Lordan, R O'Donovan; David Lordan, Clas Lordan, S Holland; D McCarthy, J O'Neill; Sea Lordan, Darragh Lordan, E Crowley; C Dely, 6 Minihane, T Connery. Subs: C Minihane for Connery (46), S O'Brien fo

Referee: C Harrington (Carrigaline).

Courcey are made sweat by a Ballygar

Courcey Rovers Ballygarvan

ERICK.

Leading 0-7 to 0-3 at half-time and

looking as if they would push on,

Courceys' had to withstand a final 20

minute resurgence from Ballygar-

van to advance to the quarter-final

stage of this year's championship.

0-9 0-8

CAMOGIE

Aided by a strong wind, Rovers started strongly with Ballygarvan A NAIL-BITING finish saw Courcey Rovers hold on to win by the narfinding it hard to get beyond midrowest of margins in this Evening field. Four Rovers points inside the Echo Senior County Camogie Chamopening seven minutes from four pionship second round tie in Brinny different players signalled a forrid last evening, writes LINDA MELLtime for the Ballygarvan defence.

It was to be another 16 minutes before Rovers scored again as Bally's defence battened down the hatches, Aine Moynihan in particular playing a starring role.

Two Emer Dillon points brought Bally back into the game before two

Rachel Moloney frees in the 23rd and 29th minutes pushed the gap to four again. Catriona Kelly and Caron O'Reilly swapped points leaving that four point gap between the sides at the break

With the wind behind them Ballygarvan got into the game right from the re-start. Sarah Hayes, defending well, pushed them back. 10 minutes in Rovers had stretched their lead to five after Moloney (2) and Lorraine Browne pointed frees for either side. That was to be Rovers last score of the game as Ballygarvan piled on the pressure. Four wides by the 13th minute cost them as they were harried by the Rovers defence. Aisling Byrne, introduced at half time for Ballygarvan, added renewed vigour to their forward line and one wonders why she didn't start the game.

Sarah O'Donovan switched to defence and won good ball Emer Dillon pointed, Byrne followed with mother (when a goal was possibly or), Catriona Kelly struck a free and when Lorraine Browne pointed with two ninutes of normal time remaining only a point separated the sides. It was anyone's game as both sides fought toverishly for every ball.

Five muutes extra time didn't see an equalises as Courcey Rovers advance to the quarter-finals of ti year's championship.

Scorers for Courcey Rovers: R Moloney 0-6 J Mulcahy, C O'Reilty, C O'Driscoll 0-1 each Ballygarvan: E Dillon 0-3, L Browne 0-2 (0-1 C Kelly 0-2 (0-1 ft), A Byrne 0-1.

COURCEY ROVERS: E Ryan: C O'Neitl, O'Donovan, A Allen: P Collins, S Hayes, Hayes; R Moloney, A Moloney; J Crowley, O'Regan, C O'Driscoll: U Quine, J Mulcahy, O'Refly.

O'Rettly, Subs: S Quinn for C O'Driscoll (58), C Dugg for J Crowley (59), N McCarthy for U Qui

(64).
BALLYGARVAN: M.E. O'Donovan: A Kechan
J. Browne, A. Moynihan: L. Kannelsch,
Browne, D. Daily. V. Browne, S. O'Donovan: I.
Moynihan, E. Diffon, M. Hallahan, R. Murphy,
Murphy, C. Kelly.
Subs. A. Byrne for L. Kennelsch (htt), J.
O'Donovan for M. Hallahan (58),
Referee: Walter Cole (Buttavant).

Eire Óg chalk up another victory

Eire Óg Kilbrittan /Timoleague

3-11

EIRE ÓG recorded their second victory in the Evening Echo senior B championship round robin series of game defeating Kilbrittan/ Timoleague in a tough contest.

Eire Óg opening up a five point interval lead, 1-6 to 1-1, having played with the wind in the opening half. Maebh Corkery was on target with a goal while Margaret O'Herlihy and Alanna Mc Kenna hit points. Kilbrittan/Timoleague kept in touch with a goal and a point from Miriam Deasy.

Inside a minute of the restart Kilbrittan were boosted with a Miriam Deasy goal, but Eire Og replied with an Aoife McCarthy goal. Laura O'Callaghan and Margaret O'Herlihy exchanged points before Siobhan Sexton hit two for Kilbrittan. Roisin Murray had a third Eire Og goal as they began to gain the upper hand, twice Miriam Deasy pointed but Eire Og with Maebh Corkery, Margaret O'Herlihy Erin Corkery and Aoife McCarthy pointing won.

Eire Og Scorers: M O Herlihy 0-6, R Murray 1-0 A Mc Kenna 0-2, A Mc Carthy 1-1 M Corkery 1-1 E Corkery 0-1.

Kilbrittan/Timoleague Scorers: M Deasy 2-3, S Sexton 0-2, L O'Callaghan 0-1.

Bishopstown have the edge

Bishopstown Carrigaline 1-12 0-5

BISHOPSTOWN turned in a superb display as they defeated Carrigaline in Castle Road in the round robin series of games in the Evening Echo Senior B championship. Maebh Scannell and Ciara Healy were on the score sheet as Bishopstown led 0-6 to 0-1 at the break.

Carrigaline put the Bishopstown defence under a lot of second half pressure but they held firm with Eithne Duggan, Ciara Enright, Julie Crowley and Miriam Crowley prominent. Carrigaline picked off points as they battled to get on level Maria Moran, Grace Harrington and Deirdre O'Leary picking off points.

Bishopstown worked hard to hold their lead. Ciara Healy again showed her accuracy from frees, adding four to her tally before she sent a long range free all the way to the net to finish any hopes of a Carrigaline revival.

Bishopstown: D Coughlan; C Enright, A Noone, E Duggan; J Crowley, P Kenneally, A Corcoran; M Crowley, S Kelly: M Scannell, A Donegan, J A Browne; O Ni Dhombhanill, C Healy, N Butler, Subs: R Nunan for C Healy (inj 15) C Healy for R Nunan (b/t), F Shanahan for A Donegan (55 inj). Scorers: C Healy 1-5 (1-4f), M Scannell 0-6 (0-1f), M Crowley 0-1 Carrigaline: A Kiely; J Kiernan, A Collins, C O'Conneal; N Crowley, J O'Keeffe, D Smyth: M Moran, L Kelleher; O Cotter, S Cotter, C O'Keeffe, M Barry, D O'Leary, G Harrington, Subs: T Scully for M Barry, A Kearney for N Crowley, Scorers: G Harrington, M Moran 0-2 each, D O'Leary 0-1.



Young camogie followers from Fr O'Neills with Cork camogie players Sile Burns Jenny Duffy Gemma O'Connor and Jennifer O'Leary after the Cork v Wexford game in Pairc Ui Chaoimh recently.

Killeagh build on strong first-half display

Killeagh Glen Rovers 1-12 2-6

KILLEAGH were grateful for their opening half display which saw them lead by 10 points at the interval as it helped them take the points in this Evening Echo Semor B championship roundrobin series game in Castle Road.

Killeagh laid the foundations for victory and they led 1-10 to 0-3 at half time as Katie Murphy, Noelle O'Donovan, Claire Keohane and Mary O'Connor hit points

Denise Luby kept Glen Rovers in

touch with three points as they came under huge pressure in defence. With five minutes to the break Noelle O'Donovan grabbed a Killeagh goal and with Katie Murphy pointing twice they extended their lead.

On the turnover the Glen girls rallied and now with the elements in their favour they began to pick off scores. Denise Luby pointed as they cut the deficit and a goal from Luby had the Killeagh lead down to five points.

Aoife Walsh grabbed a second Glen goal as they came at Killeagh in waves and now just two points separated the sides. Stefanie Beausang and Mary O'Connor denied the Glen scores as they searched for a winner. Killeagh hit their first point of the half with five minutes left but the Glen replied with Denise Luby pointing. Killeagh got breathing space as Mary O'Connor pointed a free and with three points separating them they hung on to record a victory.

Killeagh Scorers: K Murphy 0-8 (0-4f), N O'Donovan 1-1, M O Connor 0-2 (0-1f), C Keohane 0-1.

Glen Rovers Scorers: D Luby 1-6 (1-4f), A Walsh 1-0.

First-half Newcestown goals stave off battling Clonakilty

Newcestown Clonakilty 2-13

EARLY goals made the difference at the full-time whistle as Newcestown beat Clonakilty in this Evening Echo senior B championship in Kilbrittan. Colette Desmond settled Newcestown with two goals, and points from Coleen Long and Hilda O'Mahony had them in control. Clonakilty replied with points from Juanita Brennan and Sharon Whelton, Aoife Deasy and Erica Jennings, but Newcestown led by two goals at the break. Clonakilty battled in the second-half with goals from

Erica Jennings and Aoife Deasy, but with points from Coleen Long Grainne Cronin and Suzanne Deasy, Newcestown held their lead.

Newcestown: L O'Sullivan; K Murphy, F Deasy, M Crowley; A Coughtan, R Desmond, C O'Mahony; E Crowley (c), F Crowley; G Cronin, T McCarthy, A Crowley; C Long, C Desmond, H O'Mahony, Subs: T Hurley for C O'Mahony, S Deasy for T McCarthy, A Keane for K Murphy. Scorers: C Long 0-7 (0-4f), C Desmond 2-2; H O'Mahony 0-2; G Cronin and S Deasy, 0-1 each.

Clonakitty: L. Daly; N. O'Donovan, A. Deasy, A. M. Moylos, A. McCarthy, C. O'Mahony; H. O'Regan, C. O'Regan; C. Nagle, J. Brennan, E. Jennings, M. O'Donovan, A. Campbell, S. O'Brien, S. Whetton 10-5, 0-2 freest, Subs: L. O'Flynn for A. McCarthy, S. O'Neill for A. Campbell, B. McManus for AM Moyles. Scorers: S. Whetton 0-5 (0-2 ft), A. Deasy 1-1, E. Jennings 1-2, J. Brennan 0-2.

Fixtures

Wednesday

Evening Echo Senior Championship Ballygarvan v Courcey Rovers, Brinney, 7,30cm

Evening Echo Intermediate Championship

Newtownshandrum v Fr O Neills, Watergrasshill 7:30 Tracton V Sansfields Castle Road, 7:30pm

Thursday

Evening Echo Senior Championship Kilbrittan/ Timoloague V Glen Rovers, vanue to be decided, 7.30pm

Newcestown v Ballinhassig Ovens 7,30pm Fridaty

Evening Echo Senior B Championship Bishopstown v Killeagh Castle Road, 7,20cm

Eire Og v Carrigaline Ballinhassig 7,30pm Bishosptown v Killragh Castle Road

Evening Echo Senior Championship Cloughduv or Barryroe v St Catherines

Valley Rovers just shade tight game to oust Aghabullogue

Valley Rovers Aghabullogue

0-5

IN a tight contest Valley Rovers defeated Aghbullogue to take the points in this second round game of the Evening Echo Senior B championship round robin series of games. Both sides exchanged points in a close opening half and it was Valley Rovers who held the half time advantage 0-4 to 0-3 after Eileen Foley had pointing two frees while Liz. Bugler also hit two from play. Emma Healy and Erin O'Connell were on target for Aghbullogue with points as they matched their opponents.

In the second half both sides battled to gain control. Connie

battled to gain control, Connie Hawkes and Katie Richardson (2) added to the Valley Rovers tally while Aghbullogue, despite a strong performance, failed to grab the scores to gain control.

Aghbullogue: N Moynihan; L Ronan, J Twomey, M Twomey; T Roche, N Twomey, D Twomey; B Twomey, L O'Gormen; E Healy, C Murphy, M Buckley; M Twomey, F Buckley, N Doherty, Subs: S Dineen for M Twomey, E O'Connell for N Doherty

Valley Rovers: G Harrington; A M Murphy, M Cottrell, J O'Mahony; J Hawkes, L Hawkes, E Coughlan; E O'Regan, E O'Mahony; K Richardson, C Hawkes, J Callangen; O Deasy E Foley Liz Bugler, Subs: A Cummins for J. O'Mahony T Hawkes for E. Foley, Scorers: E. Poley 9-2 (Ps), L. Bugler K, Richardson 9-2 each, C Hawkes 9-1.

All-Ireland Poc Fada

Meanwhile, Waterford's Patricia Jackman won the senior camogie title in 28

Down's Fionnuala Carr, daughter of former senior football manager Ross; claimed second spot with 29

Rovers' return ensures place in fourth round Kilkenny get

Glen Rovers Kilbrittan/Timoleague 5-13 1-5

A SOLID performance helped Glen Rovers take the points on offer in this third round game in the Evening Echo Senior B Championship in Coachford.

Denise Luby and Sinéad O'Halloran hit early points to give the Glen the lead, but a Siobhán Sexton goal saw Kilbrittan/Timoleague take the lead. In response Denise Luby pointed a free to get her side level before firing a low shot to the net that helped them regain control.

Sinéad O'Halloran hit a goal and a point before Aoife Walsh, Denise Luby and Sinéad Fahy hit points as Miriam Deasy and Siobhán Sexton replied with pointed Kilbrittan/Timoleague frees.

On the resumption the Glen remained focused and with Aoife Walsh and Sinead O'Halloran each adding 1-1 to their tally they were in control.

Karen O'Connell had added a point before Michelle Dollard had one back for a Kilbrittan/Timoleague side that battled for every ball with determination. Lydia Cunningham sent a long range effort to the net before Sinead Fahy and Sinead O'Halloran added to the Glen Rovers tally with Siobhan Sexton adding one for Kilbrittan/Timoleague.

Scorers for Glen Rovers: S O'Halloran 2-5, D Luby 1-3(0-2f), A Walsh 1-2, L Cunningham 1-0, S Fahy 0-2, K O'Connell 0-1.

Kilbrittan/ Timoleague: S Sexton 1-3, (0-2f), M Deasy, M Dollard 0-1 each,
GLEN ROVERS: K Newman (c); L O'Sullivan, A Guston, 8 Walsh; N O'Brien, L Cunningham, K O'Connell; E O'Riordan, A Keating; S Fahy, D Luby, A O'Keeffe; S O'Halloran, A Walsh, E O'Connell, Subs: M Hegarty for E O'Riordan, T Cunningham for B Walsh, Z Buckley for L O'Sullivan, L Kelly for A O'Keeffe, S Gallen for E O'Connell, KILBRITTAN/TIMOLEAGUE: L Moloney: E O'Donovan, M Hayes, D O'Sullivan; M Dullea, E O'Sullivan, M O'Sullivan (c): D O'Mahony, J O'Regan; S Sexton, J Cashman, L O'Callagham; A Crowley, M Deasy, M Dollard, Sub; G O'Brien for Deasy.

Ref: Oliver Webb (Tracton).



Brendan Aherne, Ladysbridge has a different view on proceedings as an umpire at the Cork County Intermediate Camogie Championship game between Fr O'Neill's and Newtownshandrum.

LINDA MELLERICK

CORK versus Galway and Kilkenny versus Wexford are the pairings for this year's Gala All-Ireland semi-finals in Nowlan Park on August

I think it's wrong yet again that Kilkenny get to play at home, but that's the way it is.

Cork are out at 2pm with Kilkenny and Wexford taking to the pitch for a 4pm throw-in.

Of the three teams we could have drawn, Lady Luck was on our side. Despite the familiar cliches every team should heed ahead of any big game such as 'not taking them for granted', 'no such thing as a bad team at this stage of the competition' and 'treating the game with the utmost of respect', realistically if Cork show any bit of aggression and intensity at all they'll beat Galway.

Galway won't be at all happy at playing Cork, despite defeating them in a qualifying game in Athenry four weeks ago. I was abroad and missed the game, but I know enough about Cork and Galway to know if Cork perform Galway won't match them.

Last month Galway scored 1-1 in the first few minutes of the game and Cork were chasing it from there. It was a poor Cork performance and typified the way they had been playing for most of the season.

The pendulum started to swing and Cork began to look like championship contenders again when they played Wexford seven days later and they may well look back and agree that this was where their season turned around.

By all accounts the intensity in training has increased and that possibly coincides with the knock-out stages of the championship. There is nothing like knock-out to raise the

Playing six qualifying games and knowing in your own heart and soul that you could afford to lose three games and still qualify does little to inspire a heartfelt performance.

Kilkenny won't be happy with their Wexford pairing. With a replay always, in my view, working in favour of the loser first time round the fact that Wexford defeated Kilkenny just

O'Driscoll in top form for Fr O'Neill's

Fr O'Neill's Newtownshandrum

WITH Fiona O'Driscoll in super form Fr O'Neill's got their Evening Echo Intermediate Championship campaign off to a winning start in their first game in the round robin series of game in Water-

Mariah Reidy opened scoring with a point from play, Fiona O'Driscoll hit Fr O'Neill's opening point early in the game and she had added to their points tally before Katie Ahern first-timed a breaking ball to the net.

Maria Reidy pointed a Newtown free, but in response Fr O'Neill's held their lead with two further points. Paula O'Connor had narrowed the gap with a pointed free before Fiona O'Driscoll grabbed a goal.

Newtown came storming into the game on the resumption with a goal and a point from Mariah Reidy, in between Fr O'Neill's added two points, but again Reidy hit a goal and point.

As the sides battled to gain control they swapped points.

Paula O'Connor hit a Newtown goal. but Fr O'Neill's replied with a point to keep their noises ahead, but they had

to withstand a Newtown rally as they hit. a 40 metre free into the square, but it was ably dealt with by the Fr O'Neill's

Scores for Fr O'Neill's: F O'Driscoll 1-4, G Kearney 0-5, K Ahern 1-2, N Nagle, C Phelan 0-1each.

Newtownshandrum: M Reidy 2-5 (0.2f) P O'Comor 1-2 (0-2f), A Twehill 0-1, FR O'NERL'S: T Cusack; C McGrath, L Sweetnam, R Ahern; S Harrington, U Day, Y Murphy; F Wigglies, N Ahern; M Finn, G Kear-ney, K Ahern; C Phelan, N Nagle, F O'Driscoll, Subs: E Rohan for N Nagle, L Hayes for C Phelan.

NEWTOWNSHANDRUM: M O'Connor: S Curtin, E O'Mahony, F Twomey, S Curtin, A Twohill, E Reidy, P O'Connor, N Bowles, S Reidy, V O'Keeffe, M O'Connor, B Ryan, M Reidy, S Moloney, Sub; C Griffin for B Ryan.

Catherine's show class to brush past Barryroe

St Catherine's Barryroe

CHAMPIONS St Catherine's availed of the back door to keep the defence of their Evening Echo Senior Championship crown alive

as they had too much pace for Barryroe at Castle Road last night. From the off Catherine's put

the Barryroe defence under huge pressure striking three points in-a-row before Jennifer O'Leary had Barryroe's opening score. St Catherine's were that bit sharper and livelier in all sectors. Up front, Denise Twomey caused a lot of

bother while at midfield Orla Cotter was hugely influential.

Barryroe held firm as St Catherine's tested them to the limits, goalkeeper Eimear White was solid holding her lines as St Catherine's searched for a

goal Orla Cotter pointed twice from frees to extend the St Catherine's lead as Jennifer O'Leary replied. But disaster struck Barryroe eight minutes from half time when Michelle Tobin ran unchecked from midfield to a shot to the roof of the Barryroe net. Jennifer O'Leary replied with a Barryroe point but

SENIOR CAMOGIE By MARY NEWMAN

two in-a-row from the Twomey sisters, Deirdre and Denise, had St Catherine's comfortable at 1-7 to 0-3 at the break. Barryroe had it all to do in the second half and an over-reliance on Jennifer O'Leary for scores proved costly, as they failed to breach the strong St Catherine's defence. Here Liz Power and Noirin Mulcahy were solid and reliable. By the three quarter stage Orla Cotter had added four points to the St Catherine's tally as Jennifer O'Leary and Ger

Collins struck one each for a Barryroe side who desperately needed a goal. The closing minutes belonged to Catherine's, who showed their strength by striking five unanswered points to comfortably book their place in round three. A pleasing feature of the game was the superb display of Cork senior Jennifer O'Leary, who showed tremendous style. With every game she is showing a return to form following her two year stint abroad and this something that will please the Cork selectors as preparations now go full steam ahead for their August 14 All-Ireland

semi-final clash with Galway as the county Senior Championship games go on the back burner until August 18.

Scorers for St Catherine's: O Cotter 0-7 (0-6f), M Tobin 1-0, Denise Twomey 0-3, Deirdre Twomey, R O'Callaghan 0-2 each, F Cotter 0-1. Barryree: J O'Leary 0-4, G Collins

ST CATHERINE'S: D Leahy; F Noon-an, N Mulcahy, Y O' Neill: D Neville, L Powerfo! C Motherway: O Cottee, M Tobin: F Neville, F Cotter, A O'Regan: Deirdre Twomey, E Royn-ane, Denise Twomey, Suba: R O'Callaghan for Y O'Neill (47), M O'Regan for A O'Regan (55).

BARRYROE E White (c); E Carroll, A M Fleming, N O'Driscoll; K Mc Carthy, C Dineen, P Moloney, I Dineen, R Holland; J C'Leary, E O'Regan, L Gamoen, R Bineen, G Collins, C O'Dwyer, Sub: R McCarthy for P Moloney (btD.)

Referee: Cathal Egan (Glen Rovers)

unfair advantage



The Cork U15 development squad who played before and at half-time during the Cork v Clare championship game in Pairc Ui Chaoimh.

Camogie website

THE Cork Camogie Board recently launched its new website where fixture and results of games can now be accessed. While still in its infancy the board are working on updating and expanding the site which can be accessed at: www.corkcamogie.ie.

last week in their final qualifying game by two goals may favour the Cats. I doubt it though.

With Aoife O'Connor providing the platform from the half-back line, Wexford blitzed a previously unbeaten Kilkenny outfit in the first half to lead by 2-7 to 0-2 at half-time, Evelyn Quigley bagging both goals.

Michelle Quilty's accuracy from frees improved matters for Kilkenny after the restart and she finished with six points, but Ann Downey's side had too much leeway to make up and lost 2-10 to 0-10.

From the outset Wexford, for me.

were the team to be cautious of. I know Kilkenny beat us in Pairc Ui Rinn in June, but even then Cork were very poor and could have won the game.

We have a better chance of beating Wexford in an All-Ireland final than a semi-final I think. Cork are the Queens of Croke Park and it is hard to beat them once they get there (we'll intentionally forget what happened in 2007).

Cork still have work to do, no doubting that. We are letting in goals at a far more frequent rate than we used to and scoring less. Sile Burns seems to have come back to form. Jennifer O'Leary is absolutely flying at the moment. Julia White is growing as a player with each outing and Joanne Casey is a big bonus for Cork having re-joined the panel.

Cork have options now where they didn't before. Rachel Moloney is also there to come back into the side. Cork are carrying one or two weaknesses still and while they may have got away with them to date, they may be exposed in Nowlan Park and most definitely will in Croke Park.

Golf classic the perfect appetiser for semi-final

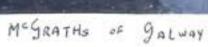
KILKENNY's DJ Carey and Ann Downey helped the Camogie Association launch their inaugural golf classic which will take place on Friday August 13. They were joined by Wexford keeper Mags Darcy and Kilkenny centre-back Leann Fennelly to launch the event which takes place in Kilkenny GC the day before the All-Ireland semi-finals. Speaking at the launch, Camo-

gie President Joan O'Flynn encouraged all camogie people to get behind the venture. "Many former and current play-

"Many former and current players are active golfers and this is a great chance to combine two interests, golf on Friday and the All-Ireland semi-final in Nowlan Park on Saturday.
"It promises to be a great social occasion, a chance to reconnect with friends and enjoy
a round of golf at a fantastic

"With our senior semi-finals on Saturday in Nowlan Park, those attending on Friday will have a chance to see four great teams in action the next day." The format is teams of four, male and female, entry fee €300 which includes golf, a goody bag and dinner. Anybody interested in taking part can contact Lynn Kelly (tee-times 8-11.30am and 2-5pm) at 087 2059587 email lynnkelly15⊛gmail.com. ILGU/GUI rules apply.







Fr O'Neill's win was two close for comfort

Fr O'Neill's Newtownshandrum 2-13 3-8

FR O'NEILL'S had to battle to the finish before they overcame Newtownshandrum in this Evening Echo Intermediate Championship round robin series game in Watergrasshill, writes MARY NEW-MAN.

Mariah Reidy and Fiona O'Driscoll exchanged early points and O'Neill's took the lead with Fiona O'Driscoll adding points to the tally.

Katie Ahern added a goal for O'Neill's as they extended their advantage, but Maria Reidy pointed a Newtownshandrum free in response. Fr O'Neill's maintained their lead with two further points, but Paula O'Connor had narrowed the gap with a pointed free before Fiona O'Driscoll struck for O'Neill's second goal.

As the sides battled it out they exchanged points and it was Fr O'Neill's who held a 2-5 to 0-6 half-time lead.

Maria Reidy gave Newtown a great start to the second half as she added a goal and a point to cut the deficit.

In between Fr O'Neill's added two points, but Maria Reidy continued to caused the O'Neill's defence huge trouble and hit a goal and point to keep her side in it.

As the sides battled for control they exchanged points before Paula O'Connor hit a Newtown goal. O'Neill's replied with a point to hold the lead, but they had to withstand a strong Newtown rally before the final whistle before the points were secured.

Scores for Fr O' Neill's: F O'Driscoll 1-4, G Kearney 0-5, K Ahern 1-2, N Nagle, C Phelan 0-1each,

Newtownshandrum: M Reidy 2-5 (0-2 f) P O' Connor 1-2 (0-2 f), A Twohill 0-1.

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FR O'NEILL'S: T Cusack: C McGrath, L
Sweetnam, R Ahern; S Harrington, U
Day, Y Merphy: F Wiggins, N Ahern; M
Fine, G Kearney, K Ahern; C Phelan, N
Nagle, F O'Driscoll, Subs: E Rohan for
N Nagle, L Hayes for C Phelan,
NEWTOWNSHANDRUM: M O'Connor;
S Custo F O'Mahern, E Transport

S Curtin, E O'Mahomy, F Twomey, S Curtin, A Twohill, E Reidy; P O'Connor, N Bowles; S Reidy, V O'Keeffe, M O'Connor; B Ryan, M Reidy, S Moloney. Sub: C Griffin for B Ryan.

Quest for glory is



Camogie players, Thérése McCarthy (bottom centre, clockwise), Ciara O'Sullivan, Derval McKeown, Kayleigh Whelton, Shannon Chapman, Clodagh Moloney and Ann Marie O'Leary at the VHI Cúl Camp. Picture: Martin Walsh.

Semi-finals for league competitions

WITH the closing date for games in the various sections of the leagues looming there was a flurry of activity in the past week as clubs got their remaining games played before the deadline.

With all section results in for last Tuesday night's county board meeting, it cleared the way for the draws to be made for the closing stages in league competitions from senior to junior C and dates will be set in the coming weeks for the semi-final stages.

Senior: Douglas y Ballincottig: St Catherine

 Bathygarvan and Inniscarra play off for fourth place this weekend.
 Senior B: Eire Og v Killeagh; Glen Rovers v Clonakity.

Intermediate: Tracton v Fr O'Neill's: Mallow v Sarsfield's.
Junior A: Blackrock v Douglas, Enniskaans v

Watergrasshill.
Junior B. Na Piarsaigh v Castlemagner, Kildorrery v Ballincollig.

LINDA

DERVAL O'ROURKE's triumph in the European championships last Saturday evening was a joy to watch and once again placed Cork on the map as a county that produces truly remarkable sporting personalities.

I was particularly interested in her post-race interview where Derval stated that she seems to hit her peak at the right time all the time, that if she only performs the way she can one day a year (the key day) she'll take that.

She hit the nail on the head really didn't she?

It's what every sports person regardless of their field aspires to achieve — the ultimate performance when it counts. Derval did just enough in her heats to ensure qualification, but broke the national record in the final.

For a hurler/footballer/camogie player, of course you want to play well throughout a championship campaign, you want to reach the final, but saving the best for last and giving the performance of your life in an All-Ireland final with your team mates all peaking with you — now that's a dream come true but one that's very hard to achieve in team sports.

Different players will shine on alternate days, but getting the complete performance is rare. The only time that has been achieved recently was by the Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final of two years ago and how proud Brian Cody must have felt.

David Gillick didn't perform when it counted and you could almost feel his pain after the race. I still feel he should have lined out with his relay team the following morning.

Despite being in absolute despair the run would have done him the world of good, it is felt the team would have made the final with him and that would have helped him in his recovery. We all know that the only way to get over a defeat is get back out there.

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President's August Blog

The games' action is reaching its peak. The Minor All Ireland Final between Clare and Galway was a second half thrifter. The biggest crowd of the season were on the edge of their seats in McDenagh Park in Nenagh. Roll on the replay on August 21st.

The Miline Ni Chinneide Cup will also require a replay. The all-Ulster tie of Cavan and Monaghan could not produce a winner and these will meet again on 27rd August.

All Ireland Sunday in Croke Park - 12th September White all eyes are on the various All Ireland semi finals underway in August, our sights are also firmly set on 12th September in Croke Park for All Ireland Camogie Sunday.

This year our Senior and Premier Junior finalists will be joined by our Intermediate finalists. A Camogie triple header for the first time in this superb stadium is something to really look forward to.

It will be a special occasion. Now is the time to start organising your club and supporters to be part of it. A lively crowd only adds to the spectacle and is important to the players, plenty of sporting skill and entertainment is guaranteed. The President of Ireland, Mary McAllesse will join us on this occasion. Tickets remain at lost year's prices with group passes being available for children as usual.

Underage Camogie a first in the US

Spent a couple of days in Long Island, New York earlier in the month for the 7th Continental Youth Championships. GAA and Ladies Football representatives were also in the travelling party.

The Championships are an annual weekend tournament of gaelic games for children from the US and Canada. Camogie was added to the bill this year for the first time. Young Camogie players aged under 8-12 from San Fransisco, New Haven in Connecticut, Rockland and St. Brigids in New York and from Chicago all participated. If the enthusiasm on display is anything to go by, we've planted a small acom. I expect Camogie to grow further again over the next 12 months and beyond.

Development Funding initiative

We recently announced the availability of grants for county boards. This is to support them to put in place plans to the end of 2011 to grow and promote Camogic. This was a commitment I made at the launch of our national development plan Our Game Our Passion at Annual Congress in March. The county plans will help implement the national priorities at local level, taking account of local needs. County officers including County Development Officers who attended the workshop in Croke Park are all eligible to apply for the development funding. Páraic Duffy And Stiúrthóir and Claran Leddy, Head of Organisational Development gave the workshop insights on the GAA's approach to development.

Next up is our Camogie Fundrather in Shelbourne Park on eve of the Hurling All Ireland 4th September. Your club has a chance of winning some monies so make sure to join in the fun by getting hold of some tickets from our National Offices. Promises be to another great night!

Until the next time.

Joan O'Flynn Siobhán Ní Fhloinn Uachtarán

Support sought in Kilkenny

ALL ROADS lead to Nowlan Park, Kilkenny, this coming Saturday to see Wexford play Kilkenny in the Gala All-Ireland Senior championship semi-final at 4 p.m.

Wexford Camogie Board would encourage supporters to make the journey to Kilkenny in large numbers to support the girls. Admission charges are £15 for adults, and £10 for students/OAPs. All Under-16s will gain free entry, and if groups are travelling from clubs, there will be one adult free

with each group of ten children.

This is a great opportunity to come along
with the young players
to support their county
players and to see
them in action. The
other semi-final
between Galway and
Cork is at 2 p.m., and
the admission price is
very reasonable for
what should be two
cracking semi-finals.

The Wexford players and their management have been putting in huge work since January and will be hoping to make it all the way to Croke Park in September. Your support does make a difference on

the day and it is only right that we go along and support the effort that these girls have put in, so don't put your purple and gold away just yet, wear it with pride and come along on Saturday.

We would like to thank everyone who supported our fundraising county jersey night on Thursday last in The Centenary Stores. A special word of thanks to Michael Tierney for allowing us to use the venue and to Andy Doyle for all his help.



III Rapparees captain, Katie Breen, receiving the plaque from Ellis Kavanagh after their Under-12 success. Reports next week

all about timing



The Cork U15 development squad who played in Páirc Uí Chaoimh recently.

Ballinhassig on song in round-robin

Newcestown

BALLINHASSIG continued their impressive run as they recorded their second victory in the round-robin series in the Evening Echo Senior B Championship with a win over Newcestown, writes MARY NEWMAN.

Ballinhassig laid the foundation for victory with an impressive first-half dis-

Emma Jordan was on target with an early point which settled them before Sinead O'Callaghan finished to the net for an early goal.

They continued to set the pace as Newcestown battled to get into their stride. Colleen Long and Colette Des-

Granted the four-year gap between

European Championships is that bit

longer than a GAA championship

season. But the Olympics are only

around the corner. Having said that

it is felt that David has lost his

chance and maybe deep down he

knows that.

4-14 mond and Grainne Cronin hit points and in response Ballinhassig kept the pressure on with a second Sinead O'Callaghan goal and points from Aisling O'Brien, Emma Jordan, Sinead O'Callaghan and Deirdre Coomey.

Grainne Cronin struck for Newcestown but Ballinhassig got a huge boosted a minute from the break when Aisling O'Brien hit their third goal which gave them a 3-8 to 1-4 interval lead.

Both sides upped the pace from the start of the second half and Newcestown rallied as play swung from end to end. Suzanne Deasy, Hilda O'Mahony and Colette Desmond were all to the fore as they added to their tally.

Ballinhassig stayed in control with Emma Jordan, Deirdre Coomey and Aisling O'Brien adding points.

Aine Gilmartin extended Ballinhassig's advantage with a goal but Colette Desmond got one back for a Newcestown side that worked to the finish and never gave up.

Scorers for Ballinhassig: S O'Callaghan 2-3 (0-1 45) A O'Brien 1-4, E Jordan 0-5, A Gil-matrin 1-0, D Coomey 0-2.

Newcestown: Colette Desmond 1-2, Collet Long 0-3, Grainne Cronin 1-1, H O'Mahor 0-1, S Deasy 0-1.

0-1, S Deasy 0-1.

NEWCESTOWN: L. O'Sullivan; K. Murphy, F. Deasy, M. Crowley; A. Coughlan, R. Desmond, C. O'Mahony; E. Crowley; Cl., F. Crowley; T. Hurley, H. O'Mahony, A. Crowley; C. Long, C. Desmond, G. Cronin, Subs. S. Deasy for K. Murphy, T. McCarthy for A. Crowley, A. Keane for Rose Desmond, U. Crowley for A. Coughland

BALLINHASSIG: G. O'Callaghan: M. O'Reardon, E. O'Donovan, L. Jordan; C. Collins, A. Coleman; E. O'Sullivan, M. Kelleher; S. O'Callaghan, D. Coomey, K. McCarthy, E. Jordan; A. Gilmartin, A. O'Brien, A. O'Leary, Subs: O Murray for A O'Leary.

I really felt for him last Friday. The only thing that could turn you off sport at times is the pain when you lose. Ann Downey, when once asked the question 'what keeps you going?" replied 'the fear of losing'.

Will the Cork hurlers give the complete performance tomorrow? What a victory this would be if we could beat the Cats. Everything gone before would be erased if come 5pm on Sunday we had stopped Kilkenny in their five-in-a-row-bid. It would be the ultimate victory.

An article last Sunday by Pat

Fitzpatrick regarding the renaming

of Cork Airport made me smile and full credit to him. He has proposed that Cork airport be named after Sonia O'Sullivan.

He states the fact that there is no tunnel, pitch or building named after a famous Cork woman apart from the Nano Nagle footbridge which is, as Pat put it, like some city councillor said 'Ah come on now lads, we better do something for the auld dolls'.

It's All-Ireland camogie semi-final day next Saturday. Don't you just love this time of the year when the finals are all in sight?

The local camogie championship has been put on hold for a few weeks until after next weekend. Should Cork progress there is a month to the finals, so the county board will be hoping to have all quarter-finals completed within two weeks, giving the Cork team a clear fortnight's run into the final.

We won't get ahead of ourselves though. Let's take next Saturday first. The county championship has to date thrown up some really tight games with many going down to the wire. That's unusual as typically in the early stages there are some big gaps in standards. It's making the championship exciting and hard to

Tracton ease past Sars and into semis

Sarsfields

0-5

TRACTON qualified for the Evening Echo Intermediate Championship semi-final when they turned in another impressive performance to make it two wins out of two in their section of the round robin series.

From the throw-in they put the Sarsfields defence under pressure and they were on the scoreboard inside a minute, Aoife Kiely striking for their first goal.

Mary McGuinness, Aoife Kiely and Marion Jagoe had added points before a double goal blast in the space of four minutes from Jagoe left Sarsfields a mountain to climb.

To their credit they battled to stay in contention - Rita Crowley and Aisling Whooley hitting points as the strong Tracton defence held firm under any pressure Sarsfields applied.

Sars managed to contain the Tracton attack to 1-3 while they themselves added three points to their tally after the break, however, Tracton had all the work done in the opening half and held their lead to the finish to run out win-

Scorers for Tracton: A Kiely 4-2, M Ja-goe 2-1, J Lynch 0-5 (0-3 f, 0-1 45), C Castleton, M Mc Guinness 0-1 each

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Minor A Championship Final CLARE v GALWAY

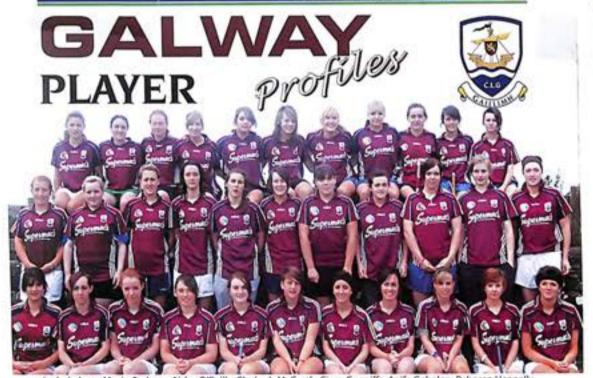
3.00pm, Saturday, August 7th, 2010 McDonagh Park, Nenagh Referee John O'Leary, Cork

Gala All Ireland Junior B Championship Final CAVAN v MONAGHAN

2.30pm, Sunday, August 8th, 2010 Donaghmore Ashbourne, Co. Meath Referee Gerry McGough, Dublin

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ALL-IRELAND MINOR 'A' CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL 2010



Included are: Maria Breheny, Aisha O'Reilly, Clodagh McGrath, Ciara Cunniffe, Aoife Cahalan, Rebecca Hennelly Shauna Healy, Finola Keely, Orlaith McGrath, Anibhin Kenny, Anife Donohue. Middle row (I.-r.): Aine Mannion, Kathy McDonagh, Niamh O'Brien, Siobhán Coen, Bridie Scully, Siobhán Kelly, Olivia Lane, Laura Donnellan, Caitriona Daly, Maria Cooney, Mairéad Linnane, Tracey Murray, Karen Brien, Laura Mitchell, Lorraine Coen, Sheila Forde, Rachel Monaghan, Serena Walshe, Ruth Mooney, Tara Kenny, Noreen Murphy, Lisa O'Neil. Missing from photo: Lorraine Farrell, Deirdre Ward, Claire Kavanagh, Lorraine Reynolds, Niamh McGrath. LORRAINE COEN: Back

OLIVIA LANE: Goalkeeper LAURA DONNELLAN: Back CATRIONA DALY: Goalkeeper SIOBHAN COEN: Back CIARA CUNNIFFE: Back SERENA WALSHE: Back AINE MANNION: Forward SIOBHÁN KELLY: Forward NIAMH O'BRIEN: Back **RUTH MOONEY: Forward BRIDIE SCULLY: Back DEIRDRE WARD: Forward** KATHY McDONAGH: Back MAIRÉAD LINNANE: Back **REBECCA HENNELLY: Back ORLAITH McGRATH:** Forward AOIFE DONOHUE: Forward **AOIBHIN KENNY: Forward** TARA KENNY: Back

MARIA BREHENY: Forward **CLODAGH McGRATH:** Midfield/Forwards NIAMH McGRATH: Forward NOREEN MURPHY: Back AOIFE CAHALAN: Forward SHELIA FORDE: Back FINOLA KEELY: Forward KAREN BRIEN: Back MARIA COONEY: Back LORRAINE FARRELL: Back TRACEY MURRAY: Midfield/Forward LAURA MITCHELL: Midfield LISA O'NEILL: Back AILSH O'REILLY: Forward SHAUNA HEALY: Midfield RACHEL MONGHAN: Forward CLAIRE KAVANAGH: Back LORRAINE REYNOLDS: Back

(2) (5) **LOUISE WOODS** L Nic Conchoille

Gorm agus Or

(1)

SUZIE O'SHEA S. Ni Shé Bollyeo

(3) MAIRE McGRATH JOANNE WALSH M. Nic Craith S. Breatnach Sixmilebridge Newmarket

(6) **CHLOE MOREY**

C. Ni Mhora (Capt.)

Sixmilebridge

(11)

KATIE CAHILL

Kilmaley

(7) CHRISTINA GLYNN C. Nig Fhloinn Kilnomona

(12)

NIAMH CORRY

N. Ni Chorra

Sixmilebridge

(4)

JESSICA O'NEILL

S. Ni Neill

Clooney

ORLAITH DUGGAN

O. Ni Dhuogáin Cloaney

NIAMH O'DEA N. Ni Dhea Corofin

(10)RACHEL O'HALLORAN

St. Joseph's

R. Ni hAllúráin Sixmilebridge

(13)NAOMI CARROLL N. Ni Chearúil Sixmilebridge

(16) LORNA HIGGINS L. Ni hUligion

L. Ni hAichir (18) REGINA O'BRIEN R. Ni Bhriain

St. Joseph's

(17) HELEN HEHIR

(20) LEANNE BOYLE L. Ni Shooil Wolfe Tones

(21) CAROLINE FEEHILY

C. Ni Fhicheollaigh Newmarket (22) LISA LOUGHNANE L. Mi Lechtnoin

Kilkishen (19) CAITRIONA HENNESSY (23) SAIDHBHE CORBETT S. Ni Choirb

C. Ni Chathail

(15)(14)SINEAD TUOHY SUSAN FAHY S. Ni Thuathaigh S. Ni Fhathaigh Sixmilebridge Whitegate

(24) AISLING O'HALLORAN (28) ELLEN HORGAN E. Ni hArgoin A. Ni hAllurdin Iruagh Kilmaley

(29) AILISH CONSIDINE (25) CIARA MINOGUE C. Ni Mhuineog Feakle (26) RACHEL McNAMARA

R. Nic Conmoro Isida (27) VERA LOUGHNANE (30) EDEL BRODERICK E. Ni Bhruadau Killanena

Kilmaley

A. Nic Consaidin

V. Ni Lochtnáir Feakle

Manager: Francie McMahon. Trainer: John Carmody. Selectors: Jim Loughnane, Brendan Mulcaire, Niamh McInerney. First Aid/Physical Therapist: Edel Maher

ALL-IRELAND MINOR 'A' CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL 2010

Marún agus Bán

(1) **OLIVIA LANE** O. Ni Laighin

Turloughmore

(2) TARA KENNY

I. Ni Chiongoith Sarsfields

Ardrohon

(5) NOREEN MURPHY N. Ni Murchú

(3) KAREN BRIEN C. Ni Bhriain

Killimor (6)

SIOBHAN COEN S. Ni Chadhain Ballindeeren

LAURA DONNELLAN L Ni Dhonallain (Capt.) Mountbellew

(7) LORRAINE FARRELL L. Ni Fhearail Devitts

(8)LAURA MITCHELL L. Misteil

(20) AOIFE CAHALAN

A. Ni Chatha

(21) SIOBHÁN KELLY

(22) AOIBHIN KENNY

A. Ni CHiona

5. Ni Cheelloigh

Ardrehan

Mullogh

Sersfields

(23) LISA O'NEILL

Killimordoly

SHAUNA HEALY S. Ni hEili Ardrohon

(10) TRACEY MURRAY T. Ni Mhuiri St. Thomas

(13)AILISH O'REILLY

(16) CAITRIONA DALY

(17) FINOLA KEELY

F. Mi Chaollai

(18) MARIA COONEY

M. M. Chuene

(19) RACHEL MONAGHAN

Soutields

A. Ni Roghollaigh

Sorsfields (14)**AOIFE DONOHUE**

(11)

CLODAGH McGRATH

C. Nic Craith

A. Ni Dhonnchú Mullagh

(28) NIAMH O'BRIEN (24) CIARA CUNNIFFE

(9)

(25) SHEILA FORDE S. Nic Giollan Ardralian

(26) MAJRÉAD LINNANE M. Ni Linnegin Turloughmore (27) ORLAITH McGRATH O. Nic Craith

MARIA BREHENY M. Nic an Breithiúnaigh Davitts

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REBECCA HENNELLY

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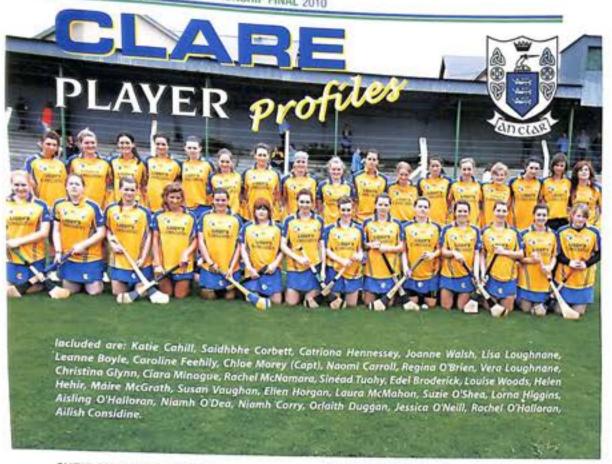
Mullogh (29) AINE MANNION

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N. Ni Bhriair

C. Nic Donnacha Mountbellow

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ALL-IRELAND PREMIER JC 'C' Semi-finals: Carlow: Waterford 2-14 (A Lyng 0-9 (5fs), P Jackman 1-3 (0-10), K Kelly 1-2) Meath 1-9 (J Dalton 0-5 (2fs) L Oakes 1-0, S Hackett 0-2, E Guy 0-2) Casement Park: Antrin 3-10 (J Adams 3-5 (0-3f), S Graham 0-2, R McCarry, M Convery, A Martin 0-1 each) Down 3-9 (F Carr 1-6(0-6f), N Mallon 1-1, P Gribben 1-0, St. Carr, C McGoarty 0-1

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SUZIE O'SHEA: Goalkeeper JOANNE WALSH: Corner/Wing back MAIRE McGRATH: Full Back

JESSICA O'NEILL: Corner/Wing back LAURA McMAHON: Corner/Wing back CHLOE MOREY: Centre back/forward CHRISTINA GLYNN: Wing back

ORLAITH DUGGAN: Midfield/Half forward

NIAMH O'DEA: Midfield

RACHEL O'HALLORAN: Wing/Corner

forward

an cabhán

KATIE CAHILL: Wing/Corner forward NIAMH CORRY: Wing forward/Midfield

NAOMI CARROLL: Forwards SUSAN FAHY: Full forward line SINEAD TUOHY: Wing/Corner forward

LORNA HIGGINS: Corner/Wing back

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SINEAD BRADY

S. Ni Bhràdaigh

Lacken

(5)

CARMEL MCBRIDE

C. Nic Giolla Bhride

Drumgoon

(10)

BRENDA LYNCH

B. Ni Loingsigh

Crosserlough

(13)

SINEAD McKENNA

S. Nic Cionaoith

Crosserlough

(16) CAROLINE SHALVEY

C. Ni Shealbhaigh

A. Ni Bhràdaigh

5. Nic Ránaill

Crosserlough

(19) MARIA MURPHY

M. Ni Mhurchii

Locker

(18) SIOBHÁN REYNOLDS

Drumgoon

(17) AOIFE BRADY

Lacken

ANDREA LYNCH

A. Ni Loingsigh Locken

HELEN HEHIR: Wing/Corner back REGINA O'BRIEN: Midfield/Wing forward CAITRIONA HENNESSEY: Wing forward/

LEANNE BOYLE: Wing back **CAROLINE FEEHILY: Backs**

LISA LOUGHNANE: Midfield/Wing forward SAIDHBHE CORBETT: Full forward line AISLING O'HALLORAN: Wing/Corner back CIARA MINOGUE: Wing/Corner back RACHEL McNAMARA: Forwards

VERA LOUGHNANE: Forwards/Goalkeeper **ELLEN HORGAN:** Wing back **EDEL BRODERICK: Backs**

AILISH CONSIDINE: Forward/Goalkeeper LOUISE WOODS: Wing back/Forward/

(4)

JENNY O'ROURKE

S. Ni Rugiro

Lacken

(7)

ROSIE CROWE

R. Nic Chonchra (Capt.)

Locken

(12)

ROISIN O'KEEFFE

R. Ni Chaoimh

Lacken

(15)

BRID BOYLAN

B. Ni Bhaiolláin

Portobello

(25) SUSAN MULLIGAN

S. Ni Mhoologóin

(26) MAIREAD McCABE

(27) MARGARET McCABE

M. Mic Coba (Joint Vice-Capt.)

M. Nic Coba

Drumgoan

Locken

(9)

MAJELLA PRIOR

M. Nic an Phriora

Castletara

Midfield

An Cabhán

Gorm agus Bán

(1)

GERALDINE REILLY

G. Ni Roghollaigh

Costletora

(3)

NIAMH BRADY

N. Ni Bhràdaigh

Lacken

(6)

SINEAD COYLE

S. Ui Giolla Chambaill (Joint Vice-Copt.)

Crasserlough

(11)

JOSEPHINE MAGUIRE

S. Nig Uidhir

Ballinogh

(14)

MARIE BRADY

M. Ni Bhròdaigh

Lacken

(20) NICOLA COLLINS

Loragh

Castletara

(23) LORRAINE DAY

L Ni Dhea

Crosserlough

(22) AOISHE O'REILLY A. Ni Raghallaigh Crosserlough

N. Ni Choileáin

(21) ANN MARIE SMITH

A. M. Mhic Gobha

Midfield

GALA ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR 'B' CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL 2010

Muineachán

Bán agus Gorm

(1) **ROISIN McKENNA**

R. Nic Cionnaoith Castleblayney

(2)

MARY MEEHAN

M. Ni Mhiacháin Truogh

(5) **EDEL KIERAN** E. Ni Chiarain

Inniskeen

(3) SHARON McQUILLAN S. Nic Uilin

Trough (6)

JOANNE McSKEANE S. Nic Sceacháin Contibret

(4)

ANGELA KERR A. Nic Giolla Cheara (Capt.) Classibret

(7)ISOBEL KIERAN L Ni Chiarain Inniskeen

(12)

(8)

ELEANOR McQUAID

GALA ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR 'B' CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL 2010

SIOBHAN McKENNA S. Nic Ciongoith E. Nic Upid Truogh Clontibret (11)

(10)KAREN BOYLE C. Ni Bhaoill Cloatibret

R. Ni Fhionnagáin

Cloatibret

MARIE GREENAN M. Ni Ghrianáin Contibret

SHAUNA FINNEGAN S. Ni Fhionnagáin Clontibret

(13)ROSITA FINNEGAN

CATHERINE TOMANY

C. Tommany Contibret

(14)

EILEEN McELROY E. Nic Giolla Rua Castleblayney

(15)

(24) EMER McVEETY (16) MARY McELROY E. Nic on Bhiotoigh M. Nic Giolla Rva Crosserlough Costlebloyney

> (17) DONNA MOEN D. Ni Mhochéin Clantibret

> > H. Tedore

Contibret

(18) HANNA TEDORE

Clantiboni (19) AISLING GREENAN A. Ni Ghrianáin

Clantibret (21) NICOLA MORGAN M. M. Mhuireagain

(20) AIDEEN GREENE

A. Ni hllaine

Conthret

(22) AISLING McELVANNEY A. Nic Giolla Mheana Clostbret

(23) SHAUNA McELVANNEY S. Nic Gialla Mheana

Clootibret

L. Ni hAedha Clantibret (25) ORLA SHEERIN

(24) HELEN HUGHES

O. Ni Shiorain Truogh (26) LIZZIE McCONNON E. Nic Conann

Inniskeen (27) TARA McELVANNEY I. Nic Giolla Mheana Clantibret

Team Management: Colm McEvoy, Margaret Carroll

Management Team: Geraldine Clarke, Paul Ward

CAVAN

PLAYER profiles





Back row (I.-r.): Margaret McCabe, Caroline Shalvey, Brendan McEvoy, Aoishe O'Reilly, Annie Lynch, Roisin O'Keeffe, Rosie Crowe, Geraldine Reilly, Niamh Brady, Aoife Brady, Jenny O'Rourke, Majella Prior, Carmel McBride, Marie Brady. Front row (I.-r.): Siobhán Reynolds, Sinéad Brady, Josephine Maguire, Marie Murphy, Sinéad Coyle, Emer McVeety, Sinéad McKenna, Lorraine Day, Susan Mulligan, Anne Marie Fay, Brid Boylan.

BRÍD BOYLAN (29): Camogie Administrator AOIFE BRADY (19): Student MARIE BRADY (32): Primary Teacher NIAMH BRADY (24): Physiotherapist SINÉAD BRADY (27): Clerical Officer SINÉAD COYLE (34): Clerical Officer NICOLA COLLINS (16): Student ROSIE CROWE (25): Sports & Beauty Therapist

LORRAINE DAY (32): Accounts Manager ANNE MARIE FAY (30): Secondary Teacher ANDREA LYNCH (25): Primary Teacher BRENDA LYNCH (34): Beauty Therapist CARMEL McBRIDE (19): Student MAIRÉAD McCABE (23): Primary Teacher

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MAJELLA SMITH (30): Accounts Administrator

Teacher

Back row (k.-r.): Aideen Greene, Mary Meehan, Sjobhan McKenna, Sharon McQuillan, Rosita Finnego Roisln McKenna, Shauna Finnegan, Laura McQuillan, Clara Gormley, Isobel Kieran, Front row (l. r.): Tara McElvaney, Aisling McElvaney, Angela Kerr, Eleanor McQuaid, Ellish McCarron, Elleen McElroy, Marie Greenan, Catherine Tomany, Joanne McSkeane, Arlene McGeeney.

ROISÍN McKENNA (21): Student MARY MEEHAN (20): Student SHARON McQUILLAN (26): Retail Manager JOANNE McSKEANE (24): Student EDEL KIERAN (25): Landscape Designer ANGELA KERR (23): Occupational Therapist ISOBEL KIERAN (23): Teacher SIOBHÁN McKENNA (27): Fire Safety Engineer

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CATHERINE TOMMANY (17): Student EILEEN McELROY (19): Student MARY McELROY (21): Hematologist DONNA MOEN (22): Student HANNA TEDORE (17): Student AISLING GREENAN (21): Student AIDEEN GREENE (19): Shop Assistant NICOLA MORGAN (18): Student AISLING McELVANNEY (19): Student SHAUNA McELVANNEY (21): Student HELEN HUGHES (24): Physiotherapist ORLA SHEERIN (28): Sales LIZZIE McCONNON (30): Marketing Manager TARA McELVANNEY (19): Student

Cavan and Monaghan must do it all again in Junior B decider ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR 'A' CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

CAVAN...... 1-07 MONAGHAN..... 1-07

By Daire Walsh

Near-rivals Cavan and Monaghan will have to do it all again in a couple of weeks time after an injury-time goal from substitute Aoishe O'Reilly meant that Colm McEvoy's side will live to fight another day after a compelling encounter with the Farney county in Donaghmore/Ashbourne on Sunday afternoon.

There was a peculiar feature to this game, as a clash of colours on both sides (Cavan and Monaghan both wear blue and white predominantly) meant that Cavan had to wear the Westmeath jerseys of maroon & white, while Monaghan had to tog out in the black & red of Down. While this was a little strange at first, it nevertheless did save the confusion that would have been there if they had stayed in the same jerseys.

Cavan were very impressive in their semi-final win over Kildare and, much like in their win over The Lilywhites, the Breffni girls had a great start to this match, as they raced into a five point lead after 18 minutes. The scores during this period came courtesy of a brace from full-forward Marie. Brady and Castletara's Majella Prior, and one from pacy wing-forward Roisin O'Keeffe.

Cavan were well on top in terms of possession during this period, and they could have been even further in front if their radar had been slightly sharper. Monaghan, on the other hand, were struggling to create too many openings, with their only opportunity during the first twenty minutes being a missed '45' by Marie Greenan.

They did eventually opened their account on 25 minutes however, when midfielder Siobhan McKenna of Truagh split the posts from a tight angle on the right. A third Marie Brady free did cancel out this score just a minute later, but Monaghan finished the half well with points from Shauna Finnegan and Siobhan McKenna leaving Cavan with a 0-6 to 0-3 lead at the mid-way

Given the amount of play that Cavan had during the opening period, there would probably have been a slight disappointment on their part that they weren't further ahead and, with Monaghan growing in confidence towards the end of the half, the tie was still very much alive.

The second half was a very scrappy affair initially though, and it wasn't until the 37th minute that the next score came, with a 30 metre free by Monaghan centre-forward Marie Greenan reducing the margin to two. Scoring would continue to be hard to come by, though the next point did also fall the way of Monaghan, as the excellent Siobhan McKenna knocked over her third point of the afternoon.

Marie Brady and Greenan would then go on to swap points, before the tie was thrown wide open on 47 minutes when Finnegan pulled to the back of the net after Karen Boyle's shot from 25 metre had been batted out by Cavan's Geraldine Reilly.

This was the first time that Monaghan led in the match, and when corner-forward Eileen McElroy expertly converted a '45' with six minutes remaining, Cavan suddenly found themselves trailing by a goal heading into the home stretch.

Give credit to Cavan though, as they never let their heads drop at any point, although it was looking like they might come up just short in the end. Late replacement O'Reilly had other ideas though, and she reacted quickest in the first minute of added time to flick Captain Rosie Crowe's delivery from the right past the stranded Roisin McKenna in the Monaghan goal.

Lacken's Marie Brady did have a chance from a '45' to win the game for Cavan, and O'Reilly went extremely close to getting a second goal just moments before that. In hindsight though, a draw was probably a fair result overall and, on the basis of this game, the replay between these two sides will be wide open.

Cavan: Geraldine Reilly; Sinead Brady, Niamh Brady, Jenny O'Rourke; Carmel McBride, Sinead Coyle, Rosie Crowe; Andrea Lynch, Josephine Maguire; Majella Prior (0-2, 2 '45'), Lorraine Day, Roisin O'Keeffe (0-1); Sinead McKenna, Marie Brady (0-4, 3f), Brid Boylan. SUBS: Mairead McCabe for McKenna (h/t); Siobhan Reynolds for McBride (37); Maria Murphy for

Maguire (55); Aoishe O'Reilly (1-0) for Prior.

Monaghan: Roisin McKenna; Mary Meehan, Sharon McQuillan, Joanne McSkeane; Edel Kieran, Angela Kerr, Isobel Kieran; Siobhan McKenna (0-3), Eleanor McQuaid; Karen Boyle, Marie Greenan (0-2, 2f), Shauna Finnegan (1-1); Rosita Finnegan, Catherine Tomany, Eileen McElroy (0-1, '45'). SUBS: Orla Sheerin for Boyle (h/t); Boyle for Tomany (47). Referee: Gerry McGough (Dublin).

Waterford and Antrim set for premier junior final

By Daragh Ó Conchúir

Last year's beaten finalists Waterford will have the chance to go one better after seeing off a gritty Meath outfit in the Gala All-Ireland premier junior championship semi-final at Dr Cullen Park.

They are sure to encounter a stiff examination from Antrim in the decider though, after the Saffrons edged a thrilling Ulster derby thanks to the hat-trick heroics of Jane Adams at Casement

Meath dictated the opening quarter against the Déise but a 20th minute goal from Trish Jackman helped the Munster girls settle and though Elizabeth Lynch responded five minutes later, it was Waterford leading at half time by four points, 1-7 to 1-3.

The Royals remained in contention until Karen Kelly goaled in the 46th minute. With the dead-eye shooting of Aine Lyng also yielding nine points, it was Waterford who prevailed 2-14 to 1-9, despite Jane Dalton's personal tally of five points for Meath.

Antrim emerged with a point to spare from their cracking tie with Down, who would surely have emerged victorious but for the brilliance of Adams.

Goals from Fionnuala Carr and Niamh Mallon gave the Mourne women a deserved 2-5 to 0-7 lead at the break but that advantage no longer existed by the 10th minute of the second half when Adams had bagged two of her goals. She soon had a third and finished with a personal tally of 3-

Down kept plugging away with Paula Gribben grabbing a goal but they could not find one last point that would keep their hopes alive.

Meanwhile, the All-Ireland minor A final finished in a draw, with Clare's 0-11 being matched by Galway's 1-8.

A dour enough first half ended with the Connacht side leading by 0-4 to 0-3. They might have felt that their lead should have been greater, given that they had shot seven wides but Clare had also spurned three goal-scoring opportunities, Olivia Lane denying Sinéad Tuohy with a brilliant save. The second half was much more of a spectacle. A brace of Rebecca Hanley points helped Galway establish a three point advantage but with senior star Chloe Morey in fine free-taking form, Clare

Hanley goaled seven minutes from time to restore Galway's advantage but again, Clare fought back and when Morey converted a free on the hour, it looked like the Banner would win their first title at this level.

It wasn't to be though as Hanley levelled in extra time and the teams will reconvene for battle in a fortnight. The Gala All-Ireland junior B championship final also ended in a draw, with an even more dramatic

conclusion with Mairead McCabe goaling in the dying minutes to save Cavan. The Breffni girls were leading Monaghan by 0-6 to 0-3 at half time but the Farney contingent upped the tempo considerably and looked set for a famous victory before McCabe struck late on to leave the sides deadlocked at 1-7 apiece.

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Owen Ryan

WHILE a lot of the play in the Minor A Camogie All-Ireland final at Nenagh on Saturday was scrappy, the last few minutes were gripping viewing as both sides struggled to find a winner as time ran out.

It was Chipe Morey's third All Ireland

It was Chloe Morey's third All-Ireland minor final and it would have been cruel if she lost out again, as the Sixmilebridge girl delivered an outstanding, tenacious display.

The game ebbed and flowed throughout the second half with both sides having periods of dominance, but neither made a burst that was sufficient to open a winning gap.

With seven minutes to go a Galway goal left the Connacht side two points ahead, but Clare hauled them in and then overtook them. Morey pointing a free that looked like being decisive as the game spilled into injury time. But Rebecca Hennelly pointed a free moments later, and while there was a struggle in the closing seconds, there would be no more scores.

Clare were first on the board, with Naomi Carroll pointing after five minutes. Carroll looked very threatening throughout, but at times Clare didn't get the best out of her, as she didn't receive the supply of ball required to really punish Galway.

While the Banner girls held the initiative for the first seven minutes, they didn't get any more scores, and two points from placed balls by Tracey Murray put Galway into the lead after 11 minutes.

A few goal chances went a-begging on both sides in the opening period, with Galway keeper Olivia Lane making an outstanding save in the 14th minute.

Sinead Tuohy managed to pierce the rearguard and while she mightn't have got the power that she would have liked on her strike, it took a fine stop from Lane to prevent the green flag being raised.

Points from Morey and Niamh Corry put Clare back into the lead after 20 minutes, but a point from Maria Breheny and an excellent score from the crafty Aoife Donohue had Galway back in front at half time on a scoreline of 0-4 to 0-3.

At the break it was clear that the game was likely to be in the balance until the end. While Galway were ahead, their mentors must have been concerned at the frequency with which their forwards were spurning chances, as they had hit seven wides to Clare's three.

On the resumption Morey was on target again, but Galway then took over for a spell. Clodagh McGrath was on target, while Rebecca Hennelly got another two points, one of them an absolutely excellent score from the sideline.

The momentum was behind Galway, but Clare reacted by making two substitutions and the ship steadied again.

Morey was becoming the game's domi-



nant figure, and three points from frees had the Banner level again going into the last quarter.

Carroll went on a great solo run through

the defence in the 46th minute and drove the ball over the bar without needing to take the ball in hand before striking.

The picture had changed from the open-

ing minutes of the half, and Clare looked set to drive on and take the title, but that wasn't to be.

A lay off from Shauna Healy found

Managers happy to come away with draw

THE closing minutes of last Saturday's All-Ireland final were exceedingly tense, as it looked like a slight mistake or bit of inspiration would decide the destination of the title.

Afterwards, Clare manager Francie Mahon said that just watching the play had taken it out of him.

"It was powerful in the last 10-minutes. We had put in a few subs and it helped, we got a few points. We had missed a few chances but then Galway did the same thing, it was a fair result."

He felt his girls have scope for improvement. "I thought a few of our players didn't do as well as they could today. Hopefully they will the next day though."

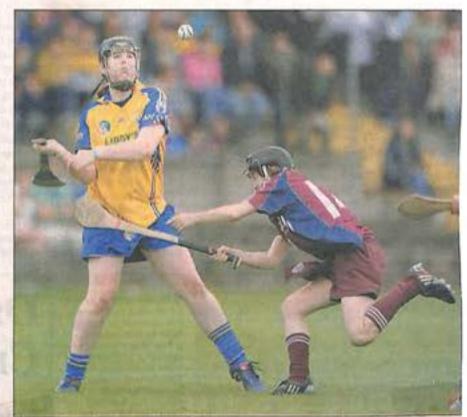
Galway manager Johany Kane said that a draw was the right result, and that he would actually have regretted it if Clare hadn't got a second chance.

"It was a great finish and it would have been an injustice if any team had lost the match. Both teams deserve another day out. When we were attacking there near the end I was thinking that if we scored that hopefully Clare would get another chance to equalise because I felt both teams deserve another chance. Both teams gave it everything."

He too feels that Galway can improve. "We had a couple of girls coming back from injury and hopefully they'll be in a better positions to start the next day. Today Mairéad Linnane was almost ready and the extra two weeks will do her the world of good. We brought in Maria Cooney (daughter of hurling legend Joe) towards the end of the game and she's just getting back to full fitness."

Chloe Morey expressed confidence that her side can still take the title.

"I think Galway are after giving their best and we still have another 15 or 20% in us so I think we'll go all the way in two weeks time."



(Above)
Maire McGrath in action against Aoife Donohue, Galway.

(Top)
Niamh O'Dea, Clare, in action against Laura Donnellan, (left) and Shauna Healy. (Right)
Shauna Healy, Galway, moves clear of Katie Cahill, Clare.

Hennelly in space in the 53rd minute and from distance she drove the ball to Suzie O'Shea's net. While there was some venom behind the delivery the Clare keeper would have been disappointed to be beaten from the range she was.

It was a big blow to the Banner, but they showed character and responded perfectly, Katie Cahill and Regina O'Brien both pointing in the next three minutes to re-

The title was there to be won and in the S9th minute it looked like Clare had secured it. Maire McGrath made some great dispossessions and clearances in the last few minutes and after she drove the ball up the field it was won by Cahill, who was fouled. Morey stepped up and pointed, and it seemed it would be Clare's day after all.

But there was another twist. As time ran out, a free was conceded in the Clare full back line, and Rebecca Hennelly tapped it over for a draw.

On the day it was the fairest result, and neither side will feel short-changed this week as they prepare for another crack.

On the day Clare were well served by Maire McGrath towards the end, Chloe Morey, Niamh Corry and Niamh O'Dea.

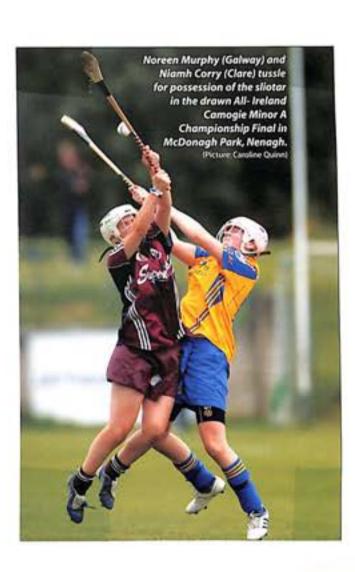
Galway had good performances from Laura Donnellan, Rebecca Hennelly and Aoife Donohue. ■ Clare: Suzie O'Shea; Joanne Walsh, Maire McGrath, Jessica O'Neill; Louise Woods, Chloe Morey, Christina Glynn; Katie Cahill, Niamh O'Dea; Rachel O'Halloran, Regina O'Brien, Niamh Corry; Naomi Carroll, Susan Fahy, Sinead Tuohy.

Subs: Ailish Considine for Rachel O'Halloran, Lorna Higgins for Jessica O'Neill

Scorers: Chloe Morey 0-6 (6F), Naomi Carroll 0-2, Niamh Corry, Katie Cahill,

Regina O'Brien all 0-1. Frees for: 20; wides: 6; yellow cards: 0; red cards: 0 AUG 2010





Hennelly's free saves Galway in U16 decider

Below par Kane's charges force replay against Clare in exciting finish to All-Ireland final

Galway Clare

1-8 0 - 11

EOGHAN CORMICAN IN NENAGH

A FAIR result was the general consensus after Saturday's pulsating All Ireland minor camogie final where a Rebecca Hennelly free two minutes into injury time tied up proceedings and, in the process, earned Galway a second bite of the cherry.

Just seconds from the full time whistle, Johnny Kane's charges trailed their opponents by the minimum and it looked as if Clare were finally going to claim the silverware which had eluded them over the past three years.

Indeed, the Banner outfit seemed to have done enough to claim the spoils when centre back Chloe Morey edged them in front on the stroke of full time. However when midfielder Shauna Healy gathered possession and subsequently tore through the heart of the Clare rearguard from the resulting puck out, their defence was left with no alternative but to bring an end to the midfielder's blistering run.

The resulting free drenched with pressure proved well within the capabilities of Hennelly and the Tribeswomen survived to fight another day. At the game's end, disappointment was etched across the faces of the Clare panel. Victory certainly had been taken from their grasp. Galway, in stark contrast, were clearly relieved to be still in the battle for All Ireland honours.

From the management's point of view, the result was the only positive to be taken from the game as the performance from those in the maroon



Galway's Maria Cooney in action against Clare.

more importantly ten wides paint the picture of an out of sorts Galway attack which failed to catch fire in the close surroundings of McDonagh

Two free takers - Rebecca Hennelly and Tracey Murray -

and white left a lot to be neither of whom could match desired. Just nine scores, but the unerring accuracy of Chloe Morey at the other end, only added to Galway's woes in front of goals.

Clare, on the other hand, looked extremely penetrating going forward and on more than on occasion, Galway defenders were forced into

fouling their opponents to put paid to the possibility of a green flag.

Still, several of the Galway rearguard acquitted themselves with distinction. Lorraine Farrell, once again, was outstanding at wing back and although running out of steam in the second period, captain Laura Donnellan was majestic in the opening period.

In the full back line, Karen Brien and Siobhan Coen dealt more than adequately with the threat posed by their opponents, while behind them keeper Olivia Lane pulled off two smart saves.

It was at midfield where Galway were, hands down, the clear winners. Kil-limordaly's Laura Mitchell hurled with great gusto throughout, while Shauna Healy covered almost every blade of grass in her tireless endeavours. The Adrahan livewire played a crucial role in the goal and also won the free that levelled the tie.

Further forward, Rebecca Hennelly, Aoife Donoghue and Clodagh McGrath showed patches of brilliance, though much more will be expected of them in the replay.

Clare, for their part, depended on the free taking of Chloe Morey and Naomi Carroll for scores and the pair combined to contribute no less than eight points between them.

Points from Tracey Murray (free and '45) was Galway's sum total in a stop-start first quarter where both sides struggled to find any sort of fluency. Scores from Naomi Carroll and Chloe Morey (free) neutralised Murray's efforts and when Niamh Corry found the range at the third attempt, Clare hit the front for the first

Indeed, they could have well found the net soon after

16/07/2010 Kildare V London

On a very wet and blustery Saturday afternoon in St Laurence's, Kildare Junior A Camogie girls continued their unbeaten run in the Gala Junior A All Ireland Championship with a comprehensive 3-18 to 1-2 win over London. London elected to play with the wind in the first half but despite some early pressure it was Kildare who began picking off the points with four from Suse O Carroll and two from Mary Murtagh to ease into a six point lead. The move of London's Assing Toully from the corner to the half forward line instates London's best period as she instigated some good moves that led to London's first score a pointed free from the stick of Helen Murphy. Minutes later the sligther skipped across the Kildare goal and Rose Cusack was on hand to finish to the net to put a dent in the Kildare lead. However Kildare went on to finish the half the stronger sconing three unanswered points from D Carroll, Soohan Hurley and Orla Mullally to leave it 0-9 to 1-1 at half time.

With the wind and the rain in their backs for the second half kildare quickly put the issue beyond doubt with two quick points from Harley and Maher. In the soth minute Rosan O Connell took a delt pass from Harley to crash the ball to the net and there was never going to be any way back for London from then on. Not that they stopped trying, but the Kildare defence were also on song and nited London to just a single point from a free by Murphy in the second half. Indeed, collectively, the defence of Namh Breen Regna Gorman, Niamh Concannon, Gillian O Hurley, Carol Nolan, Acife Trant were outstanding throughout , confining London to only one score from play . Meanwhile the Kildare forwards just as they had done the previous week work on to run up a saring of points. from O Carroll (5), Hunley, (2), and O Connell (1). These were interspersed with two further goods, the first by O Carroll after good. work by Hurley and her second by O Connell just on the stroke of full time.

With full points from three matches played and two to play the Lilies are in a very strong position to reach the semi final stage. Next weeks round of matches should clarify matters greatly. Kildare travel to Carrickmore on Saturday 17th July to play Tyrone, Throw m

Kildare Brid Byrnes, Mareh Brech (Copt.) , Regina Gormen, Namh Concannon, Gillan O Hurley, Carol Nolan, Aorle Trant, , Clare Doran , Asiling Maher, Mary Hursight, Caris Tallon, Suise O Carroll, Rossin O Connell, Oria Multally Scionan Hurley, Clockagh Farrell, Tanya Johnson, Clockagh Flanagan, Louise Wahn. , Lorraine Bowes,



Galway's Clodagh McGrath on the run against Clare's Niamh Corry during the All-Ireland minor A camogle championship final in Nenagh on Saturday, PHOTOS: CAROLINE OUINN.

as a long ball into the danger area deceived both Olivia Lane and Siobhan Coen, but full back Karen Brien flicked the sliotar of the goal line and away to safety.

Marie Brehony showed an excellent turn of pace in shooting the equaliser before Mullagh's Aoife Donoghue engineered a wonderful point to leave Galway ahead at the interval.

Overall though, it was a dour first period devoid of excitement. Thankfully, what transpired in the second-half, offered a great deal more in entertainment value with the pendulum swinging in favour of both sides at various junc-

Though Chloe Morey tied matters on the restart, Galway enjoyed their best period of the game thereafter with Rebecca Hennelly (2) and Clodagh McGrath raising white flags in a four minute spell where Galway suggested they might pull clear.

They were unable to build on this period of dominance further as Clare rattled of four answered points between the 39th and 45th minute. Chloe Morey (3 frees) and Naomi Carroll were the providers. Crucially, they failed to put two between the sides and in such a close affair that was to prove costly at the finish.

Now it was Galway's turn to respond which they did emphatically rattling the net with a superb goal from Rebec-



Galway's Tara Kenny moves in to challenge Clare's Katie Cahill in Nenagh last Saturday.

ca Hennelly. A score that came about as a result of a courageous block by Karen Brien at the other end.

Lorraine Farrell collected the breaking ball and sent a booming clearance in the direction of Healy, whose mazy run ended with a clever pass to Hennelly who beat Suzie O'Shea in the Clare goals with a thundering strike.

Refusing to throw in the towel Clare gained parity through Katie Cahill and Regi-

2-8

na O'Brien in the ensuing passages of play. Delicately poised the game was there for the taking and Clare appeared to have struck the killer blow when Morey sent over that free on 60 minutes.

No sooner was the Clare supporters back in their seats, however, when Shauna Healy grabbed the sliotar and drew the foul that ultimately saved Galway. The sequel of Saturday's thriller has been fixed for Saturday week at the same

venue; same time. Galway: O Lane; T Kenny, K Brien, S Coes; N Murphy, L Donnellan, L Farrell; L Mtchell, S Healy; T Murray (0-2, 0-1 free, 0-1 '45), C McGrath (0-1), R Hennelly (1-3, 0-1 free); A O' Relly, A Donoghue (0-1), M Reshaws, (0-1), Suize; M Conney for Mur-Breheny (0-1), Subs: M Cooney for Murphy (47 mins), A Kenny for O'Reily (51

mins), F Keely for Breheny (54 mins). Clare: S O'Shea; J Walsh, M McGrath, J O'Nell; L Woods, C Morey (0-6, all frees), C Glynn; R O'Brien (0-1), N O'Dea; R O'Halloran, K Cahill (0-1), N Corry (0-1); N Carroll (0-2), S Fahy, S Tuchy, Subs: L Loughnane for O'Halloran (36 mins), L Higgins for O'Neill (38 mins).

2-10

1-6

Referee: J O'Leary (Cork)

Ballinhassig Newcestown

BALLINHASSIG recorded their second victory in the round robin series of game in the Evening Senior B championship as they took the points in their clash with a Newcestown side that already had two victories to their credit.

Ballinhassig were focused form the throw in and a strong opening half performance helped them as Emma Jordan hit an early point. Sinead O'Callaghan grabbed an early goal.

Newcestown battled to get into the contest as Coleen Long Colette Desmond and Grainne Cronin hit points, but Ballinhassig kept the pressure on with a second Sinead O'Callaghan goal and points from Aisling O'Brien, Emma Jordan, Sinead O'Callaghan and Deirdre Coomey as they continued to hold

the lead. Grainne Cronin struck for a Newcestown goal, but Ballinhassig Aisling O'Brien hit her side's third goal which helped give them a 3-8 to 1-4 interval lead.

From the start of the second half Newcestown rallied . Ballinhassig dug deep to stay in control with Emma Jordan, Deirdre Coomey and Aisling O'Brien adding points to their tally.

Aine Gilmartin extended the Ballinhassig advantage with a goal but Colette Desmond got one back for Newcestown.

Newcestown: L O'Sullivan; K Murphy, F Deasy, M Crowley; A Coughlan, R Desmond, C O'Mahony; E Crowley (c), F Crowley; T Hurley, H O'Mahony, A Crowley; C Long, C Desmond, G Cronin, Subs: S Deasy for K Murphy, T McCarthy for A Crowley, A Keane for Rose Desmond, U Crowley for A Coughlan, Scorers: Colette Desmond 1-2, Collete Long 0-3, Graines Cropin 1-1, H Colleen Long 0-3, Grainne Cronin 1-1, H O'Mahony 0-1, S Deasy 0-1.

Ballinhassig: G. O'Callaghan; M. O'Reardon, E. O'Donovan, L. Jordan; C. Collins, A. Coleman; E. O'Sullivan, M. Kelleher; S. O'Callaghan, D. Coomey, K. Mc Carthy, E.

Jordan; A. Gilmartin, A. O'Brien, A. O'Leary, Subs: O Murray for A O'Leary, Scorers: S O Callaghan 2-3(0-145") A O'Brien 1-4, E Jordan 0-5, A Gilmartin 1-6, D Coomey 0-2.

Clonakilty Aghbullogue

JUST two points separated the sides at the interval in this Evening Echo Senior B round robin series championship clash in Brinney as Clonakilty and Aghabullogue. Goals from Juanita Brennan and Marie O'Donovan were vital to Clonakilty. For Aghbullogue Emma Healy was on target with six first half points while Marie O'Donovan and Sinead O'Neill hit one apiece for Clon as they held a two point interval advantage. Clonakilty applied huge pressure and their ability to pick off points proved crucial as Sharon Whelton Juniata Brennan Aoife Deady Eric Jennings and Sinead O Neill all added to their tally. Mary

Buckley hit an Aghbullogue goal but it wasn't enough.

Clonakility: C O'Flynn: N O'Donovan, S O'Brien, A M Moyles; A McCarthy, C O'Mahony, C Nagle; C O'Rogan, H O'Regan (c); S O'Neill, E Jennings, M O'Donovan; S Whelton, A Deasy, J Breinian, Scorers; S Whelton 0-3 (0-3), M O'Donovan 1-1, J Breinian 1-1, S O Neill 0-2 A Deasy 0-2, E Jennings 0-1.

Aghbullogue: N Moyniban; L Ronan, J Tworney, L O'Gorman, C Murphy; E O'Connell, S Buckley, N Doherty; M Buckley, E Healy, F Buckley, Subs; S Dineen for F Buckley, M Tworney for E O'Connell, E O'Mahony for N Doherty, Scorers; E Healy 0-6 (0-4f), M Buckley 1-0.

6-10 Tracton Sarsfields

A STRONG statement of intent from Tracton as they booked their place in the Evening Echo Intermediate championship semi-final with

an impressive performance. Tracton hit the front inside a minute as Aoife Kiely struck for a goal. Mary McGuiness Aoife Kiely

and Marion Jagoe added points before a double goal blast in the space of four minutes from Jagoe gave Sarsfields a mountain to climb. To their credit they battled to stay in contention.

Tracton finished the opening half strong with two Aoife Kiely goals and points form Jennifer Lynch they controlled matters as they led 5-7 to

Tracton N. Lynch; E. Collins, T. Harrington, C. Lynch; A. Dempsey, J. Kingston, N. Mullane; G. Hurley, K. O'Sullivan; E. Harrington, J. Lynch, M. McGuinness; M. Jagoe, A. Kiely C. Castleton, Scorers; A. Kiely 4-2, M. Jagoe 2-1, J. Lynch 0-5 (0-3 f, 0-1 45°), C Castleton, M Mc Guinness 0-1each

Sersfields: E Meaney; O Barry, S O'Leary, J Murphy; N Whooley, E Murphy, N O'Callaghan; D Murphy, A Whooley; R Crowley, C Holland, K Comerford; Y O'Callaghan, A Barry, N Hickey, Subs: E O'Farrell for A Barry (20), O Keane for N Whooley (h/t), A Griffin for N Hickey (40), K Barry for Y. O'Callaghan (45). Scorers: A Whooley 0-3, R Crowley 0-2, O Keane 0-1.

Senior team on a quest for final spot

ALL roads lead to Nowlan Park on Saturday at 2pm as the Cork senior team goes in search of a place in the Gala All-Ireland final when they take on Galway in the first game of a double-header, with Wexford and Kilkenny battling it out at 4pm.

It's been a strange campaign for Cork. Losing out to Galway and Kilkenny in the round robin series of games they rallied superbly and answered the call to defeat Wexford ensuring their place in the semi-final

Galway showed they will be no pushover as they defeated Cork with a strong performance.

with a strong performance.

They will be hoping to push away the semi-final hoodoo that seems to follow them every year and make it to the final. Cork however will have other ideas.

Despite not having enjoyed the best of runs in the group series they have improved with every same and look to be coming good



The women of Cork's senior camogie squad face a tough challenge in their match against Galway at Nowlan Park this weekend.

at the perfect time.

Players such as Jennifer O'Leary, who rejoined the panel following a two year stint abroad, Anna Geary, who is only this season making her mark, also following a stint abroad which saw her return for the end of last season campaign, and Julia White who was exam-tied for the group stages,

they will have a huge say in Cork's quest for a place in Croke Park.

This year Cork have lost the services of Briege Corkery, Una O'Donoghue and Eimear Dillon

players who would grace any inter county side but they have worked hard and are in the semi-final on merit. They know what is required to progress.

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III Mary Leacy pursuing Aoife Neary of Kilkenny when they met in Wexford Park on July 24.

Doyle confident of beating Cats in their own back yard

DEAN GOODISON

WEXFORD WILL travel with confidence to Nowlan Park this Saturday to face home side Kilkenny in the Gala All-Ireland Senior camogie championship semi-final (4 p.m.).

As the only county to beat the home side this year - following a one-point win in the league final (1-7 to 1-6) and a 2-10 to 0-10 triumph at Wexford Park just over two weeks ago - Wexford know they have all the tools to get the better of the Cats and book their place in Croke Park on September 12.

However, playing a side on their own turf is hardly ideal at this stage of the championship, as it showed when Galway succumbed to a late Kilkenny goal in last year's semifinal, also at Nowlan Park, as the home crowd pushed an inferior side over the finish line.

This year Wexford will battle against the side that can draw on the experience of three previous championship home outings this season. It's therefore imperative for the girls that they get as much

backing from around the county as is possible.

Wexford's chances are enhanced by the fact that they have the luxury of a full squad to choose from for the first time all year. Caroline Murphy and Kate Kelly are fit following ankle and shoulder injuries respectively while Una Leacy is flying following a knee injury.

'It's just about the first time all year we have had a fully-fit squad,' said manager J.J. Doyle. 'Between Intermediates and Seniors we have 42 girls training and there is nobody nursing niggles or knocks, everyone is flying and it's great to see.'

However, there is some bad news which comes in the shape of corner-forward Lenny Holohan who misses out because of a clash with her honeymoon, and Doyle is obviously disappointed to lose such an in-form player. 'Lenny has had a great year for us, and you'd obviously be disappointed to be missing one of your better players, but we completely understand as she has made these decisions before the season started and we wish her

the best of luck. Hopefully by the time she comes back from honeymoon we will still be in the championship with one more game to

Having won the league with a perfect five wins from five matches, Wexford went into the championship as second favourites behind two-time holders Cork. Wins over Dublin, Clare, Tipperary and Kilkenny were more than enough to qualify, that despite injury time away losses to Galway and Cork which, more than anything, were timely reminders that you can't switch off at any stage.

'We haven't put in a perfect performance,' said Doyle. 'In a few games we have had elements that if we put them all together we would win any game. If we could get the intensity that we had in the league final, some of the play we had in the metch against Tipperary, two full halves like we put together in the first against Kilkenny, some of the scoretaking in other games. You are always looking for the perfect performance and obviously you never get it but we have to set our standards high."

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Wexford come into the semi-finals with statistically the best defence and most prolific attack but they will still need all of their big players to be on their game to see off Kilkenny. Ursula Jacob, championship top scorer with 2-49, Una Leacy, whose rise in form couldn't have came at a better time, and young gun Katrina Parrock will all be crucial for Wexford hopes.

At the other end of the field, Catherine O'Loughlin will most likely have her hands full with Katie Power, but with Mary Leacy and Noeleen Lambert in the half-back line it will be hoped that Wexford can cut down the supply to a dangerous inside forward line.

"Out of the four teams left Kilkenny are probably not the most physical, but they like to keep the game
spread with quick, clever players,"
said Doyle. "We need to stick to our
gameplan. If we can put in two
halves together like the first one
against Kilkenny the last day we
should be good enough to win."

Pressure on Galway to deliver

EOGHAN CORMICAN

GALWAY make their bid for a place in the All Ireland senior camogie final when they face reigning champions Cork in what promises to be a riveting semi-final contest at Nowlan Park Kilkenny, on Saturday (2pm).

Boasting a clean bill of health ahead of the tie, quite simply there can be no excuses from the Galway camp if they fall short in their endeavours on Saturday afternoon. For it is high time this group of players deliver when the occasion demands.

Galway, under new management this year, will be anxious to atone for last year's demoralising 1-13 to 1-11 defeat to Kilkenny at this stage of the competition when they threw away a winning hand at Nowlan Park.

Twelve months on, the Tribeswomen are back in a semi-final aiming to correct the wrongs of last year and while progress was clearly evident in the group stage outings, it will count for nothing if a win is not manufactured against the Rebelettes.

Since their defeat to Kilkenny at the semi-final stage of the
League, Galway have suffered
the loss of Sinead Cahalan,
Molly Dunne and Niamh
McGrath (all through injury),
and the departure of Paula
Kenny from the panel. On the
better news front, manager
Noel Finn is hopeful that former All Star Jessica Gill will
play some part on Saturday.

"She's getting there, but it

takes a good bit of time. She only had the operation on her cruciate back in January. She's back training, but unfortunately time isn't on her side. We might get ten minutes out of her, but it depends on how the match is going".

Cappataggle clubman Finn remarks that there is intense competition amongst the players to nail down a starting berth. "Players are pushing players all the time at training. It's a good headache to have when you have so many in contention. The mentality of the panel is excellent; there is a real will to win in the camp".

Given Galway's consistency in the group stage of the competition where they scored an impressive five wins out of six, the management will be reluctant to change the dynamic of a side that has already shown they are more than capable of mixing it with the best.

Consequently, Susan Earner will continue between the posts, while Sandra Tannian, the ever improving Sarah Dervan and the impenetrable Niamh Kilkenny will form the full back line.

Ann Marie Hayes, so effective in the win over Wexford, has made the centre-back slot her own in the absence of Mullagh's Sinead Cahalan. Regina Glynn will be deployed at right half back, but as to who gets the number seven jersey is anyone's guess. Lorraine Ryan, Sinead Keane, and Heather Cooney all lined out in this position during the championship and along with Therese Manton all are viable con-



Galway's Jessica Gill, Brenda Tanney, Alslinn Connolly and Orla Kilkenny will be hoping to celebrate again after Saturday's All-Ireland semi-final against Cork in Nowlan Park.

tenders for the berth.

Without a doubt, Galway struggled over recent years to come up with a settled midfield partnership, but the management looked to have turned a corner this year with Orla Kilkenny and Emma Kilkelly combining to give a much more cohesive outlook in the middle of the field.

The half forward line comprising of Caroline Murray, Therese Maher and Brenda Hanney certainly benefited from the week by week nature of the group series growing in stature, confidence and ability as each game progressed.

As in the clash between the two sides in Athenry, Maher will once again be called upon to curtail the exploits of influential centre back Mary O'Connor.

Inside, Aislinn Connolly has been the outstanding performer to date shooting an impressive 3-40, while full forward Veronica Curtain suggested she's returning to form when tallying four points from

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Neighbours cannot be separated

By OWEN RYAN, Clare Champion

WHILE A lot of the play at Nenagh on Saturday was scrappy, the last few minutes were gripping viewing as both sides struggled to find a winner as time ran out.

It was Chloe Morey's third All Ireland minor final and it would have been cruel if she lost out again, as the Sixmilebridge girl delivered an outstanding, tenacious display.

The game ebbed and flowed throughout the second half with both sides having periods of dominance, but neither made a burst that was sufficient to open a winning

With seven minutes to go a Galway goal left the Connacht side two points ahead, but Clare hauled them in and then overtook them, Morey pointing a free that looked like being decisive as the game spilled into injury

time. But Rebecca Hennelly coolly pointed a free moments later, and while there was a dogged struggle in the closing seconds, there would be no more scores.

Clare were first on the board, with livewire Naomi Carroll pointing after five minutes.

Carroll looked very threatening throughout, but at times Clare didn't get the best out of in cracking tie

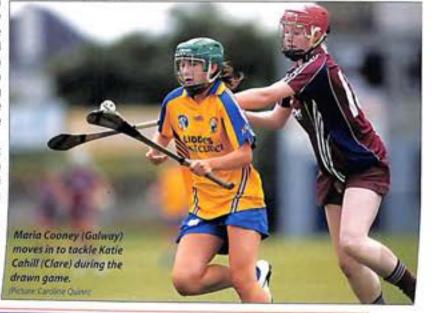
required to really punish Galway.

While the Banner girls held the initiative for the first seven minutes, they didn't get any more scores, and two points from placed balls by Tracey Murray put Galway into the lead after 11 minutes.

A few goal chances went a-begging on both sides in the opening period, with Galway keeper Olivia Lane making an outstanding save in the 14th minute.

Sinéad Tuohy managed to pierce the rearguard and while she mightn't have got the power that she would have liked on her strike, it took a fine stop from Lane to prevent the green flag being raised.

Points from Morey and Niamh Corry put Clare back into the lead after 20 minutes, but a point from Maria Breheny and an excellent score from the crafty Aoife Donohue had



against Cork

play against Clare. Portumna goal-getter Tara Rutledge is also growing in confidence in her debut season at senior level.

Despite overcoming the Rebels earlier in the championship, Galway will be taking nothing for granted and all they have to do is look back at their shock defeat to Kilkenny last year to be reminded that to be in Croke Park on September 12, the semi-final hurdle must first be negotiated, a sentiment shared by Finn.

"To win an All Ireland you have to beat everyone. Whether we got Wexford, Kilkenny or Cork in the semifinal to be the best, you have to beat the best. Galway have to step up to the level that Cork are at over the past three years".

"In fairness, the way the girls are going in training, you'd be very hopeful. Judging the mood of the camp, they really want to atone for last year. They were so disappointed and, in truth, they were robbed that day".

"We have already beaten Cork and Wexford and if we can hurl with the same intensity that we've shown, we have a great chance. But just because we beat Cork in the group doesn't mean we have some divine right to beat them again. Its going to right down the wire, and the bottom line is hunger, who wants it more"

cork manager Denise Cronin will be hoping that their half back line and midfield pairing of Gemma O'Connor and Orla Cotter can get the kind of possession grip that they enjoyed in their All Ireland success of two years ago against Galway.

Undoubtedly, Cork won't be lacking anything by the way of confidence after their 2-10 to 1-10 win over Wexford in the penultimate round of the group series. Trailing by a point with normal time elapsed, Cork showed admirable grit to grind out a victory shooting 1-1 in injury time.

In defence, they will look to the likes of Mary O'Connor, Catriona Foley and Amanda O'Regan to clamp down on Galway's potent attacking unit. Further forward, Cork boast an array of match winners, notably Julia White and the deadly accurate Sile Burns.

This present Galway side is clearly strong enough to put paid to Cork's three-in-a-row aspirations. In saying that, they face a team bidding to reach their ninth consecutive All Ireland final. Surely, that will count for something towards the latter end of proceedings on Saturday.

Galway unquestionably contain the necessary talent to dethrone the All Ireland champions, but whether they can make it count remains to be seen. Cork have a knack of pulling out big performances at this time of year, sadly the same cannot be said for Galway.

It's time for this bunch of players to stand up and be counted and deliver the performance they have threatened to produce for so long.

O'Donoghue misses

T'S an irony or ironies. Úna
O'Donoghue spent her early
inter-county career jealously eyeing Tipperary steal the limelight as
the outstanding team until Cork's
time finally came.

And what does the 28-year-old Cloughduv player go and do? She marries a guy from Tipp, lives in Clonmel and works in Cashel with Johnson and Johnson!

The home strings, however, still draw here home most weekends, especially during the club season as Una and her colleagues strive to reclaim the glory days of 2001.

And, so it will be tomorrow as well in Kilkenny, when she watches her former Cork team-mates attempt to reach another All-Ireland final.

Afterwards Ûna will shoot the breeze with the girls, catch up on the latest news, a bit like old times, but with a major difference. The holder of five All-Ireland medals and captain of the victorious 2002 side, Ûna will be up in the stands exhorting the side on instead of filling her usual role in the half-forward line. The important thing, though, she knows she made the right call. "I'm definitely happy with the decision to retire, though I miss training with the girls, but I've no regrets at all.

"I'm enjoying the time off and I'm still playing with my club Cloughduv, anyway. "I travel up and down at the weekends and the very odd occasion mid-week. It's about a three-hour round trip, which isn't too bad considering with Cork I was doing it three

times a week.
"I mean for the last three
years I was up and down
three times a week and it
was very demanding. I
know the motorway is
there now, but I
remember the old roads
and having to go
through the various
towns along the way.
"I wouldn't say it took its toll,

but it was tiring and at the

start of the year it was an ordeal, because you knew it was for nine months of the year," she explained. The effort and sacrifices made during her glittering career have all been worthwhile, from captaining club and county to success to the three Ashbourne Cups with UCC and the life-long friendships developed en route. Una had only just turned 21 around the time of the '02 final, a daunting experience you'd imagine for any player, never mind being the captain of the side, especially as the girls in blue and gold stood opposite, waiting to inflicting more pain on the pretenders

to their crown.

Not surprisingly, the 4-9 to 1-9 triumph remains one of the main highlights, her first All-Ireland medal and skipper, to boot.

"That will always stick in the memory. I was just 21 at the time and as for it being a daunting experience, I suppose it was and it wasn't. "I was lucky to have such a good crew of experienced players around me, like



player lifts the O'Duffy Cup in 2002. Una is an absentee from this year's Cork panel as are Sara Hayes, above who has retired, and Briege Corkery, centre right, who is currently milking cows in New Zealand.

A number of familiar faces will be missing from the Cork line-up for tomorrow's All-Ireland camogie semi-final against Galway at Nowlan Park. Former captain Una O'Donoghue is one of the retirees. She talks to **Mark Woods** about life after the inter-county scene



Fiona O'Driscoll and Mary O'Connor, so that helped.

"When I was starting off in 1999 Tipperary were just coming as the main force in camogie and it took us until '02 to eventually get a win over them.

"And that started off an impressive sequence of victories for us. Anytime you beat Tipperary, it's good. I mean we had been looking at them often enough up in Croke Park, so to beat them consistently was a nice feeling.

"In terms of finals that stand out I'd have to go back to the '02 final again, because I scored 1-1 in that game and goals were crucial for us that day.

"Tipperary had the better of us for much of that final, but we scored the goals. Fiona O'Driscoll got two and I think that victory helped break their stranglehold." Cork and Tipp were the dominant counties

Cork and Tipp were the dominant counties in subsequent years, sharing the next four All-Irelands with Cork claiming the title in '05 and '06.

And Una added to her impressive collection with victories over Galway in '08 and Kilkenny 12 months ago.

Talk to any successful club and county player of any code and invariably there's a common theme about the almost greater significance of the club achievement. Una is no different.

"That is definitely one of the highlights of my camogie career. People ask what stands out and I always return to the club.

"The same group of girls are still there at the moment, but the competition is so much



Wexford can build on double success

CAMOGIE By MARY NEWMAN

TOMORROW Gata All-Ireland semi-final, Wexford v Kilkenny, Nowian Park, Kilkenny, 4pm.

THE all-Leinster meeting between Wexford and Kilkenny should be a lively affair as the sides battle it out for a place in the Gala All-Ireland final in the second game of a double-header tomorrow in Nowtan Park.

Wexford captured the National League double earlier in the season as their Division 1 and Division 2 sides proved best, and they are hoping to build on this success and atone for their defeat at semi-final stage last season at the hands of Cork and book their place in this season's final. Crowned champions in 2007 they looked strong enough to stay at the top, but they lost out at semi-final stage in 2008 and 2009, and they will be wary of the huge challenge that this young Kilkenny side pose to their aspirations this year.

The sides have met twice already this season, in the league decider — a point from substitute Ursula Jacob helped Wexford to a narrow 1-7 to 1-6 win while two goals separated the sides in the championship meeting where Wexford again came out on top, 2-10 to 0-10.

In both meetings defences have been very much on top and we can expect much of the same again tomorrow. Ann Downey's side were disappointed to lose out in last year's final to Cork and they will put in a massive effort to join their hurlers and make it to Croke Park. With the game being played on home territory they hold a huge advantage and indeed an unfair advantage, it was fine to hold the semi-finals in Nowlan Park when Kilkenny were not involved, but surely with Tipperary not making the last four Thurles would have been an appropriate venue.

I am sure if it were Cork and IGIkenny tomorrow we would not have been too happy to play in Nowlan Park, and rightly so.

Kilkenny have excellent players in Elaine Alward, Marie Dargan, Ann Dalton, Aoife Neary and Michelle Quilty and they will trouble a Wexford side that will look once again to players such as Una and Mary Lacey, Kate Kelly, Ursula Jacob and Mags Darcy to guide them through.

Kilkenny and Galway jointly topped the group with Wexford and Cork tied for second place and the close proximity of all four teams gives an indication of how evenly matched these sides are, with little dividing them all throughout the group series.

Kilkenny had a three-point victory over Galway and a one-point win over Cork; Wexford lost out by a point to Galway and a goal to Cork.

Kilkenny have had huge underage success and are pinning their hopes on these players making the breakthrough.

Wexford make no secret at their disappointment of failing to build on their success of 2007.

Both feel they have the potential to go all the way and take the title.

Verdict: Wexford.



Rachel Moloney has regained her position in the Cork team after strong training performances and will line out against Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final tomorrow. INSET: Therese Maher may prove a handful for Cork centre-back Mary O'Connor.

Simply hard to see beyond a Cork win

TOMORROW Gala All-Ireland semi-final, Cork v Galway, Nowlan Park, 2pm.

COME 3.30pm tomorrow Cork could be just 60 minutes away from a hat-trick of All-Ireland titles and their fifth in six years.

They won't be thinking that way just yet for at 2pm they'll take to the field against a Galway side confident in the knowledge that they have already beaten the All-Ireland champions this year and are hell-bent on doing it again when it matters most.

I wouldn't read too much into that defeat. When this side aren't in championship mode they are a pale shadow of what they can be and this proved to be the case in Athenry on

Giving away possession and missed opportunities ensured Galway never trailed from the early minutes.

Cork tend to be slow starters and offer a scent of victory to their opposition.

It gets harder and harder to rein that in and giving Galway a good start tomorrow will give the westerners a boost we can ill-afford.

CAMOGIE

By LINDA MELLERICK

Cork failed to recover from their three minute 1-2 deficit in the qualifier.

Facing a stern defence led by the excellent Ann-Marie Hayes and Niamh Kilkenny, Cork won't find an easy way through. However, the forward line selected for tomorrow of Julia White, Gemma O'Connor, Jennifer O'Leary, Sile Burns, Rachel Moloney and Joanne Casey is the strongest selected in this campaign to date, particularly the half-forward line, and picking off points and wearing Galway down from this line is crucial.

There is great speed in Cork's half-forward line. Julia White has the pace to leave any marker and has picked off some nice points while in full flight. If Gemma O'Connor finds open space as well as she did against Clare she'll be very hard to hold.

Her partnership with Jennifer O'Leary in creating space led to the duo scoring nine points between them. Jennifer O'Leary is back to her best after two years absence from the team while travelling.

It has taken a bit of time for her to

measure up to the pace again but in the past month or so she has peaked and the Cork management must be thrilled with this.

Sile Burns is on her game despite a recent ankle injury picked up against Wexford and will line out. Rachel Moloney is another just back from injury but has regained a position due to strong training performances.

The number 15 shirt stays with Joanne Casey who only rejoined the squad recently. She has slotted into the team with ease and will bring the physical strength required to face Galway.

Brenda Hanney will be strong at centre field for the maroon and white. It is felt Galway manager Noel Hickey will start Hanney there after a superb performance when moved there in the second half against Cork.

Emer O'Sullivan is named at centre field for the Rebels, fast becoming her regular spot.

She typically isn't a midfielder for the inter-county side but is another who is showing up well there at training. Her delivery will need to be quick.

Mary O'Connor's battle with Therese Maher, centre-back and centre-forward respectively, should be the duel of the day.

There is no change to Cork's defence since the return of Joanne O'Callaghan against Wexford.

How Noel Hickey prepares his team mentality will have a significant bearing on Galway's performance and the outcome of the game. Galway don't have a finish.

When it counts they can't put a team away. It cost them a place in last year's All-Ireland final when dominating the first half they failed to close the game out.

Scoring only one point in 22 minutes in the second half a last minute Kilkenny goal by Marie O'Connor saw them denied their hour in Croke Park at the death and not for the first time either.

If they do manage to hold a lead over Cork at half-time it is hard to see them holding onto it.

The second half is always Cork's stage. They won't panic.

While Cork's management would dearly love a good start tomorrow they won't be overly concerned if a few points separate the sides at the break.

Cork are in championship mode. It is hard to see them not advancing to their ninth final in a row.

CORK: A Murray; J O'Callaghan, C Foley, R Buckley; J Duffy, Mary O'Connor, A Geary; E O'Sullivan, O Cotter; J White, G O'Connor, J O'Leary; S Burns, R Moloney, J Casey. Verdict: Cork.

SEE CORK SPORTS WORLD FOR MORE AHEAD OF THE ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL



CORK FIND themselves in a difficult position heading into the All-Ireland semi-final against Galway in Nowlan

The favourites tag is set as the team head for three-in-a-row, but on the back of a relatively poor league and championship campaign it's more of a hindrance than a help. An open draw saw Cork paired with Galway and Wexford against Kilkenny.

When word filtered out that Galway were the opposition just how did manager Denise Cronin feel?

"I didn't feel there was going to be

final before their hoodoo

any difference between the teams to be honest with you, but marginally I would have said that Galway were the tougher of the three.

When we played them in Athenry in early July they looked very well organised, on the line and on the field. Their warm-up, their touch, their attitude and the way they hunted in packs gave us very little time on the ball.

"They're good starters as well. We found ourselves 1-2 behind after three minutes in the qualifier and we were chasing the game after that. They're physical, strong and intimidating."

So does that mean that Cork need a good start on Saturday?

"A good start for us will be just hurling from the first minute."

Heading into the game after a poor round robin campaign which saw them lose to Saturday's opponents and Kilkenny must be a concern. Certainly Cork upped their performance against Wexford when required, so that should

Why were the performances so poor? Is it down to the structure of the championship system?

instil some confidence.

"It's always in the back of your mind that you could afford to lose two games and still qualify.

'We went out to win every game, but maybe we lacked that knock-out championship focus.

"We played very well in our opening ime against Tipperary, but we didn't turn up at all the next day against put yourself in a position where you Kilkenny. Matches up on top of one another doesn't help either. It's difficult to get in championship mode practically six weeks in-a-row.

"And all it takes is for one or two players to have a casual approach and that's the effect it can have on the rest of the team. We always said it wasn't going to be a sprint, that we were in a marathon and I think we started to get

"Both. When you lose four or five players in any one year it's difficult (referring to those lost since the '09

"We were trying to compensate on lines and it didn't work out. We have players excellent in certain positions and moving them out of there to compensate other lines on the field didn't always work.

"We would have started the same team against Clare as that which defeated Wexford, but injuries to the likes of Sile Burns prevented that. But that was good too in one sense because we still wanted to look at players."

Cork are 60 minutes away from their ninth All-Ireland final in-a-row. The players remaining from that 2002 panel are Mary O'Connor, Joanne O'Callaghan, Gemma O'Connor, Jennifer O'Leary, Rachel Moloney and Sile Burns.

Most of the remainder of the team are there for the past five or six years, so in all it must be hard to keep the side motivated?

"Well a few fresh faces every year does keep the wheel turning and keeps the players honest, but a lot of this team are perfectionists. They want to do well. The hunger is still there.

"Sometimes you might doubt it, but the way they trained after the Kilkenny game killed that thought. I think the team are very good, but also very humble.

"They don't believe they are the best in the country, they just want to be and that's the difference."

Are there any talks of three-in-a-row in the camp?

"Not really. The girls don't even want to think about that. Sometimes its seen as a bit of a hoodoo, but if you are going for three-in-a-row you have to honour it and accept that this is what it is."

It does indeed seem to be a hoodoo, as despite the fact that Cork have been in prime position for three-in-a-row on numerous occasions in the past 38 years they have failed to do it.

The last time it was achieved was 1972. So no pressure then Denise.



Gemma O'Connor about to blast the ball past Anna Farrell, Kilkenny in the Gala All-Ireland Senior Championship game at Páirc Uí Rinn in June.

fantastic success

THE Carbery division held their inaugural U8 camogie fun blitz recently, which was hosted by the Kilbrittan club, writes MARY NEW-

Organised by Carbery West Cork Board, four clubs participated and with the emphasis on enjoyment, and given the very young age of the players, it was de-cided that there would be no winners or losers. Each team played three games which were 10-minutes a-side with a half-time break, and dur-

ing the course of the games the girls got to know their positions on the pitch, how to mark an opponent and how to react to a match situ-

The importance of participation was hugely emphasised to all the clubs and the mentors, who took it on board form the start.

Kilbree, Enniskeane, Kil-brittan and Ballinascarthy were the four clubs that took part and with all the players presented with medals, it turned out to be a most successful and en-

joyable occasion. All involved agreed that the event was very encouraging for young players.

The Carbery board hopes to make it an annual event, and given that the Go Games will come into operation next year, it will be the ideal platform to encourage more clubs to get

involved. PRO for the division, Kate Crowley, told us that the clubs were hugely impressed with the event

"Every child that took part enjoyed the day and with no winners or losers. "It ensured a great event, the children were delighted to receive a medal as mementos of the day and everybody went home happy

"We hope that more clubs will participate and that it will go from strength to strength as we continue to promote camogie in the division.'

Fun blitz hailed as Joanne desperate



Joanne O'Callaghan challenges Tipperary's Claire Grogan during the 2008 All-Ireland semi-final.

CLONAKILTY

OUR senior B teams get back to win-ning ways with a great win over Aghabullogue in the second game of the Evening Echo Senior B Champi-

Played in super conditions, we led at half time on a scoreline of 2-2 to 0-6, with scores coming from Marie O'Donovan, Juanita Brennan and Sinead O'Neill.

In the second half we settled and played great camogie with scores coming from Sharon Whelton, Aoile Deasy, Erica Jennings, O'Neill and

Aghabullogue replied with a goal but our defence was dominant with Sinead O'Brien and Ailcen McCarthy outstanding at full-back and wing-back respectively. We ran out winners on a scoreline of 2-10 to 1-6.

and we now play Valley Rovers in our next game. Time and venue are still to be confirmed so supporters are asked to check locally for more details, please come out and support the team in their quest for silver-

Team: Clara O' Flynn, Nicota O'Donovan, Sinead O'Brien, Ann Marie Moyles, Aileen McCarthy, Clare O'Mahony, Clara Nagle, Cli-odhna O'Regan, Hazel O'Regan (cl., Sinead O'Neill, Erica Jennings, Marie O'Donovan, Sharon Whelton, Acife Deasy, Juanita Breman. Team: Ciara O' Flynn, Nicola

Subs: Louise Daly, Anna O' Hea, Lisa O' Flynn, Beulah McManus, Aoife O'Neill, Anne Campbell, Eimear O' Donoghue, Sinead O'Donovan, Niamh O'Donovan, Susie Forristal. For all information concerning Clonality GAA, please visit

BRIAN DILLON'S

In our Junior A Chempionship clash with Douglas Louise Fleming hit a goal and a point as Clair Dooley fol-lowed scoring three superb points to give us a lead at the half time 1-4 to 0-6. All through the game Michelle Ring, Louise Fleming, Donna Carroll, Jane Dooley, Therese Drummond, and Clair Dooley put the Douglas de-fence under a lot of pressure white midfielders Susan-Kate Brosnan and Deirdre Ring covered a lot of ground Our backline of Emma Burns, Amanda Dorgan, Christine O'Mahony, Kate O'Brien, Anthea O'Brien, and Rebecca Myers were strong as we put up a great fight white Saoirse Rodgers made some outstanding saves under immense pressure Substitutes Niamh O'Regan and

LINDA MELLERICK

WHEN you're involved in championship GAA for many a year and have been pretty successful it is undoubtedly more difficult to play with the same edge as you once might have.

You win a couple of All-Ireland titles and slowly the memory of previous defeats fade and while you still believe you want to win another with all your heart. your brain and body tells you differ-

They stop you going that extra yard in training, prevent you from winning those 50/50 balls that once upon a time you'd have thrown your body at and they slow you down as you give chase. It's human nature and we've all felt it.

So whatever you can cling to as an individual in a bid to find that old player again, find it and use it.

As Cork head for their ninth All-Ireland final appearance in a row, players must look for their own motivational

For Joanne O'Callaghan it's the fact that this is her last season donning the red and white jersey of Cork, a jersey she has worn with pride since her introduction to the panel in 2001. All-Ireland success in '02, '05,'06,'08 and '09 have come her way but she wants 2010 badly.

"This year I want it so much as I'm definitely finishing after the season is over, so I'm going to give it my all now."

For a player still only 27 years of age surely that's a bit young to be calling it a

"I just feel for the last few years that I've put everything I have into it and I just can't give it anymore.

"It's a huge commitment and particularly this year with a match almost every weekend for seven weeks, the whole summer was just taken up. I'm going to give it everything now for the three-in-a-row and if we get it I'll be very happy. That's why I'm so motivated this

Unfortunately Joanne's final year has been hit with injury and illness - a nasty fracture to her elbow which kept her out of training for seven weeks and four championship games.

Having returned against Wexford she then suffered an ear and throat infection which kept her out of Cork's final game against Clare. Joanne maintained her

Camogie clubs news

Emer Keane did great work with Niamh scoring a goal in the second half while Michelle Ring and Susan-Kate Brosnan added two points to our tally. However, Douglas got the scores they needed.

Thanks to coaches Kleran O'Mahony and James Carroll best of luck in your next game.

Team Saoirse Rodgers, Rebecca My-ers, Anthea O'Brien, Emma Burns, Christine Kearney, Armanda Dorgan, Kate O'Brien, Derrdre Ring, Susan-Kate Brosnan, Clair Dooley, Therese Drummond, Jane Dooley, Donna Carroll Louise Fleming.

Michelle Ring. Subs: Niamh O'Regan for Louise Fleming (In). Emer Keane for Emma Burn. Claire O'Mahony, Eadaoin Kelly, Denise O' Plyon. Congratulations to the Cork Colleges A team and to Ruth Brosnan for a magnificent victory over Kilkenny in the Waterford Inter-county Blitz.

NA PIARSAIGH

Our Junior B team travelled to Kildorrorey to play the second game in the round robie championship series where both teams had won their rospective first rounds therefore the game was vital to top the group. The home side opened the scoring early

to finish on a high



Cork Colleges U14 team than won the recent Waterford blitz.

U16 CHAMPIONSHIP DRAWS

U16 A: Ballinhassig v Courcey Rovers; Inniscarra

Semi-finals: Valley Rovers v Inniscarra or Gren Rovers: Douglas v Ballinhassig or Courcey

10 to 8 Preliminary round: St Vincent's v Sar-sfields; Kilbrittain v Cloughduv First round: St Vincent's or Sarsfields v Millord; Ballygarvan v Killeagh; Newtownshandrum v Millstreet; Ballincollig v Mallow; Kilbrittain or Cloughduv v Carrigaline; Buttevant v Sliabh Rus; Enniskeane v Eire Og; Brian Dillon's v Na Piar-saich.

fitness via the gym and bike work, and gives full credit to trainer Jim McCarthy for staying behind with her after training to bring her back up to the level of fitness her teammates were at.

Now that Joanne is one of the more senior players on the panel does she feel a certain sense of responsibility?

"Being honest I don't because I find that a lot of the younger players are very mature. The likes of Orla Cotter, as captain, is a leader, Gemma O'Connor is there a long time. Despite them being younger they're all seasoned campaigners by now and we all gel as a team really well with no one leader as such."

Reflecting on Cork's not particularly great performances to date she firmly believes the new round robin system was an issue.

"I think because we had so many games it was just a case of lack of motivation. It wasn't until we knew that we

U16 C Preliminary round: Fr O'Neill's v St Cather-ine's; Bride Rovers v Tracton.
First round: Blanney v Blackrock; Bishopstown v Charleville; Rockban v Bride Rovers or Tracton; Castlelyons v Fr O'Neill's or St Catherine's; Agh-abullogue v Ballinora; Clonakilty v Ballyhea; Barryroe v Douglas 2

U16 D First round: Kilbree v Glen Rovers 2; Carrigtwohill v Cobh; St Fanahan's v Ballinascarthy Quarter-finals: Watergrasshill v Banteer; Kilbree or Glen Rovers 2 v Youghal; Grenagh v Carrigtwohill or Cobh; Dungourney v St Fanahan's or Ballinascarthy.

could be knocked out, that we had to win, that was when everyone switched on. You could actually see it in the dressingroom, the difference going out to play Wexford as compared to the games which had gone before."

Intensity in training has also increased.

"Definitely it has. Every year it's the same. This time of the year you can feel the intensity rise. We maybe tend to start that bit later than other teams as well. Things are going well, we've 30 at training every night which enables us to have a full game and everyone is fully fit for Saturday, so its good."

What about today's challenge?
"I think the four teams left are on a par. With regards to Galway they're a very strong, physical team. There's three or four to every ball.

"We can't let them get on top of us with a good start."



The Ballinhassig B team pictured during matches at the recent Ballinhassig U14 camogie blitz. Picture: Howard Crowdy

with Mary Newman

as we failed to capitalise on oppor-tunities in the opening 15 minutes but nevertheless we still went in leading by a point at half time. Both beams increased the intensity in the second half kildorrorry had added a goal and two points to their tally be-lare Trish Coleman and substitute Liz Chilord hit a goal each. Again kil-dorrorry replied with a goal and a point and the game ebbed and flowed as it entered the last quarter.

A third goal by Leona Crowley had us within a point. However, the homeside responded once again and also hit the net for the third time.

Orla Bourke added a point but K Kil-dorrorry held on for a two-point vic-tory. Suffering heavy defeats in their first two games Grensph have with-drawn from championship to leave us currently tied with Kildorrorry to progress to the semi-final stages. All syes are now on the last game between Kildorrorry and Silabh Rus to see how the group finishes up.

Our junior 8 team have been drawn against Castlemagner in the semi-fi-nal of the league, dates and times for this will be decided.

We would like to thank Castlelyons and Douglas for challenge games re-

cently. These gave mentors and se-lectors an opportunity to play the full panel of 28 players.

panel of 28 players.

Special mention to Arry Lee who is currently on the U15 Cork development squad. She made her debut with the junior team playing in goal where she gave a fantastic display with her shot stopping and long reason suck outs.

with her shot stopping and long range puck outs. Underage: Thanks to St Finbarr's for the invitation to play an U11 challenge game last Tuesday evening. It was great to get a game for the girls during the summer break and it ended in a 1-1 draw. Training for girts aged 6-9 years is on Saturday at 11am and for girls aged 10-12years at noon on Saturdays.

Underage activities are slowly re-suming as the summer holidays

U14 training will continue every Monday at 6.30pm and Wednesday at 6pm as preparations get under way for our semi-final meeting with Kelleagh.

Our minor team returned to championship action when they travelled to Ballyhea to met St Mary's in round two of the round-robin series of

games.

St Mary's hit an early goal to take the lead but we responded with a Sinead O'Halloran point and a goal from Samantha Cullinane and we led at the interval 3-4 to 1-3. Sinead Fahy, Nicole O'Brien, Leann O'Sullivan, Clara O'Sullivan and Edel O'Connell all getting on the scoresheet. Aided by the wind in the second half, we took control and with Sinead O'Halloran, Jennifer Hosford and Nicole

O'Brien adding to our tally we ran out winners on a 5-10 to 2-4 scoreline. Well done to everybody on a good performance. We look forward to our next game which is against Carrigaline. Great to see Sinead Gallen making her return to the U18 team following her injury last July, Well done Sinead.

Team K Lee; C O'Keeffe, S Bustsed, A Noonan Icl; S Callanan, N O'Brien, C Walsh; S Fahy, J Hosford; L Cal-lanan, L O' Sullivan, E O'Connell; S O'Halloran, S Cullinane, C O'Sullivan

Good luck to Cork today as they play Galway in the senior All-Ireland semi-final.

O'Neill's lead from start to finish

Fr O'Neill's Mallow

3-15 1-7

FR O'NEILL'S held the upper-hand from the throw-in as they took on Mallow in the second game in the round robin series of the Evening Echo Intermediate

Championship in Castle Road. With a victory each under their belts coming into the game, qualification for the semi-final stages was already secured, but never the less they battled it out with determination to top the group.
Fr O'Neill's set the pace
from the off and with
Nicola Nagle, Gearoidine
Kearney and Katie Ahern hitting first-half goals they set the foundation for victory. Bronagh Ganley hit a Mallow goal while Michelle Browne and Kathleen O'Brien struck points, but Fr O'Neill's held the half-time advantage with Fiona O'Driscoll, Gearoidine Kearney, Sarah Harring-ton and Nicole Nagle all prominent as they went into a 3-5 to 1-4 lead. Through the second half the Fr O'Neill's defence continued to hold the Mallow attack at bay with Clara McGrath, Frances Wiggins and Yvonne Murphy to the fore as Mallow worked hard. However, with their forwards continuing to hold the upper hand, Fr O'Neill's continued to pick off points as they ran out winners.

Scorers for Fr O'Neill's N Nagle 1-2, G Kearney 1-3 (0-1 f, 0-1 45) K Ahern 1-1, F O'Driscoll 6-4, S Herrington 0-2, C Phelan, P Ken-neally 0-1 each.

Cork wary of dangerous Tribe, insists Geary

Camogle



Daragh Ó Conchúir

CORK have far too much respect for the huge challenge presented by Galway in today's Gala All-Ireland semi-final to be preoccupied with thoughts of winning a third senior title

That's the admission of wing-back Anna Geary, who has bounced right back to the type of form this year that has won her two All Stars in the past.

"It's enough of a motivation to have the chance of being in an All-Ireland final," reasoned Geary, ahead of today's Nowlan Park clash (2pm).

"Different teams require different mental preparation. The fact that

Galway beat us in the round-robin means we want to prove we're better than that. Galway have their own motivation. They were pipped by Kilkenny in the semi-final last year so they'll be desperate to get over that hurdle this time.

"So we'll both have different motivations, and it will just be a case of who gives more on the day. We're all going to try to win and we're hoping that it will be us who will click.

It is just as well for Cork that Geary has been flying, as a combination of retirement, travelling and injury contributed to a largely unimpressive round-robin phase. There was only a point between the sides when Kilkenny prevailed on June 19 but Galway were full value for their six-point advantage in Athenry a fortnight later. There were definite signs of renewed health with the subsequent gritty defeat of Wexford.

While Briege Corkery is on her



Cork's Anna Geary and Galway's Caroline Murray tussle for the ball in last month's round-robin clash.

Picture: Sportsfile

and Una travels in Australia, O'Donoghue and Emer Dillon are no longer involved, Joanne O'Callaghan

has returned from an elbow problem and some of the younger players such as Inniscarra's Joanne Casey have bedded in.

Geary noted: "You have players coming through all the time and that's what you need to be successful anyway. You can't dwell on it when people are missing. You have to drive on.'

A member of the panel since 2004, Geary already had five All-Ireland inter-county medals by that stage, collecting two at U14 and an amazing three-in-a-row at U16.

Senior medals were added in 2005-2006 but work placement in Luxembourg as part of her studies caused her to miss out on another Galway reunion in the final, when again, the Leesiders prevailed. An IT whizz who works for VMware in Ballincollig. Geary is a bubbly personality who plays with a similar freedom.

"We lost to Kilkenny by a point but when we went up to Galway and just

didn't perform — that was disappoint-ing. It's the beauty of sport. You can do as much preparation as you want but it's all about the game on the day.

"Galway hit us straight from the start and we could have had no qualms about the result. We took a long look at ourselves and learned from the game. There have been some positional switches but this time around, it'll be all about performing as a unit and hopefully that will give us the result. That's the plan anyway."

In the other semi-final Kilkenny face Wexford (Nowlan Park, 4pm) in a repeat of this year's league final which the Model County won. Kilkenny's defence has been outstanding all season with Catherine Doherty, Jacqui Frisby, Leann Fennelly, Edwina Keane and Elaine Aylward impressing. They will need to be at their best against a star studded Wexford attack centred around Una Leacy, Kate Kelly and

Ursula Jacob.

Galway out to spoil Rebel party

By Jacqui Hurley

The Cork camogie team take on Galway tomorrow looking to reach their ninth consecutive All Ireland final. It's an incredible record for this team, given that they've lost three of those finals and still managed to come back from them. For a team to have won five All Ireland's in a time where camogie has been so competitive is a mark of their character and the managers who've been involved with them over the past decade.

But tomorrow brings the ultimate test for this group of players. They face a Galway team who are well fancied and will be buoyed by their win over the Cork ladies carlier in the season. In Aislinn Connolly, Galway have a solid free-taker who will put Cork under huge pressure and Cork will know every opportunity they give her will be taken.

This Galway team have proven they are extremely physical and more than up for the challenge Cork will mount. From our perspective, the experience of the likes of seasoned cam-

Connolly, Galway have a solid free-taker who will put Cork under huge pressure and Cork will know every opportunity they give her will be taken."

paigners Gemma O'Connor, Mary O'Connor, Joanne O'Callaghan and Sheila Burns will be vital to this team's performance tomorrow and knowing that at the end of it there's a chance at a three-in-a-row will be massive for this team. Wexford stopped them in 2007

when everyone was so sure it couldn't happen. If they get over Galway tomorrow, all roads lead to making sure it happens this year.

The other semi final sees Wexford taking on last year's beaten finalists Kilkenny. In spite of the bookies making Wexford the favourites, Kilkenny have proven they have the talent to win an All Ireland, it's really just a matter of time with this team. Given their success at underage, I think we could be looking at another Cork style dominance in a few years time. If they turn out to be anything like their male counterparts the whole country could be in trouble! But for the moment, it's Wexford who have looked the more likely contenders for an All Ireland. Wexford will feel they let themselves down in last year's Championship and they'll be anxious to get another crack at a final. Una Leacy has been in tremendous form for them once again and if the Kilkenny backs can't deal with her they could be in a bit of trouble. It should prove a closely contested game, but Wexford to just shade it.

"In Aislinn

Gata ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINALS 2010 MATCH OFFICIALS Meet the

KARL O'BRIEN

Club: Good Counsel GAA & Camogie Club (Dublin) Started Refereeing: 2004

Major refereeing appointments: Under-16 C All-Ireland Final 2009; Gala All-Ireland Intermediate Championship Final Replay 2009 (McGrath Cup); Gala Junior Championship Final Replay 2009 (Nancy Murray Cup); National League Div 2 Final 2010.

FINTAN McNAMARA

Club: Killanena (Clare)

Started Refereeing: 1999

Major refereeing appointments: All-Ireland Senior Championship Final 2006; All-Ireland Senior Club Championship Final 2009; Under-16 A Championship Final 2005; Under-16 A All-Ireland Championship Final 2009.





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TOP 10 CHAMPIONSHIP SCORERS 2010

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URSULA JACOB	(Wexford)	2-49	(55)
AISLINN CONNOLLY	(Galway)	3-40	(49)
CLAIRE GROGAN	(Tipper≥ry)	5-31	(46)
MICHELLE QUILTY	(Kilkenny)	0-31	(31)
CLAIRE McMAHON	(Clare)	2-23	(29)
SILE BURNS	(Cork)	3-19	(28)
UNA LEACY	(Wexford)	4-11	(23)
LOUISE O'HARA	(Dublin)	0-23	(23)
ANN DALTON	(Kilkenny)	1-15	(18)
AOIFE NEARY	(Kilkenny)	4-6	(18)

Top four to serve up two treats

ND SO the big day is finally upon us - after seven rounds, 21 games, 63 and 521 points, camogie enthusiasts gather in Nowlan Park, Kilkenny, to watch the most consistent sides in the country battling it out for a place in the Gala All-Ireland Senior championship final.

August 14th would have been circled on the calendars of all players and mentors with designs on glory at the start of the year. And while no team managed to come through the group stages without shipping at least one defeat, the top four all did more than enough en route to suggest that today's encounters will go right down to the

The likelihood of the same counties contesting the semi-finals for the second year running heightened when their closest challengers, Tipperary, shipped early defeats to Cork and Galway. And while they rallied briefly with a win over Clare in round three, the Premier county bowed out after two more losses on the trot to Kilkenny and Wexford.

Clare may not have recorded any wins over the stronger counties, but they are certainly heading in the right direction as evidenced by narrow defeats to Tipperary and Galway respectively. And with their Minors drawing the All-Ireland 'A' final last weekend, we can expect to see further progress from the Banner in the years to come.

Dublin have struggled to keep pace with the leading counties in recent campaigns, but they too will take heart from some bright signs at under-age level, most notably their success in the Leinster Under-16 'A' championship

recently.

And so we come to today's games, starting with the reigning meeting champions Cork and the side they overcame in the 2008 final, Galway. The westerners turned Kenny Park, Athenry, into a fortress in the group stages as they were unbeaten at home, and the stand-out result was undoubtedly their 1-14 to 0-11 success over the holders in round three.

Galway will be mature enough to realise though that this is an entirely different ball game in every sense of the word; two years ago they beat the Leesiders by 1-9 to 0-9 in a group game, only to fall short when it came to Croke Park in September.

Every year the pattern tends to be the same; Cork may falter once or twice early on, whether in league or championship, but they are an entirely different proposition when it comes to Nowlan Park on All-Ireland semi-final day. No team is better equipped to time their preparations so that any problems have been ironed out once the knockout stage is reached.

Turning to the second game, one thing can be said with absolute certainty - it will bear no comparison to the shadow boxing which occurred in Wexford Park three weeks ago when the home side forged a 2-10 to 0-10 win as the group games drew to a conclusion. Fair enough, they ended Kilkenny's unbeaten run in the process, but I doubt this would have caused any sleepless nights on Noreside given the absence of several regulars on the day.

Having said that, Wexford had already beaten their closest rivals by 1-7 to 1-6 in a dour National League Division 1 final in April, and those two victories will certainly bolster confidence. A lot will depend on which team learned more from those encounters, as some of the head-to-head battles and positioning will be watched with interest.

It's the first semi-final clash of the Leinster neighbours since 1991 when Kilkenny recorded a 2-13 to 2-7 win. Indeed, they are going for a fourth success on the trot at this stage of the championship over Wexford as they also beat them in 1974 (1-7 to 3-0), and in 1985 (2-6 to 2-5). However, those meetings from the past will have no



Aoife Neary (Kilkenny) is pursued by Wexford's Mary Leacy in Wexford Park three weeks ago

bearing on proceedings today.

It's a similar situation for the first semifinal, although here's one interesting statistic to ponder - since the advent of the open draw for the All-Ireland championship in 1973, Galway have never beaten Cork in a semi-final. All seven previous meetings have ended in success for the Munster representatives: by 3-2 to 2-3 in 1973; 5-10 to 1-7 in 1981; 2-13 to 1-4 in 1991; 4-12 to 0-5 in 2002; 4-16 to 0-3 in 2003; 3-9 to 1-4 in 2004; 1-7 to 0-6 in 2006.

When it comes to consistency, no team can match Cork's record as they have only missed out on the penultimate round twice since 1973. Indeed, one has to go as far back as 1979 for the last time they were absent from this stage of the championship. Kilkenny have the next best record in terms of semi-final successes, with Galway and Wexford lagging well behind.

Will the records need to be altered after today's games? Who knows, but all that matters for the players is getting to Croke Park on September 12th so we await the outcome with considerable relish.



Cork's Elmear O'Sullivan in action against Regina Glynn (Galway) in round four in Kenny Park, Athenry.

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Corcaigh Dearg agus Bán (1) **AOIFE MURRAY** A. Ni Mhuiri Cloughduy (4) (3) (2)

CATHRIONA FOLEY RENA BUCKLEY JOANNE O'CALLAGHAN R. Ni Bhuachalla C. Ni Fhoghlů S. Ni Cheallacháin Rockbán Inniscarra Goughduy (7) (6) (5) MARY O'CONNOR ANNA GEARY JENNY DUFFY A. Ni Ghadhra M. Ni Chonchúir S. Ni Dhufaigh

Killeagh St. Finberr's EIMEAR O'SULLIVAN **ORLA COTTER** E. Ni Shuilleabháin O. Nic Coitir (Capt.)

Ballinhassig St. Cotherine's (12) (11) (10)JENNIFER O'LEARY **GEMMA O'CONNOR** JULIA WHITE S. Ni Looire G. Ni Chonchúir S. de Fooite St. Finbarr's Barryroe Douglas

(15)(14) (13)JOANNE CASEY RACHEL MOLONEY SILE BURNS S. Ni Chasthasaigh S. Ni Bhroin R. Ni Mhoolomhnaigh Inniscorra Coursey Rovers Rockbán

(20) ELAINE O'RIORDAN (16) EMER WHITE E. Mi Kinedhin £ de Fooite Milford Barryroe (17) PAMELA MACKEY

(21) KATRIONA MACKEY C. Ni Mhoce Douglas

(18) AMANDA O'REGAN (22) LYNDA O'CONNELL L. Ni Chonail St. Finberr's (19) DENISE CRONIN

(23) MARIA WALSH M. Breetnoch Ballyhea

(24) CAROLYN MOTHERWAY (28) EMER O'FARRELL St. Catherine's (25) MICHELLE BROWNE

Sorsfields (29) NIAMH DILWORTH N. Ni Dhùluachra

Innistarra

(26) CHRISTINE O'NEILL C. Ni Neill Courtey Rovers

M. de Bhrür

(27) LUCY HAWKES L. Howkes Valley Rovers

Monagement Team: Denise Cronin, Lillian Zincant, Ann Marie Hayes. Trainer: Jim McCarthy.

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Gaillimh

Marun agus Bán



(12)(11)(10)**BRENDA HANNEY CAROLINE MURRAY** THERESE MAHER B. Ni hAnneigh T. Ni Mheochair (Capt.) C. Ni Mhoiri

Athenry

(13)(14)VERONICA CURTIN TARA RUTLEDGE V. Ni Chuirtin T. Ni Mhooildeirg Portumna

(16) STEPHENAIE GANNON (20) COLETTE GILL C. Nic on Ghaill

Kinvora (21) HEATHER COONEY H. Ni Chuona St. Thomas (22) JESSICA GILL

Killimordaly (18) AOIFE LYNSKEY Atheory Ardrahan (19) THERESE MANTON

St. Thomas

5. Nig Fhion

(17) LORRAINE RYAN

I. Ni Mhantáir

Mullogh

L. Ni Rigin

Athenry

S. Nic on G (23) SARAH NOONE S. Ni Nucin Ahescraph/Coltra

124 NICOLA LAWLESS N. Leighleis

Killimor

(15)

AISLINN CONNOLLY

A. Ni Chonghaile

Costlegar

(25) ANN-MARIE STARR A. M. Starr Killinter (26) LAURA MITCHELL

L. Michiell Killimordaly (27) SIOBHÁN COEN 5. Ni Chadhain

Ballinderreen

Manager: Noel Finn. Selectors: Noel Power, Helena Huban. Trainer: Bertie Sherlock.

P. Ni Mhoto

A. Ni Riogóin

D. Ni Chebinin

Ballincollig

Douglas

Douglas

CORK

Player Profiles

ORLA COTTER (21) St Catherine's All-Ireland Senior, Senior B and U16 honours. Senior and Junior National League honours. All-Star award in 2008.

CATRIONA FOLEY (23) Rockban

The holder of All-Ireland Senior and Minor medals as well as provincial honours at Minor, Junior and Intermediate. Captained Cork to All-Ireland title in 2008.2 All-Star awards.

GEMMA O'CONNOR (24) St. Finbarrs
Gemma O'Connor captained the team in 2007.
6 All-Star Camogie awards. She is the holder of
All-Ireland Minor and Senior championship
and holder of Senior and Junior National
League medals as well as provincial honours.
Vodafone Camogie Player of the Year in 2005.

JOANNE O'CALLAGHAN (26) Cloughduv Captained Cork to All-Ireland title in 2006. Minor, Intermediate and Senior All-Ireland Championship medals as well as Ashbourne Cup and Gael Linn honours,

AOIFE MURRAY (26) Cloughduv Junior, Intermediate, Minor and senior medals as well as Munster championship honours and 3 All-Star awards.

MARY O'CONNOR (33) Killeagh
Senior All-Ireland medals and National League
as well as county, provincial and All-Ireland
club medals. Football All-Ireland honours.
Holds All-Star awards in camogie and
football.

RACHEL MOLONEY (27) Courcey Rovers Ashbourne Cup medals as well as Minor, Intermediate and Senior All-Ireland championship honours, inter-provincial honours. 3 All-Star awards.

AMANDA O'REGAN (28) Douglas Ashbourne Cup medals and All-Ireland Minor, Junior and Senior medals, provincial honours at Junior and under-18 level. Captained Cork to All-Ireland title in 2009.

SILE BURNS (24) Rockban Holder of All-Ireland Minor, Intermediate and Senior medals as well as provincial honours

LUCY HAWKES (22) Valley Rovers All-Ireland Senior and Junior and Ashbourne Shield, Provincial honours at senior and junior.

ELAINE O'RIORDAN (23) Milford Holder of All-Ireland Junior, Minor and Senior as well as eight All-Ireland Colleges medals with St Mary's, Charleville

LYNDA O'CONNELL (29) St. Finbarrs
Captained Cork to Junior National League
title in 2005. Holder of Ashbourne Cup medals
as well as Senior, Intermediate and Junior
All-Ireland medals. Also holds provincial
honours.

EMER O'FARRELL (28) Sarsfields
Holder of All-Ireland Junior and Senior medals,
National Junior and Senior League and
provincial honours and Purcell Cup medals.
Provincial honours at senior, junior and
intermediate level

JENNY DUFFY (26) St. Finbarrs Holder of All-Ireland Senior, Junior, National League and Purcell Shield honours.

ANNA GEARY (23) Milford Holder of All-Ireland Senior and Minor Championship Medals. Holder of 10 All-Ireland Colleges Medals with St Mary's, Charleville. 2 All-Star awards.

EIMEAR O'SULLIVAN (22) Ballinhassig Holds All-Ireland Senior and Senior B as well as National League and provincial medals and Ashbourne Shield

RENA BUCKLEY (22) Inniscarra Holder of All-Ireland Senior, Minor and

GALWAY Player Profiles

VERONICA CURTIN (30) Kinvara

Honours: 1 minor All-Ireland, 1 junior AllIreland, Player of the Match in both minor
and junior finals, 1 senior All-Ireland '96,
2 senior Gael Linn, 1 junior Gael Linn and
2 All-Star Awards

NIAMH KILKENNY (21) Pearses Honours: 1 All-Ireland minor, Connacht schools C'ship, 1 senior Gael Linn '08

ORLA KILKENNY (27) Pearses Honours: 3 senior club All-Irelands C'Ships, 2 minor All-Irelands, 2 club All-Ireland 7's, 1 Gael Linn, Ashbourne Cup with UL

THERESE MAHER (29) Athenry Honours: 2 minor All-Irelands, 2 Gael Linn, 2 Club All-Ireland 7's, 1 Ashbourne Shield, 1 National League, 4 Senior County C'ships, Galway camogie Player of the Year, 3 All-Star Awards

SANDRA TANNION (30) St. Thomas Honours: 8 All-Ireland Voc Schools C'ships, 2 minor All-Irelands, 1 junior All-Ireland, 1 Purcell Cup, 2 Gael Linn, 1 Senior National League, 1 Intermediate Co. C'ship, 3 North American C'ships with Eire Og Boston.

SUSAN EARNER (23) Eyrecourt

Honours: Minor All-Ireland, 1 National
League, 1 Junior All-Ireland, Galway Player
of the Year '03, 1 Intermediate All-Ireland,
1 All-Ireland Senior Colleges, 1 Senior
Gael Linn.

ANNE-MARIE HAYES (25) Killimor Honours: 1 All-Ireland minor, 1 Intermediate All Ireland, 1 Junior All Ireland, 3 Connacht Schools C'ships, 1 Schools Football Connacht medal, 2 Gael Linn medals, 2 All-Star Awards, 1 Ashbourne Shield medal.

SARAH NOONE (22) Ahascragh Honours: 1 All-Ireland U16, 1 Purcell Cup with Athlone IT, Gael Linn, 1 Junior All-Ireland, 1 Intermediate All-Ireland. Sarah is also a member of Galway Senior Ladies Gaelic football team

THERESE MANTON (22) Mullagh Honours: 2 Ashbourne with UCD, 2 Voc School Connacht C'ships with Loughrea, 1 Gael Linn, Pan Celtic with Mullagh, Player of the year for St Brigid's Voc School '06.

JESSICA GILL (20) Athenry Honours: 2 Club All-Ireland 7's, 1 Minor All-Ireland, School Junior All-Ireland, Senior Gael Linn, 4 Senior Co. C'ships, 1 All-Star Award.

LORRAINE RYAN (21) Killimordaly
Honours: 1 county minor C'ship, 1 Junior
All-Ireland Schools C'ship with Presentation
College, Athenry, County League,
Championship & Connacht titles, 1 Senior
Gael-Linn. Her aunt, Anne Forde, was a
member of the All Ireland senior Galway
winning side.

REGINA GLYNN (26) Athenry Honours: 2 Club All-Ireland 7's, 1 Féile na nGael, 4 Senior County C'ships, 2 Ashbourne Cup Medals with UL, UL Player of the Year 2005, 2 All-Star Awards.

AOIFE LYNSKEY (30) Ardrahan Honours: 1 Senior All-Ireland 1996, 1 National League, 1 Minor, Junior and Intermediate All-Ireland, 1 Gael Linn, 2 Ashbourne with UL, 1 Féile na nGael All-Ireland

BRENDA HANNEY (23) Killimor Honours: 1 senior and 1 junior National League, 1 All-Ireland Intermediate, 1 Junior All Ireland, Ashbourne Shield with Cork IT 2006

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Back row (L-r.): Cartiona Foley, Lucy Hawkes, Rena Buckley, Joanne Casey, Anna Geary, Caroline Motherway, Emer White, Michelle Browne, Niamh Dilworth, Katriona Mackey, Pamela Mackey, Amanda O'Regan, Rachel Molaney, Joanne O'Callaghan, Jennifer O'Leary, Sile Burns, Jenny Duffy, Orla Cotter, Aoife Murray. Front row (L-r.): Emer O'Farrell, Lynda O'Connell, Eimear O'Sulivan, Maria Walsh, Christine O'Neill, Elaine O'Riordan, Julia White, Mary O'Connor, Denise Cronin, Gemma O'Connor.

National League and provincial medals in Camogie. Holds Ladies Football All-Ireland senior honours. 2 camogie All-Star awards as well as ladies football All-Star awards

JENNIFER O'LEARY (26) Barryroe All-Ireland medals at Senior, Minor and Intermediate level. Ashbourne Cup medal. 3 All-Star awards

EIMEAR WHITE (21) Barryroe Holder of senior All-Ireland, National League and provincial medals. College honours with Sacred Heart, Clonakilty

MICHELLE BROWNE (22) Mallow Senior All-Ireland and provincial honours

DENISE CRONIN (21) Ballincollig Senior All-Ireland and provincial honours

JULIA WHITE (19) Douglas Senior All-Ireland and All-Ireland Féile na nGael honours, as well as provincial under age medals. All-Ireland Senior B Colleges' medal with Christ the King, Turners Cross,

PAMELA MACKEY (18) Douglas Senior All-Ireland and All-Ireland Feile na nGael honours as well as provincial under age medals. All-Ireland Senior B Colleges' medal with Christ the King, Turners Cross.

KATRIONA MACKEY (18) Douglas Senior All-Ireland and All-Ireland Féile na nGael honours as well as provincial under age medals. All-Ireland Senior B Colleges' medal with Christ the King, Turners Cross.

CHRISTINE O'NEILL (20) Courcey Rovers
Holds under age provincial honours and Junior
'A' Munster Colleges as well as All-Ireland senior
and provincial.

MARIA WALSH (19) Ballyhea First year on panel. Holds under age provincial honours.

JOANNE CASEY (18) Inniscarra First year on panel. Holds under age provincial honours.

NIAMH DILWORTH (20) Inniscarra First year on panel. Holds under age provincial honours.

CAROLINE MOTHERWAY (20) St. Catherine's First year on panel. Holds under age and Intermediate provincial honours. Gala ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINALS 2010



Back row (I.-r.): Therese Manton, Emma Kilkelly, Susan Earner, Aislinn Connolly, Caroline Murray, Brenda Hanney, Sarah Dervan, Heather Cooney, Tara Rutledge, Ann Marie Starr, Stephanie Gannon, Sinéad Keane. Front row (I.-r.): Sandra Tannian, Ann Marie Hayes, Laura Mitchell, Lorraine Ryan, Colette Gill, Orla Kilkenny, Nicola Lawless, Veronica Curtin, Regina Glynn, Niamh Kilkenny, Aolfe Lynskey, Therese Maher.

SINÉAD KEANE (24) Club Kinvara Honours: 1 Intermediate, 1 Junior & 1 Minor All-Ireland, 1 Senior Colleges All-Ireland

EMMA KILKELLY (24) Kinvara Honours: 1 Minor All-Ireland, 1 Junior All-Ireland, 1 Intermediate All-Ireland, Junior and Senior Connaught Colleges Titles. Young Aunt of Galway underage stars Niamh, Clodagh and Orlaith McGrath.

AISLINN CONNOLLY (24) Castlegar Honours: 1 Minor All-Ireland, 2 National Leauges, 3 Ashbourne Cup UL. Daughter of former Galway hurler John and niece of Joe and Michael.

SARAH DERVAN (22) Mullagh Honours: Connacht Player of the Year 2009, Féile Skills Winner 2001, 1 Intermediate All-Ireland, Ashbourne.

CAROLINE MURRAY (30) St Thomas Honours: 1 Junior All-Ireland, 1 Intermediate All-Ireland, 3 Ashbourne Shields with UL. Regional Development co-Ordinator with the Camogie Association.

TARA RUTLEDGE (19) Portumina Honours: 1 Intermediate All-Ireland, 5 Connacht Schools C'ships, Minor and Junior Co. C'ships.

STEPHANIE GANNON (22) Athenry Honours: 1 Junior All-Ireland, 1 Intermediate All-Ireland, 1 National League, Poc Fada Winner '04, 4 Senior Club County C'ships, 2 All-Ireland Kilmacud 7's.

LAURA MITCHELL (17) Killimordaly Honours: 1 All-Ireland Intermediate, 1 U16 All-Ireland, Minor & Intermediate Co. C'ships.

HEATHER COONEY (21) St. Thomas Honours: 1 All-Ireland Intermediate

COLETTE GILL (22) Kinvara Honours: 1 All-Ireland Intermediate, Connacht Junior Schools C'ship, Underage Co. C'ships.

NICOLA LAWLESS (24) Killimor Honours: 1 Junior and 1 Intermediate All-Ireland, 2 Purcell Cups

ANN MARIE STARR (18) Killimor Honours: Minor Co. C'ship, Connacht School C'ship.

(2)

LIZZIE LYNG

E. Ni Longáin

The Rower-Inistinge

(5)

EDWINA KEANE

E. Ni Chatháin

St. Martin's

(10)

MICHELLE QUILTY

M. Ni Chaoilte

Mullinovat

(13)

COLLETTE DORMER

C. Ni Dhuidhiorma

Paulstown

(16) SIOBHÁN MURPHY

S. Ní Mharthú

Tullogher

(17) DENISE GAULE

D. Nic on Goill

(18) EMMA STAUNTON

E. Ni Stountúir

Loch Garman



M. Ni Dhorchai Sr. Martin's

(2) CLAIRE O'CONNOR C. Ni Chonchúir

(3) CATHERINE O'LOUGHLIN

(4) KAREN ATKINSON

C. Ni Lochlainn Rathnure Manageer-Boolavague

C. Nic Aidicin Oulors-The Ballogh

(5) **NOELEEN LAMBERT** N. Laimbéart St. Martin's

(10)

UNA LEACY

St. Ibar's-Shalmalier

(18) EVELYN QUIGLEY

E. Ni Choigligh

B. Ni Mhuirneachtáin

Rothnure

(19) BRID GORDON

Blockwater

MARY LEACY M. Ni Laitheasa Outart-The Ballagh

(6)

(7) **AOIFE O'CONNOR** A. Ni Chonchúir

Rathnure

JOSIE DWYER DEIRDRE CODD S. Ni Dhubhuir D. Nic Oda Ferns St. Aidon's **Duffry Rovers**

(11)KATE KELLY

(12) MICHELLE O'LEARY

U. Ni Laitheasa (Capt.) C. Ni Cheallaigh Oulart-The Ballagh St. Ibar's-Shelmaller (13)KATRINA PARROCK C. Ni Pharóg

URSULA JACOB U. lácób Oulart-The Ballogh

Monager: J. J. Doyle. Selectors: Tommy Roche, Joe Brennan.

Trainer: Gerry McQuaid.

(14)

(15) FIONA KAVANAGH F. Coomhánach

(16) HELENA JACOB (20) JEAN HAYDEN L. lácób S. Ni hÉideáir **Outart-The Ballogh** (17) CAROLINE MURPHY (21) SHELLY KEHOE C. Ni Mhurchú S. Nic Eachaidh Ferns St. Aidan's

Oulart-The Ballogh (22) CIARA STOREY

Oulart-The Ballagh (23) CIARA O'CONNOR C. Ni Chonchúi

(24) STACEY KEHOE S. Nic Eachaidh **Oulart-The Bollogh** (25) COLLEEN ATKINSON C. Nic Aidicin Oulart-The Ballagh

(26) LOUISE O'LEARY L. Ni Looire

(27) EIMEAR O'CONNOR F. M. Chanchii

M. Ni Looire Rathnure

Bunclady

(28) FRANCES DORAN **Buffers Alley**

(29) BRIDGET CURRAN B. Ni Chorràin St. Nor's-Shelmaller (30) LENNY HOLOHAN

> Poulstown (19) KEEVA FENNELLY

C. Ni Fhionnligh Ballyhale Shamracks

E. Ni Loins The Rover-Initioge (21) AMY BUTLER

(8)

ANNA FARRELL

A. Ni Fhearail

Thomastown

A. de Bhuitféir

St. Brigid's (23) LAURA KAVANAGH

L. Coomhónach

(9) ANN DALTON (4)

JACQUI FRISBY

S. Ni Fhriosbaigh

Bollyhole Shamrocks

(7)

ELAINE AYLWARD

L. Ni Aighleart

Mulliparet

(28) SARAH DERMODY

S. Ni Dhiormada

St Anne's

(29) GRACE WALSH

G. Breatnack

(30) MEGAN FARRELL

M. Ni Fheoroil

Thomastown

Dubh agus Omra

(1)

CATRIONA RYAN

C. Ni Rigin

Tollogher

(3)

CATHERINE DOHERTY

C. Ni Dhochartaigh

St. Anne's

(6)

LEANN FENNELLY

L. Ni Fhionnalaigh

Mullinavot

A. Ni Dhaltúin (Capt.) St. Lachtain's

(11) (12)**AOIFE NEARY** KATIE POWER A. Ni Nároigh C de Paor James Stephens Pillawn

(14) (15) SHELLY FARRELL MARIE DARGAN S. Ni Fheorail M. Ni Dheargáin St. Martin's

(20) EIMEAR LYNG (24) CLAIRE PHELAN C. Ni Fhaolòir St. Anne's (25) KELLY HAMILTON C. Ni Hamalton

The Rower-Inistinge (26) BRIONA LANGTON (22) AISLING DUNPHY A. Ni Dhonnche B. Lengtún The Rower-Inistings

(27) CAITRIONA BRENNAN C. Ni Bhroonó

Monogement Team: Ann Downey, Paul Murphy, John Lonergan, Noel Ryan, Marina Downey, Jerry O'Neill. First Aid: Charlie Foley, Elaine Mullalley.



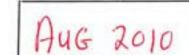
Wexford's Evelyn Quigley and Kilkenny's Lizzie Lyng in action during the Gala Senior Championship semi-final at Nowlan Park



FINAL CALL: Wexford celebrate semi-final victory

CAMOGIE GALA ALL-IRELAND SC Nowlan Park: Cork 1-17 (S Burns 0-9 (8fs, 1 45); J O'Leary 1-3; O Cotter, E O'Sullivan, J White, R Moloney, J Casey 0-1 each) Galway 3-11 (V Curtin 2-2; A Connolly 0-5(fs); T Rutledge 1-0; 0 Kilkenny 0-2, C Murray, B Hanney 0-1 Wedford 3-12 (U Jacob 0-8 (6fs, 1-45); K Kelly 2-2; K Parrock 1-0; J Dwyer, U Lency 0-1 each) Killerny 1-11 (A Dalton 0-4(1f, 2-45s); D Gaule 1-0; M Quilty (2fs), A Farrell, K Power 0-2 each; C Dormer 0-10

MINOR C CHAMPIONSHIP Group 2: Carlow 7 12 Westmonth 2 7; Kildare 1 5 Meath 2 12



Player Profiles

1 senior All-Ireland, Selected as 'The Star' Player of the Match, All-Ireland 2007, 2 National League, 1 Junior Gael Linn, 1 Leinster Senior B Colleges with Loreto College, 1 Senior B Co. Championship.

MARY LEACY (24) Oulart/The Ballagh Captained Wexford to All-Ireland Senior success in 2007, holds 2 National League, 2 All-Ireland Féile na nGael titles, 2 All-Star Awards, Captained Colaiste Bride to Junior and Senior All-Ireland C'ships, 2 Ashbourne Cup with UCD, 1 All-Ireland Kilmacud Sevens, represented Ireland in Shinty, 6 Senior Co. C'ship. A dual player, she has represented Wexford at junior and Intermediate level. Her mother Margaret (née O'Leary) was selected on the Camogie Team of the Century.

UNA LEACY (21) Oulart/The Ballagh 1 senior All-Ireland 2007, 2 National League, 5 Féile na nGael (record), 1 All-Star Award, 1 junior and 3 senior All-Ireland Colleges with Colaiste Bride, 2 Ashbourne Cup with UCD, 5 senior Co. C'ships, shared Irish Independent/Jury's Sportstar of the Week with her sister Mary after the 2007 All-Ireland Senior final. Daughter of Margaret (née O'Leary) former Wexford star.

CAROLINE MUPRHY (25) Ferns/St. Aidans 1 Senior All-Ireland, 2 National League, 1 Intermediate Co. C'ship. A dual player, she captained Wexford to junior provincial honours and played in the Intermediate All-Ireland 2007.

AOIFE O'CONNOR (31) Rathnure 1 Senior All-Ireland, 1 National League, 1 All-Ireland Senior Club. 1 Junior Gael Linn, 5 Senior Co. C'ships Leinster Senior Colleges with Colaiste Bride.

CIARA O'CONNOR (24) Rathnure 2 National League Division 1 and 2, 1 Junior and 2 All-Ireland senior Colleges with Coláiste Bride, 2 senior Co. C'ships,

MAGS D'ARCY (22) St. Martin's 1 Senior All-Ireland, 2 National League, 1 All-Star Award, 2 Ashbourne Cup with UCD, Leinster Poc Fada runner up 2007.

JOSIE DWYER (25) Ferns St. Aidan's 2 National Leagues, Leinster C'ship at U16, junior and senior level, Leinster Senior Colleges with F.C.J. Bunclody 2000, 1 Junior and 1 Intermediate Co.C'ship.

CLAIRE O'CONNOR (29) Rathnure 1 Senior All-Ireland Senior 2007, 2 National

League, 1 All-Ireland U16, 1 All-Ireland Senior Club C'ship, 5 Senior Co. C'ships Club, 1 Junior Gael Linn, 3 Leinster Senior Colleges with Colaiste Bride, Captained team in 1999

COLLEEN ATKINSON (26) Oulart/The Ballagh 1 senior All-Ireland, 2 National League, captained Wexford to provincial junior honours in 2003, 6 senior Co. C'ships.

KAREN ATKINSON (23) Oulart/The Ballagh 1 senior All-Ireland, 2 National League. 1 Ashbourne with WIT, 3 Feile na nGael, 1 junior and 2 senior All-Ireland Colleges with Colaiste Bride, 1 All-Ireland Kilmacud Sevens, 8 senior Co. C'ships.

AINE CODD (30) St. Martin's 1 senior All-Ireland, 2 National League, 1 All-Ireland U16 when she captained team and was Player of the Match in the final, 1 Ashbourne Shield, 1 All-Star Award, 1 Junior and 1 Intermediate Co. C'ship.

DEIRDRE CODD (23) Duffry Rovers 1 Senior All-Ireland, 2 National League, 2 Leinster and All-Ireland Senior Colleges with Scoil Bride, 2 Intermediate Co. C'ship. Represented Ireland in Shinty in 2004

JEAN HAYDEN (27) Rathnure 2 National League Division 1 and Division 2, 3 Senior Co. c'ships, 1 Leinster senior club C'ship.

LENNY HOLOHAN (29) Rathnure 1 senior All-Ireland, 2 National League, 1 senior Club All-Ireland, 5 senior Co. C'ships, Player of the Match in Co. Final 2008, 3 Leinster Senior Colleges with Colaiste Bride

URSULA JACOB (24) Oulart/The Ballagh 1 senior All-Ireland, 2 National League, 1 All-Ireland junior and 2 senior Colleges with Colaiste Bride, captained the team in 2004, 1 Ashbourne Cup with WIT, 2 All-Ireland Feile na nGael, 1 All-Ireland Kilmacud Sevens, represented Ireland in Shinty, 6 senior Co. C'ships. Daughter of Mick Jacob, former Wexford hurler, sister to hurlers Michael and Rory.

HELENA JACOB (27) Oulart/The Ballagh 1 senior All-Ireland, 2 National League, 1 Ashbourne Cup with W.I.T. 1 All-Ireland Kilmacud Sevens, 5 senior Co. C'ships, 1 Leinster senior Colleges with Colaiste Bride, Club Senior 2003 (capt), Mentor with WIT Ashbourne team 2009/10. Daughter of Mick Jacob, former Wexford hurler and sister to county hurlers Michael and Rory.

My Player Profiles

CATRIONA RYAN (28) Tullogher Honours: 1 National League, 1 Junior All-Ireland, 2 intermediate club medals. Represented Ireland in Shinty, 1 Purcell Cup

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LIZZIE LYNG (27) Rower-Inistioge Honours: 1 junior club medal, 2 Ashbourne Cup medals, 1 National League

CATHERINE DOHERTY (28) St. Anne's Honours: 2 Intermediate club medals, 1 Junior Club medal, 1 National League medal, 1 junior All-Ireland, 1 Purcell Cup

JACQUI FRISBY (25) Ballyhale Shamrocks Honours: 1 Junior All-Ireland, 1 National League, 1 All-Star Award. Captained Kilkenny to junior All-Ireland in 2002

ELAINE AYLWARD (25) Mullinavat Honours: 1 Junior All-Ireland, 1 National League medal, 1 All-Star Award

LEANN FENNELLY (20) Mullinavat Honours: 1 Colleges All-Ireland, Captained St. Brigids to Colleges All-Ireland in 2008, 1 Ladies Football All-Ireland medal, 2 U16 All-Ireland, 3 minor All-Irelands, Intermediate All-Ireland. 2 Volleyball colleges All-Irelands. Daughter of twice All-Ireland senior winning captain Liam

KATE McDONALD (19) Thomastown Honours: 2 Colleges All-Irelands, 3 U16 All-Irelands, 4 minor All-Irelands, National League medal, captained Kilkenny to U16 All-Ireland in 2007. 2 All-Ireland volleyball colleges medals with St. Brigid's Callan and on both occasions was voted Most Valuable Player. 9 Badminton caps for Leinster

ANNE DALTON (22) (Captain) St. Lachtain's Honours: Captained Kilkenny in last year's All-Ireland final, 3 All-Ireland club medals, 2 Ashbourne Cup medals, Vodafone Camogie Player of the Year 2009. 1 National League medal, 1 All-Star, 1 minor All-Ireland

ANNA FARRELL (19) Thomastown Honours: 2 All-Ireland colleges medals, 2 U16 All-Ireland medals, 2 minor All-Irelands, 1 National League, captained Kilkenny minors to All-Ireland in 2008. 2 All-Ireland colleges Volleyball medals

DENISE GAULE (19) Windgap Honours: 2 All-Ireland colleges medals. Captained St. Brigid's School to All-Ireland in

2009, 1 Ashbourne Cup, 2 U16 All-Irelands, 2 minor All-Irelands, 1 Intermediate All-Ireland medal. Player of the match in 2009 minor All-ireland Young Camogie player of the year in 2009. Denise also captained St. Brigids' Callan to All-Ireland Colleges Volleyball in 2008.2 All-ireland colleges volleyball medals.

AOIFE NEARY (25) James Stephens Honours: 1 Junior All-Ireland, 1 National League medal, 2 All-Star Awards

MARIE DARGAN (20) St. Martin's Honours: 2 U16 All-Irelands, 3 minor All-Irelands, 1 National League medal, "Irish Examiner Young Player of the Year" in 2006. 1 Ladies junior Football All-Ireland. She was player of the match in 2007 junior ladies football All-Ireland

MICHELLE QUILTY (20) Mullinavat Honours: 2 Ashbourne Cup medals, 2 U16 All-Irelands, 3 minor All-Irelands, 1 National League medal

KATIE POWER (20) Piltown Honours: 1 Ashbourne Cup, 1 Junior county title, 2 U16 All-Irelands, 3 Minor All-Irelands, 1 National League medal, 1 All-Star ward. Young Camogie Player of the Year 2005

SHELLEY FARRELL (18) Thomastown Honours: 2 Colleges All-Ireland, 2 U16 All-Ireland medals, 2 minor All-Irelands. 1 Intermediate All-Ireland, Captained Kilkenny to U16 All-Ireland in 2008.

SIOBHAN MURPHY (23) Tullogher Honours: 1 Intermediate county medal, 1 National League medal, 2 Leinster senior

EMMA STAUNTON (19) Paulstown Honours: 2 U16 All-Irelands, 3 minor All-Irelands, Intermediate All-Ireland

AMY BUTLER (23) Mullinavat Honours: 1 National League, 2 Leinster senior medals

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Back row (l.-r.): Caroline Murphy, Stacey Kehoe, Bridget Curran, Frances Doran, Ciara O'Connor, Ciara Storey, Mary Leacy, Kate Kelly, Catherine O'Loughlin, Ursula Jacob, Noeleen Lambert, Evelyn Quigley, Karen Atkinson, Fiona Kavanagh, Una Leacy (Captain), Mags Darcy. Front raw (I.-r.): Shelly Kehoe, Coleen Atkinson, Eimear O'Connor, Jean Hayden, Brid Gordon, Claire O'Connor, Michelle O'Leary, Aoife O'Connor, Josie Dwyer, Helena Jacob, Lenny Holohan, Katrina Parrock, Louise O'Leary. (Missing from photograph Aine Codd).

FIONA KAVANAGH (25) Bunclody National League Division 1 and 2 2010; Division 2 2009; Leinster Senior Colleges with F.C.J Bunclody 2000.

SHELLY KEHOE (19) Oulart/The Ballagh 2 National League Division 2, 2 Feile na nGael, 1 All-Ireland senior Colleges with Colaiste Bride, 1 Ashbourne Cup with WIT, 3 Senior Co. C'ships, plays football with Clonee.

STACEY KEHOE (19) Oulart/The Ballagh 2 National League Divisision 2, 1 Feile na nGael, 1 All-Ireland senior Colleges with Colaiste Bride. 1 Ashbourne with WIT, 3 Senior Co. C'ships

KATE KELLY (29) St. Ibars/Shelmaliers 1 senior All-Ireland, 2 National League, 1 All-Ireland U16, 2 Ashbourne Cup with WIT, 1 Gael Linn, 3 All-Star Awards, Vodafone Camogie Player of the Year 2007, Wexford Supporters Club Camogie and Ladies football Player of Year, 4 senior Co. C'ships. A dual player, she has represented Wexford at junior and Intermediate level.

CATHERINE O'LOUGHLIN (25) Monageer/Boolavogue 1 senior All-Ireland, 2 National League, 3 All-Star Awards, Wexford Supporters 'Club Player of the Year 2008,' 2 Ashbourne Cup, 1 Junior Gael Linn, 1 Senior Gael, 1 All-Ireland Junior Colleges with Coláiste Bride.

MICHELLE O'LEARY (29) Rathnure 1 senior All-Ireland, 2 National League, 1 U16 All-Ireland 1995; 1 Senior club All-Ireland, 1 Junior Gael Linn, 2 Leinster senior Colleges with Coláiste Bride, captained team in 1998, 5 senior Co. C'ships KATRINA PARROCK (19) St. Ibars/Shelmaliers 1 senior All-Ireland, 2 National League, Leinster U14 2002, 1 Ashbourne with WIT, Freshers Player of the Tournament 2010

LOUISE O'LEARY (21) Rathnure 2 National League Division 1 and 2, 1 junior and 1 senior All-Ireland Colleges with Colaiste Bride

EVELYN QUIGLEY (28) Rathnure 2 National League, 1 All-Ireland Senior Club, 1 Ashbourne with WIT, 1 London senior C'ship,

4 senior Co. C'ships.

CIARA STOREY (20) Oulart/The Ballagh 2 National League, 3 All-Ireland Féile na nGael, 1 junior and 3 senior All-Ireland Colleges with Coláiste Bride, 1 All-Ireland Kilmacud Sevens, 6 senior Co. C'ships. Daughter of Martin Storey. who captained Wexford to All-Ireland success in 1996.

BRID GORDON (22) Blackwater U14, U16 and 2 Intermediate County Cships. FRANCES DORAN (23) Buffers Alley 2 National League Division 2, 1 Purcell Cup with St. Patricks College 2005, Intermediate Co. C'ship B BRIDGET CURRAN (26) St. Ibars/Shelmaliers

1 senior All-Ireland, 2 National League, 1 All-Ireland U16, 2 Ashbourne Cup with WIT, 1 senior Gael Linn, 4 Senior Co. C'ships, 1 Leinster Senior B Colleges C'ship with Loreto College. EIMEAR O'CONNOR (18) Rathnure

2 National League Division 1 and 2 2010, 1 Féile na nGael, 1 Leinster Senior colleges medal, 1 Junior Gael Linn, underage and 1 senior Co C'ship. Gala ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINALS 2010



Back row (L-r.): Marie Dargan, Katie Power, Catriona Ryan, Claire Phelan, Edwina Keane, Elaine Aylward, Denise Gaule, Collette Dormer, Kate McDonald, Jacqui Frisby. Centre row (L.-r.): Siobhan Murphy, Emma Staunton, Catherine Doherty, Catriona Brennan, Anne Dalton, Anna Farrell, Lizzie Lyng, Shelley Farrell, Sarah Dermody. Eimear Lyng. Front row (l.-r.): Kelly Hamilton, Katie Power, Keeva Fennelly, Aoife Neary, Leann Fennelly. Michelle Quilty, Army Butler, Briona Langton, Laura Kavanagh, Aisling Dunphy.

EDWINA KEANE (20) St. Martin's Honours: 2 U16 All-Ireland medals, 3 minor All-Irelands, 1 National League medal, Institute of Technology Tralee Sportsperson of the Year

EIMEAR LYNG (28) Rower-Inistinge Honours: 1 Junior county medal, 1 Junior All-Ireland, 1 National League medal, Intermediate Club Championship.

LAURA KAVANAGH (22) Emeralds Honours: 1 Intermediate club medal, 1 minor All-Ireland, 1 Intermediate All-Ireland, 1 National League medal,

AISLING DUNPHY (18) St. Brigid's Honours: 1 Colleges senior All-Ireland, 1 junior colleges All-Ireland, captained Loreto Kilkenny to senior colleges All-Ireland in 2010. 3 U16 All-Irelands, 3 minor All-Irelands.

KEEVA FENNELLY (23) Ballyhale Shamrocks Honours: 1 Ashbourne Cup. Captained WIT to Ashbourne success in 2009, 1 National League medal, 2 Leinster senior medals

COLLETTE DORMER (21) Paulstown Honours: 2 Ashbourne Cup medals. 1 junior county medal. 1 U16 All-Ireland, 2 minor

All-Irelands, 1 National League medal, 1 Intermediate All-Ireland medal, 2 Leinster senior medals

KELLY HAMILTON (16) Rower-Inistinge Honours: 1 Feile Division 3 medal, 2 Leinster U14 medals, 2 U16 county medals

BRIONA LANGTON (24) Rower-Inistioge Honours: 1 U14 Feile medal. Junior, Minor and U16 Club Championships

CATRIONA BRENNAN (19) St. Anne's Honours: 1 Intermediate county medal, 1 U18 county medal, 1 minor All-Ireland

SARAH DERMODY (17) St. Anne's Honours: 1 Intermediate and U18 county meda

CLAIRE PHELAN (24) St. Anne's Honours: U14, U16, U18, county medals. 1 junior club county medal and 2 intermediate club finals, school's hockey Munster medal.

MEGAN FARRELL Thomastown Sister to Anna and Shelly. Member of Kilkenny Minor carnogie team.

GRACE WALSH Tullaroan Member of the Kilkenny Minor camogie team.

Sister of Kilkenny hurler, Tommy.

Three people who had a major influence on your career?

A: My parents Brigid and John and Rena O Leary

Q: Best Coach?

A: Jim McCarthy

Q: Best game you played?

A: County semi final in 2009 when we beat St. Finbarrs, I played at midfield.

Q: Most cherished victory?

A: County final 2009

Q: Favourite venue and why?

A: Ballynoe, lots of space

Q: Three most fun team mates?

A: Would be in trouble if I choose three, all the Cork players are great fun.

Q: Venue for Girls night out?

A: "Clon"

Q: Six male sports stars you would invite to dinner?

A: Henry Shefflin, Conor McGrath, Dan Carter, Paul O'Connell, Tiger Woods and Lance Armstrong

Q: Deep and meaningful conversation, Donal Og Cusack or Davy Fitzgerald?

A: Donal Og, I found his book most interesting, definitely deep and meaningful.

Q: Three female sports stars you admire?

A: Sonia O'Sullivan, Angela Walsh and Briege Corkery

Q: Three people whom you admire (local/national/international)?

A: Pat Clancy, Denis Walsh and Lance Armstrong

Q: Favourite Food?

A: Lasagne

Q: Favourite song/music?

A: Anything by "The Killers"

Q: Best holiday?

A: Dubai has everything for a super

Q: Best opponent outside of Cork?

A: Fionnuala Carr (Down)

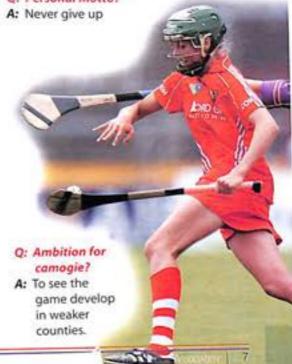
Q: Other sports you play?

A: Football and hockey

Q: Three items you would take to a desert island?

A: Mobile phone, Ipod and chocolate

Q: Personal Motto?



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Q When did you first play camogie?

A We start young in Kilkenny, I was about 2 years old.

Q Three people who had a major influence on your career?

A My parents, Sean and Noreen, all six brothers and my late uncle Joe Doherty.

Q Best coach?

A Ann Downey

Q Best game you played?

A Definitely when playing with Carlow IT, when we won the Purcell Cup.

Q Most cherished victory?

A The Intermediate All-Ireland in 2008.

A Croke Park, great to show off my talent on the big stage!

Q 3 most fun team mates?

A Caitriona Ryan, Leann Fennelly and Claire Phelan

Q Venue for girls night out?

A Kitty Gannon's Hard Rock Bar in Galmoy

Q Favourite song/music?

A Mysterious Girl sung by Peter Andre

Q Six male sports stars you would invite to dinner?

A Christian Rolando. Bernard Dunne, Bernard Brogan, Rob Kearney, Usain Bolt and Ryan Giggs

Q Deep and meaningful conversation, Donal Og

Catherine (KILKENNY)

Cusack or Davy Fitzgerald?

A Davy Fitzgerald, if I choose Donal Óg I wouldn't be too popular in Kilkenny!!

Q Three female athlete you admire?

A Angela Downey, Katie Taylor, Serena Williams

Q Three people you admire, local, National and international?

A Angela Downey, Brian Cody, Jedward

Q Favourite food?

A Lasagne, chips, coleslaw, garlic bread with cheese, Elaine Alyward would agree!

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A Australia, pure heaven!

Q Best opponent outside of Kilkenny?

A Jane Adams

Q Other sports you enjoy?

A Snooker, squash and swimming

Q Three items you would take to a desert island?

A Fun person, blankets for night time and hamper food/water

Q Personal motto?

A No point in closing the door when the horse is

> Q Ambition for camogie?

A To win a senior All-Ireland with Kilkenny, it would be a dream come through.

FUN quiz

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Q When did you first play camogie?

A When I was about 7 years old, when I was kindly allowed to collect the ball behind the goals for my brothers, great practice!

Q Three people who had a major influence on your career?

A Family, friends and many people in St. Martin's club

Q Best Coach?

A My Dad, Robert

Q Best game you played?

A Schools 7 a-side in '95, I was a budding star!

Q Most cherished victory?

A Has to be the All Ireland victory in 2007, what a day and great celebrations for weeks after.

Q Favourite venue?

A Nowlan Park, great surface

Q Three most fun team mates? A Deirdre Codd, Mags D'Arcy and Brigid Curran

Q Venue for girls night out?

A "44" for the vino and then D

Q Six male sports stars you would invite to dinner?

A Tommy Walsh and Seán Óg Ó hÁilpin, would get a few tips about half back play!! Tommy Bowe, Rob Kearney, Donncha O'Callaghan, Bernard Brogan for their personalities!

Q Deep and meaningful conversation, Donal Og Cusack or Davy Fitzgerald?

A Donal Óg , Davy would scare me!



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Q Three female sports stars you admire?

A Brona Furlong, Aine Codd and Briege Corkery

Q Three people you admire (local/ national (international)?

A Taking all three from national, Veronica Guerin, Tommy Walsh (if only I could hurl like him) and Mary O'Connor, she has given amazing service to Gaelic games.

Q Favourite Food?

A Good Wexford stew

Q Favourite song/music?

A The Galway Girl Q Best holiday?

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A Three months travelling, Australia, New Zealand and South East Asia.

> Q Best opponent outside of Wexford? A Eimear McDonnell (Tipperary)

Q Other sports you play?

A Soccer in the winter when they are stuck for players!

Q Three items you would take to a desert island?

A Water, food and one of the guys I would invite to dinner. Have to consider which one, will keep ye guessing!

Q Personal motto?

A The greatest oak was once a small nut that held its ground

Q Ambition for camogie?

Wexford to win the All-Ireland in 2010.

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FUM quiz 1

Q When did you first play camogie?

A At 6 years or so, part of my life since

Q Three people who had a major influence on your career? A My parents Martin and Mary and the late

Michael Kennedy who founded our club,

Pearses Q Best Coach?

A Damien Coleman

Q Best game you played?

A Playing with UL in the 2005 Ashbourne Cup Final against UCD. One of my better days!!

Q Most cherished victory?

A Winning the All-Ireland Club Championship with my club Pearses in 2000

Q Favourite venue?

A Nowlan Park, pitch like a carpet

Q Three most fun team mates?

A Regina "2 bottles" Glynn, Susan "Refined" Earner, Aoife "Trouble in the house" Lynskey

Q Venue for girls night out? A Ryans in Gurtymadden!!!!

Q Six male sports stars you would invite to dinner? A Tommy Bowe, Luke

Fitzgerald, Danny Cipriani, David Beckham, Jamie Rednapp Q Deep and

meaningful conversation, Donal Óg Cusack or Davy Fitzgerald?

A Davy Fitzgerald, if his views on life are



(Galway) as controversial as they are on hurling, it

would be some chat!! Q Three female sports stars you admire?

A Olive Loughnane, Derval O'Rourke, Katie Taylor Q Three people you admire

local/national/international? A The late Michael Kennedy, founder of our club; Sonia O'Sullivan, Lance Armstrong

Q Favourite food? A Steak and chips.

Q Favourite song/music?

A Drops of juniper by Train

Q Best holiday? A Six weeks backpacking in Thailand, especially walking down a street in Phi Phi and hearing my name being shouted from a restaurant, Aislinn Connolly tucking into a plate of chips. The Global Village indeed!

Q Best opponent outside of Galway?

A Briege Corkery

Q Three items you would take to a desert island?

A Factor 50, my pale skin and the sun don't mix well. Sunglasses, squinting gives you wrinkles!! A fridge full

of water and chocolate

Q Personal motto? A You only get one chance at the **Big Time**

> Q Ambition for camogie?

A To win a senior All-Ireland with Galway, preferably in 2010.

Wexford power past Cats

GALA ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CAMOGIE SENI-FINAL



Wexford3-12

Kilkenny 1-11

EXFORD put their recent history of agonising semi-final defeats behind them with a commanding second-half performance to book a berth in the Gala All-Ireland senior camogie final in front of 3,082 people at Nowlan Park.

After ending a 22-year famine when they took the ultimate honours in 2007, the Model women were keen to add more titles

That ambition has foundered at the semi-final stage previously, though, with Galway denying them by a late goal in 2008 and Kilkenny doing likewise last term.

It was the Black and Amber in front of them again this time so there was no absence of motivation, especially III HAPPY DAYS: Wexford players

celebrate after their All-Ireland semi-final victory over Kilkenny at Nowlan

Picture: Matt Browne/Sportsfile



as Kilkenny beat them in the round-robin stages.

Ann Downey's young team wouldn't have been lacking in that department either though, given that they had lost the league final to Wexford by the minimum margin. And there was a place in the All-Ireland final up for grabs.

It threatened to turn into The Ann Dalton Show early on as the Kilkenny captain scored the opening three points, the first from a free and the latter pair from 45s.

Wexford's greater physical presence enabled them to gradually claw back into proceedings however and with Ursula Jacob slotting six points from placed balls, they led at half-time by 0-8 to 0-7.

The advantage should have been

greater as Wexford shot six wides into the wind while Kilkenny only had one

Two excellent goal opportunities also went a begging, as skipper Una Leacy failed to see Ursula Jacob and Katrina Parrock unattended inside her on separate occasions. She did snap a point herself though. It was Kilkenny's radar that was off

in the second half however. They hit seven wides in that period, including three from Dalton, who had looked faultless early on.

Such profligacy is never a good idea against a defence that has such powerful figures right through its spine, from goalkeeper Mags D'Arcy through full-back Catherine O'Loughlin and onto centre-back Mary Leacy.

Indeed the Cats only managed three points in the second half, from Dalton, Katie Power and a Michelle Quilty free until Denise Gaule struck an injury-time goal.

By that stage though, it was too little too late for the Cats as Wexford had rammed home three goals in the final quarter to put the game to bed.

Una Leacy found Kate Kelly in the 46th minute and Kelly transferred in a flash to Katrina Parrock, whose thunderous drive was parried by Catriona Ryan but the sliotar trickled over the line.

Two minutes later, Parrock returned the favour with a sensational low delivery into the path of the onrushing centre-forward, who pulled first time to shake the rigging.

When Kelly's speculative shot from 35m skidded off the turf into the Kilkenny net, the Model girls' progression was confirmed.

WEXFORD: M D'Arcy; C O'Connor, C O'Loughlin, K Atkinson; N Lambert, M Leacy, A O'Connor; J Dwyer 0-1, D Codd; U Leacy 0-1, K Kelly 2-2, M O'Leary; K Parrock 1-0, U Jacob 0-8 (6fs, 1 45), F Kavanagh.

Subs: B Gordon for O'Leary (48); E Quigley for Kelly (57-58); Quigley for Kavanagh (59)

KILKENNY; C Ryan; L Lyng, C Doherty, J Frisby, E Keane, L Fennelly, E Aylward; A Farrell 0-2, A Dalton 0-4 (1f, 2 45s); M Quilty 0-2 (fs), A Neary, K Power 0-2; C Dormer 0-1, S Farrell, M Dargan.

Subs: K Hamilton for Dargan (36); A Butler for Fennelly (45); D Gaule 1-0 for Dormer (52); A Dunphy for Farrell (55)

Referee: F McNamara (Clare)

Burns to the rescue as Rebels salvage draw



Cork 1-17

Galway..... 3-11

AFTER looking for much of the second half that they would move within an hour of a famous three in a row, Cork had to dig deep to snatch a draw in a Gala All-Ireland semi-final of cracking quality at Nowlan Park.

It took two late frees from Sile Burns to set up a replay which will take place next Sunday at a venue that has yet to be determined.

The Rebels were breathing a sigh of relief afterwards, especially after referee Karl O'Brien had inexplicably declined to award a free to Galway on Cork's 20m line deep in injury time, when it appeared that Therese Maher had been bundled

The unerring Aislinn Connolly

would never have missed from that range and with time almost up, it is likely that the Tribeswomen would have advanced.

While Cork could claim they had been the victims of a couple of strange calls, none more than when Connolly converted eight minutes from time after O'Connor had been penalised despite making a brilliant catch, they caught a huge break with

That they were in this position despite the outstanding performances of Eimear O'Sullivan, Jennifer O'Leary and Burns, can be attributed to Galway's obduracy characterised magnificently by corner-back Sandra Tannian constant goal threat and in particular, the brilliance of Kinvara queen Veronica Curtin.

Curtin has been donning the Maroon jersey for 15 years but remains as sharp as ever and her two second-half majors stunned Cork. The Rebels showed all their experience though to fashion those late opportunities for Burns, who brought her tally to nine points from placed balls.

Curtin got Galway off the mark with a point after just 30 seconds and III BREAKING FREE: Cork's Mary O'Connor gets away from Galway's Therese Maher in the All-Ireland senior carnogie semi-final at Nowlan Park. Picture: Sportsfile

Connolly converted a free but a 12th minute goal from O'Leary, when the Barryroe flier pulled first time after a mis-hit free sparked a goalmouth

scramble, put Cork in front. The Maroons spurned plenty of scoring chances but were much more clinical in the second quarter, spurred on by a brilliant goal just three minutes after O'Leary's strike. Curtin drove forward before laying off to Maher. The captain controlled and hand-passed to Tara Rutledge, who fired to the net.

Driven on by a dominant half-back line and midfield, Galway pushed on with points from distance by Connolly, Caroline Murray and Breda Hanney but Cork began to exert their authority in their own half-back division.



three frees and set up Julia White for another score after a brilliant fetch and pass. O'Leary added a brace and the Leesiders were ahead at half time, 1-8 to 1-7.

Curtin and Orla Kilkenny - who was now operating at full-forward fired quick points for Galway but with O'Sullivan hurling plenty of ball at midfield now, Cork gained the upper hand.

Five points in a row, including three from Burns, pushed them four points clear and but for a full-length save by Galway goalkeeper Susan Earner from Joanne Casey's rising shot - deflected out for a 45 that Burns converted - the game could have been beyond Galway.

Curtin's 45th-minute goal after

Maher's bustling run threw the game open. When she lobbed Aoife Murray 10 minutes later, it was looking good for Galway but the thrilling finish ensured the teams must do it all

CORK: A Murray: J O'Callaghan, C Foley, R Buckley; J Duffy, M O'Connor, A Geary; O Cotter 0-1, E O'Sullivan 0-1; J White 0-1, G O'Connor, J O'Leary 1-3; S Burns 0-9(8fs, 1 45), R Moloney 0-1, J Casey 0-1. Sub: P Mackey for O'Callaghan (46)

GALWAY: S Earner; S Tannian, S Dervan, N Kilkenny; R Glynn, AM Hayes, S Keane; E Kilkelly, O Kilkenny 0-2; C Murray 0-1, T Maher, B Hanney 0-1; T Rutledge 1-0, V Curtin 2-2, A Connolly 0-5(fs). Subs: T Manton for Keane (ht); L Ryan for Kilkelly

Referee: K O'Brien (Dublin).

U16 championship draws

THE draws for the under 16 championships were made recently by the juvenile board and are as follows.

Under 16A

Ballinhassig v Courcey Rovers Inniscarra V Glen Rovers

Semi-finals

Valley Rovers v Inniscarra or Glen Rovers Douglas v Ballinhassig or Courcey Rovers

Under 16 B

preliminary round St Vincent's v Sarsfields Kilbrittan v Cloughduv

first round
St Vincent's or Sarsfields v Milford
Ballygarvan v Killeagh
Newtownshandrum v Millistreet
Ballincollig v Mallow
Killbrittan or Cloughduv v Carrigaline
Buttevent v Sliabh Rua
Enniskeane v Eire Og
Brian Dillon's v Na Piarsaigh

Under 16 C

preliminary round Fr O Neills v St Catherines Bride Rovers v Tracton

first round
Blamey v Blackrock
Bishopstown v Charleville
Rockban v Bride rovers or Tracton
Castlelyons v Fr O'Neills or St Catherines
Aghbullogue v Ballinora
Clonakilty v Ballyhea
Barryroe v Douglas 2

Under 16 D

first round Kilbree v Glen Rovers 2 Carrigtwobill v Cobh St Fanahan's v Ballinascarty

quarter-finals Watergrasshill v Banteer Kilbree or Glen Rovers 2 v Youghal Grenagh v Carrigtwohill or Cobh Dungourney v St Fanshan's or Ballinascarty

Cork battle back to earn a replay

Cork Galway

CORK and Galway will have to do it all again after it ended up all square in an exciting Gala All Irealdn senior semi-final in Nowlan

It took two late pointed frees from Sile Burns to take the game to a replay which will take place next Sunday in Thurles.

Veronica Curtin got Galway off to a good start mark with a point after just 30 seconds and with Aisling Connolly converting a free they led. A goal from Jenniter O'Leary put Cork in front, but Galway responded with a goal from Tara Rutledge and adding points from Aisling Connolly, Caroline Murray and Breda Hanney they controlled the

game. Cork hit back with Sile Burns pointing three frees and one from Julia White and two from Jennifer O'Leary to lead at half time, 1-8 to 1-7.

Veronica Curtin and Orla Kilkenny had two quick points for Galway, but five Cork points in a row had them four points clear. Galway hit back with a Veronica Curtin goal but Cork never panicked Sile Burns converted two frees and despite play swinging form end to end the game goes to a replay in Thurles they go next Saturday for a game not to be

Cork: A Murray; J O'Callaghan, C Foley, R Buckley; J Duffy, M O'Connot, A Geary; O Cotter, E O'Sullivan; J White, G O'Connot, J O'Leary; S Burns, R Moloney, J Casey; Sub: P Mackey for J O'Callaghan (46), Scorers; S Burns 0-9(8fs, 1 45); J O'Leary 1-3; O Cotter, E O'Sullivan, J White, R Moloney, J Casey 0-1

Galway: S Earner; S Tennian, S Dervan, N Kilkenny; R Glyten, AM Hayes, S Keane; E Kilkelly, O Kilkenny; C Murray, T Maher, B Hanney: T Rutledge, V Curtin, A Connolly, Subs: T Manton for S Keane (htt): L Ryan for O Kilkelly (41): Scorers: V Curtin 2-2; A Connolly 0-5(f's); T Rutledge 1-0; O Kilkenny 0-2; C Murray, B Hanney 0-1 each

Referee: K O'Brien (Dublin)



Bishopstown Under-12 team and mentors pictured with national Camogie Association national president Joan O'Flynn at the recent Under-12 County Camogie blitz.

Fr O'Neill's go top with win over Mallow

Fr O'Neills Mallow

O'NEILLS made back-to-back victories as they overcame Mallow in the second game in the round robin series of the Evening Echo Intermediate championship in Castle Road. Both sides came into the contest with their places already booked as each had recorded first round victories, but

3-15 they battled it out with determina-

fr O'Neills set the pace of the game and with Nicola Nagle, Gearoidine Kearney and Katie Ahern hitting first half goals they set the foundation for victory. Bronagh Ganley hit a Mallow goal while Michelle Browne and Kathleen O'Brien hit points, but Fr O'Neill's held the half-time advantage with Fiona O'Driscoll Gearoidine Kearney Sarah Harrington and Nicole Nagle all prominent as they went into a 3-5 to 1-4 interval lead.

Through the second half the Fr O'Neills defence continued to hold the Mallow attack at bay, with Ciara Mc Grath Frances Wiggins and Yvonne Murphy to the fore as Mallow worked hard.

However, Fr O'Neills continued to pick off points as they ran out

Fr O'Neills: T Cusack; C McGrath, L Sweetnam, R Ahem; S Harrington, Y Murphy, F Wiggins; N Ahem, M Finn; G Keamey, K Ahem, C Phelan; N Nagle, F O'Driscoll, M Harrington, Subs: E Rohan for M Finn lini, L Hayes for C Phelan, P Kenneally for N Nagle. Scorers: N Nagle 1-3, G Keamey 1-3 (0-1 f. 0-1 45), K Ahem 1-1, F O'Driscoll 0-4, S Harrington 0-2, C Phelan, P Kenneally 0-1each.

Mallow: S O'Conner; J O'Donnell, K O'Halloran, L Tanner; B O'Sullivan, E Forde, A O'Rourke; K Coakley, E Coakley; S Fitzgerald, K O'Brien (e), J Fitzpatrick; K Buckley; M Browne, F O'Donoghue, Subs: K Healy for J O'Donnell (20), B Ganley for S Fitzgerald (25), L Hayes for S O'Connor (20), A O'Connor for F O'Donoghue (45), M Byrne for K Coakley (55injl), Scorers: M Browne 0-4 (0-2f) B Ganley 1-0, K O'Brian 0-2 K Buckley 0-1.

Are we too reliant on Síle Burns?

What a relief it was to get out of Nowlan Park with a draw at the weekend.

God bless Sile Burns' unbelievable free-taking ability.

The only thing is though, are we getting too reliant on her for scores?

Sile scored another 0-9, all from place balls, but there might come a day when her free-taking is off and we might find ourselves in real trouble.

To be fair, Jennifer O'Leary did have a fine game and 1-3 is an impressive tally in anybody's language, but I feel we need a bit more from the rest of the for-

Galway impressed me and the replay will be extremely tough.

The concession of three goals is also a

With a bit of luck we might tighten things up at the back and put in an improved display in the replay.

If we do manage to win, Wexford will be a huge test in the final. I thought they played well in their semi-final against

Aislinn, Newmarket. Every team needs to have a reliable free-taker Aislinn and the importance of this cannot be overstated, but I do see where you are coming from. Stay positive though.

Burns keeps Cork's treble dreams alive

CORK **CALWAY**

1-17

CORK'S three-in-a-row dreams are still alive, but only just, as they emerged from a Gala Ali-Ireland senior camogie semi-final - of cracking quality at Nowlan Park with a hard-earned draw.

Denise Cronin's charges looked to be on the way to booking their place in the final as five points on the trot edged them four clear with the wind at their backs.

Galway's Veronica Curtin struck for two goals in the final quarter, though, and it took two late pointed frees from Sile Burns to snatch a second chance.

Galway began well with the wind at their backs; Curtin getting them off the mark after just 30 seconds and the deadly Aislinn Connolly converting a free.

A 12th-minute goal from Jennifer O'Leary, after a mishit free from Burns, put Cork in front but Galway responded with a brilliantly worked goal, finished to the roof of the net by Tara Rutledge.

The Westerners pushed on with points from distance by Connolly, Caroline Murray and Breda Hanney. Cork began to exert their authority late on and finished the half with six consecutive points to lead at the interval by 1-8 to 1-7.

The teams could not be separated, however, and will cross swords once again next Sunday. Scorers — Corlc S Burns 0-9 (8t, 1 '45); J O'Leary 1-3, O Cotter, E O'Sullivan, J White, R Moloney, J Casey 0-1 each. Galway: V Curtin 2-2: A Connotly 0-5: T Rutledge 1-0: O Kilkenny 0-2: C Murray, B Hanney 0-1 each Cork: A Murray, J O'Callaghan, C Foley, R Buckley, J Duffy, M O'Connor, A Geory, O Cotter, E O'Sullivary J White, G O'Connor, J O'Leary, S Burns, R Moloney, J Casey, Subt. P Mackey for O'Callaghan (46) Galway: S Earner, S Tannian, S Dervan, N Kilkerny, R Glynn, AM Hayes, S Keane, E Kilonly, O Kilberny, C Murray, T Maher, B Hanney, T Rutledge, V Curtin, A Connolly, Subs: Manton for Knane (h-t), L. Ryan for Kilicelly Referee: K O'Brien (Dublin)

WEXFORD KILKENNY

A COMMANDING second-half performance was the key as Wexford secured their spot in the Gala All-Ireland senior camogie final in front of

3,082 people at Nowlan Park. It threatened to be the Ann Dalton Show early on as the Kilkenny captain scored the opening

Wexford's greater physical presence enabled them to gradually claw themselves back into proceedings, however, and with Ursula Jacob slotting six points from placed balls, they led at half-time by 0-8 to 0-7.

Kilkenny shot seven wides after the interval and only managed three points before Denise Gaule struck for an injury-time goal. By that stage, though, it was too little too late for the Cats as Wexford had rammed home three goals in the final quarter to put the game to bed.

Katrina Parrock took a pass from Kate Kelly to notch up the first in the 46th minute and two minutes later she returned the favour with a sensational delivery to the onrushing centre-forward who found the net. When Kelly's speculative shot then found the Kilkenny net, the Model girls' progression was confirmed. Scorers — Wexford: U Jacob O-8 (6f. 1 '45); K Kally 2-2, K Parrock 1-0, J Dwyer, U Leacy O-1 each; Kilkenny: A Dalton O-4(1f. 2 '45s); D Gaule 1-0; M Quity (2f), A Farrell, K Power O-2 each; C Dormer O-1 Wexford: M D'Arcy, C O'Connor, C O'Loughlin, K Atkinsor; N Lambert, M Leacy, A O'Connor, J Dwyer, D Codd; U Leacy, K Kelly, M O'Leary; K Parrock, U Jacob, F Kavanagh, Subs; B Gordon

for O'Leary (48), E Quigley for Kelly (57-58). Quigley for Kavaragh (59) Kilkenny: C Ryan; L Lyng, C Doherty, J Frisby, E Keane, L Fennelly, E Aylward; A Farrell, A Dalton; M Quilty, A Neary, K Power; G Domer, S Farrell, M Dargan, Subs: K Hamilton for Dergan (36), A Butler for Fennelly (45), D Gaule 1-0 for Dormer (52), A Dunphy for Farrell (55)

Referee: F McNamara (Clare)



Galway defender Regina Glynn in action against Cork.

Cronin and Cotter glad of a second opportunity

CAMOGIE REACTION By MARY NEWMAN

RELIEF was etched on the face of Cork manager Denise Cronin as she went about her business checking to make sure everybody had come through without injury, after what was surely one of the toughest hours of camogie her side has had to endure in a long time.

"Well it certainly was tough out there and we hadn't expected anything less to be honest. Galway are a good side and we knew it would be hard, I'm relieved to have another chance but to be honest it is disappointing. If we had played to our full potential I feel we would have won it, but I suppose there was only a puck of a ball in it and we are glad to have another chance. "For the first 20 minutes Galway dominated and they were strong in so many positions, but for the last 10 minutes of the first half we decided to come into the game and we began to play well.

"I suppose we were on top and we picked off the score to go ahead, and in a way half-time probably came too early for us because the momentum was broken, if the half had carried on a little bit longer we may have got a few more scores.

"We were flat again at the start of the second half but we came back into it again. They were always dangerous and we were never able to get away from them. They have an excellent forward line and midfield and if you give players like Therese Maher and Brenda Hanney an opportunity they will run at you, take scores and punish you."

Denise is looking forward to the replay has every confidence in her side's ability.

The replay is the day after the football quarter-finals on Saturday, where two of her team, Mary O'Connor and Rena Buckley, will be in action against Tyrone, but she is confident they will be at full strength. "Next Sunday is a big one again on the camogie calendar and I am sure we can work something out and look forward to another good game."

 Cork captain Orla Cotter admitted she was relieved to hear the full-time whistle.

To be honest it could have gone either way there at the end, but we were relieved to hear the full-time whistle and we live to fight another day next Sunday.

"It was a tough battle and they put it up to us right to the end and to be honest we were lucky to come away with a draw

Looking ahead to the replay Orla is confident that her side can do well.

"Hopefully now next Sunday we can up

our performance and get a victory. "We will be hoping that the two girls who are playing with the footballers come

through Saturday's game injury-free."

Cork and Galway



Cork's Jennifer O'Leary tries to get away from Therese Manton, Galway during the Gala All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship semi-final at Nowlan Park.



Therese Maher, Galway is tackled by Cork's Rachel Moloney at Nowlan Park.

Picture: Sportsfile

STORY OF THE GAME

TOP PLAYER Jennifer O'Leary (Cork)

JENNIFER O'Leary tormented Regina Glynn all afternoon.

Her tally of 1-3 only reflected in part her overall contribution during the hour.

Glynn was no match for O'Leary's speed and flair,

TOP SCORE

GALWAY'S first goal on 15 TWO turning points, one for minutes was worth the admission price.

A brilliantly team-worked goal involving Veronica Curtin, Therese Maher and Tara Butledge, the latter finishing to the roof of the net after great approach play.

TURNING POINT

each side. Cork's eight-minute majestic display half-time, scoring six points without reply, gave them a one-point lead and Veronica Curtin's two second-half goals returning the lead in favour of Galway with five minutes left.

BIG SHOWDOWN

Mary O'Connor v Therese Maher

HONOURS even here. The industrious Maher can be hugely influential.

She played well but so too did O'Connor, minimising her effectiveness to a good de-

TALKING POINT

WITH time up and the sides level, Therese Maher raced down on Cork's goal and was fouled (based on what referee Karl O'Brien had blown for previously).

He awarded a free out to Cork which clearly angered the Galway following.

LINDA MELLERICK

Free-taking of Burns key for Rebels

Cork Galway

1-17 3-11

CORK live to fight another day after Saturday's pulsating All-Ireland semi-final draw in Nowlan Park.

It took two Sile Burns' frees in the 57th and 58th minutes to pull Cork back level after they had led by four entering the last quarter. In a game that had the large crowd on the edge of their seats, a draw was probably the fairest result for both

It was Galway who did all the early running, aided by a strong wind as a typically slow-starting Cork team failed to settle.

Veronica Curtin and Aislinn Connolly had a point and a free on the board inside the opening five

While Galway were the team on top, it was Cork who took the lead 12 minutes in when Jennifer O'Leary connected in a goalmouth scramble after Sile Burns' free dropped short.

Despite hitting three wides in the immediate aftermath of Cork's goal, Galway weren't concerned as in general play they were well on top. Great fielding, teamwork and speed saw their midfield and half-forward line in control as Cork couldn't match them for pace. Their dominance paid off when the move of the game split the Cork defence and Tara Rutledge billowed the net. Connolly and Caroline Murray added two further points and Galway's dander was up ing now by 1-4 to 1-0.

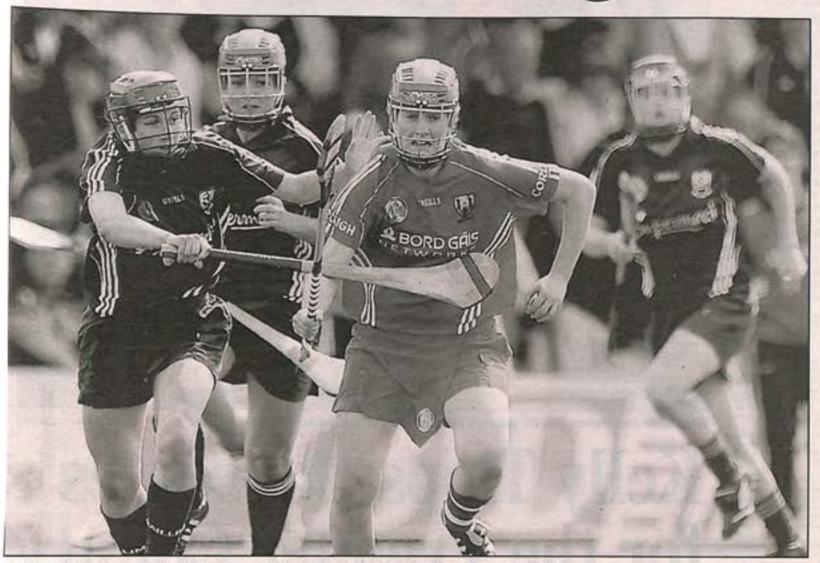
Ann Marie Hayes was winning and clearing a lot of ball from centre back, Cork's midfield were quiet and their half-back line were on the back-foot with the result that very little was going into Cork's inside line. What was notable was the fact that Jennifer O'Leary and Julia White were clearly on top of their markers and Cork needed to feed them as much as possible.

Sile Burns struck two frees for Cork while Connolly (a free), Orla Kilkenny and Brenda Hanney pointed for the westerners stretching Galway's lead to five 26 minutes

Disturbingly, Galway had now scored 1-4 from play while all of Cork's scores were free related.

A game can turn in minutes. Numerous stoppages led to referee Karl O'Brien announcing six

to do it all again



Cork's Sile Burns gets away from the Galway defence. Burns' frees made a huge difference for Cork.

Picture: Sportsfile

CAMOGIE

minutes of additional time. And from here on it was all Cork.

Orla Cotter was instrumental in Cork's revival while the move of Gemma O'Connor to midfield also bore fruit. Five points from play, two from the excellent Jennifer O'Leary, one from Julia White, Emer O'Sullivan, Rachel Moloney and a Burns' free saw Cork take the lead in a sensational eight-minute spell.

Galway's heads were low as they trooped off the pitch at half-time.

With the wind at their backs and leading by one after playing second fiddle for most of the first half, it was expected that Cork would push on. Two Galway points from play within four minutes of the restart signalled that Galway weren't going to lie down.

Sinead Keane was substituted at the break, not having a good day on Julia White.

Niamh Kilkenny moved from the corner out to left half-back to mark her and won the first two balls. Despite that, Cork surprisingly switched White into full-forward, which was a mistake.

Her presence thereafter was non-existent and she was clearly on form.

The next 10 minutes belonged to Cork as five points (three from placed balls) had the All-Ireland champions leading by 1-13 to 1-9. It could have been more but for a magnificent save by Susan Earner, denying Joanne Casey.



Cathriona Foley battles with Galway's Orla Kilkenny during the Gala All-Ireland Camogie Championship game Picture: Sportsfile at Nowlan Park.

who had to fight to equalise as the game turned on its head yet again. Therese Maher won a great ball at half-forward and raced through. Her hand-pass to Veronica Curtin saw the latter rocket the net.

Galway were back in the game. Sensing they could win, they drove forward with Brenda Hanney particularly excellent.

A point still separated the sides with five minutes of normal time remaining, Veronica Curtin again In spite of this lead, it was Cork gained possession and sidestepping

the defence, struck to the net. It in Thurles next Sunday was all Galway and through for a third goal Curtin panicked and handpassed wide which would have put the game out of reach.

As it stood it was anyone's game as Sile Burns struck two pressure frees to bring the game level at 1-17 to 3-11. Galway had the final attack of the day yet a free out saw Cork breath a sigh of relief.

The final whistle blew signalling the end of a terrific encounter with both sides due to battle it out again

Scorers for Cork: S Burns 0-9 (0-8 f, 0-1 45), J O'Leary 1-3, J White, E O'Sullivan, R Moloney, J Casey, O Cotter 0-1 each.

Galway: V Curtin 2-2, A Connolly 0-5 (f), T Rutledge 1-9, O Kilkenny 0-2, B Hanney, C Murray 0-1 each.

CODE: A Marray C O'Callishan, C Foley, R

Murray 0-1 each.
CORK: A Murray; J O'Callaghan, C Foley, R
Buckley: J Duffy, M O'Connor, A Geary; O
Cotter, E O'Suffivan; J White, G O'Connor, J
O'Leary; S Burns, R Moloney, J Casey.
Subs: P Mackey for J O'Callaghan (45).
GALWAY: S Earner; S Tannian, S Dervan, N
Kilcenny; R Glynn, A M Hayes, S Keane; E
Kilcelly, O Kilcenny; C Murray, T Maher, B
Hanney; T Rutledge, V Curtin, A Connolly,
Subs: T Manton for S Keane (h-t), L Ryan for
E Kilcelly (40). Kilkelly (40). Referee: Karl O'Brien (Dublin).

Jacob is on top form as Wexford reach final

CAMOGIE By MARY NEWMAN

Wexford Kilkenny

3-12 1-11

THE second game on the program in Nowlan Park never lived up to its pre-match expectations, and it certainly was a damp squib after the superb game served up by Cork and Galway had set in the curtain-raiser.

Wexford comfortably booked their place in the Gala All-Ireland senior finals for the first time since their 2007 win over Cork, thanks in the main to a superb second-half-performance where they produced three goals to which Kilkenny simply could not reply.

Kilkenny enjoyed the better of the early exchanges as they raced into a three-point lead inside seven minutes - a free from their captain Ann Dalton and two 45s from the stick of Michelle Quilty settled the home side as Wexford struggled.

Josie O'Dwyer struck Wexford's opening score as the more physical team gradually got to grips, but twice the sides swapped points as Kilkenny still held their advantage.

Wexford, with Ursula Jacob unerring from frees, settled into the game. Kate Kelly added one to their tally as Jacob slotted over six and at the break they held a narrow 0-8 to 0-7

Turned to play with the aid of the strong wind, Wexford extended their advantage, Jacob pointing a free.

Katie Power replied for Kilkenny but they had to wait 13 minutes for their next score as Wexford took control and crucially for them hit the goal that sealed their passage to the final

Kate Kelly had put two points between the sides before Wexford hit two goals inside a minute.

Katriona Parrock sending an unstoppable shot to the net before Kate Kelly got in behind the Kilkenny defence to send a superb ground stroke

Kilkenny were guilty of shooting seven wides in the second half as they struggled to go the distance.

Michelle Quilty added two points before a late Denise Gaule injury-time goal came in reply to Kate Kelly's third for Wexford who by now had their place in Croke Park secured.

Scorers for Wexford: U Jacob 9-8 (9-6f, 0-1 45), K Kelly 2-2, K Parrock 1-0, U Lacey U Jacob 9-1

1-0, A Farrell, K Power 0-2 each, C Dormer, A Dalton (f) 0-1 each

WEXFORD: M D'Arcy; C O'Conner, C O'Lough-lin, K Atkinson; N Lambert, M Leacy, A O'Con-nor; J Dwyer, D Codd; U Leacy, K Kelly M O'Leary; K Parrock U Jacob, F Kavanagh.

Subs: B Gordon for O'Leary (48); E Quigley for F Kavanagh (59).

KILKENNY: C. Ryan; L. Lyng, C. Doherty, J. Fristry: E. Keane, L. Fennelly, E. Aylward: A. Farrell A. Dalton (c): M. Quilty., A. Neary, K. Power; C. Dormer., S. Farrell, M. Dargao.

Subs: K Hamilton for M Dargan (36), A Butler for L Fennelly (45), D Gaule for C Donner (52), A Dunphy for A Farrell (55).

Referee: Fintan McNamara (Clare).

Second-half show 'blew them away' says Doyle

DEAN GOODISON

WEXFORD MANAGER J.J. Doyle paid tribute to his team following their seven-point victory over Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi-final on Saturday.

'The second-half performance blew them away. We just played the hurling that we know we can play,' Doyle said, 'There is more in them obviously but it's great to put the big performances in on the big day. That's what we said all year; when the chips were down and we really needed to step up we do, that shows the experience that these girls have.

The drive in these girls is not something that I have ever experienced in any other team that I have played on or been involved with, you can train anyone you want but you can't train that drive and hunger.

Doyle was also delighted to see the return of the Kelly-Parrock partnership that gave the Kilkenny defence a torrid time.

available to us (because of injury) we haven't been able to play them together in the championship. Each game since Kate has come back



Parrock played up club familiarity as the key force behind the stunning second goal. We play club together so I'm kind of used to her and I know where she is. I saw her there out of the corner of my eye running in with no one on her, so i played it and (she) buried it.'

Doyle was also keen to stress the importance of the defensive work of the girls who may sometimes fly under the radar.

'It's Karen Atkinson's first year playing Senior carnogle and she has been brilliant, Claire O'Connor the same and Noeleen the very same. No team is going to play with just five or six stars without the players who put the work in. They are solid, get on with the job and are exactly what you want from a defender. There is nothing flash about them because we don't need them to be

Looking ahead Doyle believes his side have what is needed to claim the All-Ireland title on

'We sat down on December 20 last year to meet the girls and our goal was to get to, and



Fiona Kavanagh applies pressure on Kilkenny wing-back Edwina Keane.

CAMOGIE COUNTY BOARD NOTES

Supporters urged to get behind team again

THE WEXFORD Intermediate team will play Limerick this Saturday in Ardlinnan, Co. Tipperary, at 2.30 p.m. and will be trying to advance to join their Senior colleagues in the All-Ireland final which will be played in Croke Park on September 12.

Manager Karen Barnes has a full squad to choose from and picking the team will not be an easy task, with the players putting in a huge

Wexford Camogie County Board wish them the best of luck and would encourage supporters to go along and get behind the team on

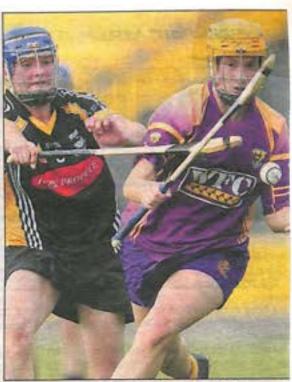
It was great to see supporters turn out in such large numbers in Nowlan Park last weekend and it certainly does make a difference to the team on the day.

The Wexford Under-14 Coillte Development squad travelled to Dicksboro, Kilkenny, on Saturday prior to going to Nowlan Park to cheer on the Senior team and played in matches organised by the host club.

The teams from Wexford had two good wins over the Kilkenny side with some good, solid performances by the girls. There is a lot of work

being done at under-age level in the county which is starting to show dividends.

The girls and mentors were very well looked after by Dicksboro with snacks and refreshements being provided. They then went on to Nowian Park and throughly enjoyed the afternoon, getting a chance to meet some of the stars after the Senior game.



III Deirdre Codd is challenged by Ann Dalton of Kilkenny.

CAMOGIE PREVIEW

Intermediates aim to follow Senior example

DEAN GOODISON

WITH THE Senior team already on their way to Croke Park on September 12, the Wexford Intermediate camogie side have the chance to join them when they take on Limerick in Ardfinnan, Co. Tipperary, on Saturday at 2.30 p.m.

A perfect record of three wins from three games against Offaly (1-10 to 1-8), Kilkenny (4-20 to 0-6) and Galway (6-5 to 1-6) left Wexford on top of Group 2 of the Gala Intermediate championship ahead of the Faithful county, meaning they avoid a clash against the other in-form side in the semi-finals, Derry.

With a flying, fully-fit, squad to choose from, including the return of Louise Codd into her plans, manager Karen Barnes is finding it difficult to pinpoint the best 15 for Saturday's clash.

'We have 24 girls there that can play Intermediate, it's actually very hard to pick a 15 because they are training so well,' she said. 'I have every confidence in all of them that whoever is called on they can go and beat Limerick.

While the Seniors have been taking centre stage, the Intermediates have flown under the radar but are yet to taste defeat in a competitive match this year, with the only blemish on the card being a draw against Down way back in the league in February.

We did have the other girls who have been brought up to the Senior panel (Karen Atkinson, Fiona Kavanagh, Ciara Storey, Brid Gordon and Evelyn Quigley) but it is a brilliant record and we had excellent displays from other girls in there too. To go unbeaten and retain the league was fantastic but we set out to get two teams in the All-Ireland final and hopefully we can do that."

It's almost eight weeks since the side defeated Galway to book their spot in the semi-final, and Barnes is confident that the long gap won't cause a lull in performances.

'We think it won't simply because they have been training all the time alongside the Seniors. They have been training with that intensity of match situations and with matches every weekend and it keeps our level the same as theirs."

Barnes is expecting a battle against a big, powerful Limerick side filled with experience, having only dropped down from Senior this year. A defeat to Derry (2-8 to 0-11) was sandwiched in between a draw with Cork (2-7 each) and a crucial win over Tipperary (2-12 to 0-5) as they took second spot in Group 1 behind Derry.

'Limerick will be physical, tough. We just have to match them. When we played them in the league in Cushinstown they had some very strong players, they had a very good free-taker who can punish us so we need to get out in front and win the ball.

'For those girls to get to an All-Ireland final it would be absolutely fantastic. Some of the girls are a little bit older and have been playing with the Wexford second string for years and, with it being in Croke Park, I would love for those girls to get to an All-Ireland final."

CAMOGIE GALA ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL

MBERONS

Wexford crush Cats in second-half to reach decider

DEAN GOODISON

In Nowlan Park

WEXFORD 3-12 KILKENNY 1-11

REAMS OF spare Wexford hurls lined the Nowlan Park sideline at the conclusion of Saturday's Gala All-Ireland Senior camogie championship semi-final. All were emblazoned with the name of the owner down the side, an array of coloured grips also helped the identification process, but the marking that most miss is the seven-letter word that's etched on the majority of the butts - believe'.

Believe' is something the Wexford girls clearly do now. They never reach perfection but always battle to get there and that proved more than enough to blow away Kilkenny in a whirlwind second-half to advance to the All-Ireland final at Croke Park on September 12.

It's just three years since the historic 2007 final but at the end of last year, after the heartbreaking defeat to Cork, this looked like a team who had seen better days and were too battle-scarred to really threaten the big guns again.

Along came J.J. Doyle. With fresh ideas, a new pair of eyes and 'belief' in a bunch of untried players. It looks likely that the belief he and his management team of Tommy Roche, Joe Brennan and the brilliant Gerry McQuaid have instilled in their side has really hit home and these girls believe that they are the best in the country.

They need to pass one more test, be it Galway or Cork who must do it all again to provide an opponent, but having faced off against both in recent weeks they know there is nothing to fear. They know they are better than either of their two possible opponents. All that's needed is one more big effort and 60-plus minutes of applying the gameplan.

Kilkenny couldn't deal with it. What team could deal with a duo like Kate Kelly and Katrina Parrock. The more Kilkenny edged central players to that side of the field, the more Fiona Kavanagh proved her worth. Only time will tell the complete story but it looks like Wexford are peaking at the right time.

it's just the second real time that the St. Ibar's-Shelmalier duo of Kelly and Parrock have been able to feed off each other. The first-half of the league tie against Galway is almost a thing of legend as they both scythed through the westerners for 30 enthralling minutes. Ever since then Doyle must have wished that Kelly could shake off her shoulder injury and slot into his plans.

If that duo were majestic, the midfield pairing of Josie Dwyer and Deirdre Codd were powerful. Saturday was just Codd's second game in the centre for her county but you would hardly have known. Dwyer was her usual feisty self, and it's a feature of the smaller players in the squad like herself and Claire O'Connor - what they lack in size they make up for in phys-

Wexford needed all that grit early on as things looked dicey ten minutes in. Ann Dalton popped over a long-range free before some nervy defending gave Michelle Quilty the opportunity of slotting two '45s, which she took. Una Leacy's tidy pass through the middle allowed Dwyer to slot the visitors' first point of the semi-final but Colette Dormer quickly re-estab-lished the three-point lead by firing over following a Dalton sideline (0-4 to 0-1).

Ursula Jacob's first point was quickly followed by a Una Leacy effort to cut the gap to one ending the first quarter as Wexford exorcised the early nerves. A 21st minute free from Quilty momentarily upped the gap to two but by this stage Wexford had started to take control with Mary Leacy calling the shots.

Two placed ball efforts by Jacob and Kelly's first point put Wexford into the lead for the first time with four minutes remaining in the half (0-6 to 0-5). However, a sloppy bit of play from Una Leacy, when not for the first time failing to pass to an unmarked player this time Parrock - inside the Kilkenny defence, gave the home side a reprieve.

Anna Farrell with a brace and a Katie Power effort in a two-minute spell gave the home side their lead back - a burst that came out of the blue. It didn't deter the visitors as fouls in dangerous positions on Parrock. Kelly and Jacob resulted in the Oulart-The Ballagh clubwoman finishing the first-half with six points and



III Kate Kelly, who scored two second-half goals and set up the other for Katrina Parrock, gets her shot in despite the blocking attempt by Kilkenny's Jacqui Frisby.

deserve. They have the skill, determination, heart,

dedication and talent like no other side in the county.

Above all else they believe.

her side taking the slimmest of leads in at the interval (0-9 to 0-8).

Jacob fired Wexford two ahead before Power replied in what was a tense but competitive opening ten minutes to the second-half. It would be the next ten minutes that won the visitors the game.

It started with Jacob missing perhaps her easiest free of the day, but Kelly notched her second point before the vital score. Una Leacy picked out Kelly on the right and her quick pass found Parrock in stride. Due for some good luck in front of goal, her shot was just powerful enough to get the better of Catriona Ryan.

Roles were reversed just two minutes later when Parrock spotted Kelly making a break in on goal. Her perfectly-weighted pass gave her club and county mate the easiest of tasks of pulling on the slowing sliothar into the right corner of the Kilkenny net (2-11

Another Parrock effort was somehow scrambled away by the shell-shocked Kilkenny defence with ten to go as the game looked all but up before Dalton exchanged points with Jacob as minutes ticked to

Quilty pulled one back with her fourth placed ball before Kelly grabbed her second goal - a long-range effort that hopped and deceived Ryan for Wexford's third goal and the game clincher. D'Arcy spilled a Dalton shot in injury time as Denise Gaule followed up for what could loosely be described as a consolation goal, but that didn't spoil celebrations upon the final whistle of the competent Fintan McNamara.

It leaves just four weeks until the final. It's time, as a county, to be really proud of this group of girls. It seems at times they still don't get the respect they

WEKFORD

SCORERS: Ursula Jacob (0-8, 6 frees, 1 45), Kate Kelly (2-2), Katrina Parrock (1-0), Una Leacy and Josie Dwyer (0-1 each).

- Mags D'Arcy
- Claire O'Connor
- Catherine O'Loughlin 3.
- Karen Atkinson 4. Noeleen Lambert 5.
- 6.
- Mary Leacy Aolfe O'Connor 7.
- Josie Dwyer 8.
- Deirdre Codd 9.
- Kate Kelly 10.
- Una Leacy (capt.) 11. Michelle O'Leary 12
- 13. Katrina Parrock 14.
- Ursula Jacob Fiona Kavanagh

SUBS: Brid Gordon for O'Leary (47), Evelyn Quigley for Kelly (temp.), Quigley for Kavanagh (56).

KILKENNY

SCORERS: Michelle Quilty (0-4, 2 frees, 2 '45s), Denise Gaule (1-0), Ann Dalton (0-2, 1 free), Anna Farrell and Katle Power (0-2 each), Colette Domer (0-1).

- Catriona Ryan
- Lizzie Lyng Catherine Doherty 2.
- 3. Jacqui Frisby
- 4. Edwina Keane 5.
- Leann Fennelly 6.
- Elaine Aylward 7. Anna Farrell B.
- Ann Dalton 9.
- Michelle Quilty 10.
- 11. Aoife Neary 12 Katie Power
- 13. Collette Dormer
- Shelly Farrell Marie Dargan

SUBS: Kelly Hamilton for Dargan (35), Amy Butler for Fennelly (44), Denise Gaule for Dormer (51), Aisling Dunphy for Famell (56).

REFEREE: Fintan McNamara (Clare).

VENUE: Nowlan Park, Kilkenny.



III Brid Gordon, Flona Kavanagh, Josie Dwyer, Karen Atkinson and Evelyn Quigley lead the celebrations.

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Galway show true mettle in camogie semis thriller

Tribeswomen and champions Cork must do it all over again after epic battle in Nowlan Park

Cork Galway

1-17

3-11

EOGHAN CORMICAN IN NOWLAN PARK

SUCH was the ebb and flow nature of this All Ireland senior camoige semi-final that the reaction of the Galway players at the half and full time whistle could not have been more contrasting at Nowlan Park on Satur-

Prior to the interval Galway had been hit for six consecutive points and as they filtered of the field of play trailing the All Ireland champions, heads firmly rooted towards the ground, it appeared as if Galway's wait for the O'Duffy Cup would extend into its fifteenth year.

Forty five minutes later the women in the maroon and white exhumed both disgust and disappointment at the game's end, clearly aggrieved over referee Karl O'Brien's refusal to award Therese Maher a free three minutes into injury time.

It was to their credit, that they had not only clawed their way back into the contest, but put themselves in a position to claim the spoils with the finishing line just inches from their grasp. Unfortunately, from a Galway prospective, the man in the middle was not prepared to award Galway the free which would have ultimately decided the outcome. In retrospect, it was a tie neither side deserved to lose.

Poor refereeing aside, without a shadow of a doubt this was the camoige game of the year crammed with honesty, passion and no little skill between two sides determined to be in Croke Park on September 12.

Akin to a pulsating novel, this one grabbed and held the attention of the 3,000 or so audience from beginning to end. In fairness, Galway delivered a superb display of courage, commitment and a steely resolve not to yield against an opposition with a



Galway goalkeeper Susan Earner clearing her lines against

reputation for grinding out important results.

Every score in this tight and tense affair was certainly hard earned with both sides raising green flags in an entertaining first quarter which set an extraordinary tempo for the game. Galway underlined their early intent with a point inside 21 seconds, Veronica Curtin the provider after Tara Rutledge supplied the pass from a Caroline Murray delivery. Thereafter, Aislinn Connolly converted a free, before Cork capitalised on hesitancy in the Galway defence to register the game's first goal.

Rachel Maloney did exceptionally well to keep a poorly struck Sile Burns free in play and when the sliotar broke to Jennifer O'Leary, the Barryroe

star made no mistake in finding the net. Galway though replied in splendid fashion with Tara Rutledge blasting to the net following a decisive move involving Therese Maher and Curtin. Clearly buoyed by this score the Westerners began to take control in the middle third where Brenda Hanney was wreaking havoc on the decorated Cork rearguard.

Consequently, Tribeswomen tallied five of the next seven scores to suggest they might just break the semi-final losing streak against Cork which dates back to 1973. Aislinn Connolly (two frees), Caroline Murray, Orla Kilkenny and Hanney split the posts in a productive spell for Noel Finn's charges, while Sile

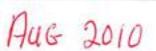
Burns (two frees) ensured the Rebel's didn't lose touch, taking full advantage of the indiscipline in the Galway defence.

Having arguably produced their best period of camoige to lead by 1-7 to 1-2, Galway simply fell asunder in the ten minutes leading up to the break, while Cork displayed some of the form that guided them to O'Duffy Cup success in 2008 and '09. Sile Burns (free) and Jennifer O'Leary found the range to leave Cork just three in arrears and in the six minutes of stoppages allotted O'Leary, Eimear O'Sullivan, Julia White and Rachel Maloney all raised white flags to nudge Cork in front.

Crucially, Galway re-jigged their forces at half time and to their credit it worked a treat with the switch of Orla Kilkenny to full forward and Veronica Curtin to the corner proving an inspired move: Further back, the positional change of Niamh Kilkenny out to the '40 gave Galway an extra dimension going forward with the raiding wing back breaking up the field at every opportunity.

Nevertheless, by the 41st minute, Cork had extended their lead to four as Sile Burn (3), Orla Cotter and the lively Jennifer O'Leary tagged over further efforts with Orla Kilkenny and Veronica Curtin posting Galway's response. However, minutes later, Galway pounced for their second goal to re-ignite their fading challenge. A swift move involving Captain Therese Maher who snapped up possession, before releasing the sliotar with a hand pass inside the cover to Curtin who struck low beyond Aoife Murray.

Aislinn Connolly (free) exchanged efforts with Sile Burns (free) and Joanne Casey, but critically, Cork led by 2-11 to 1-15 and something special you felt was needed to prolong Galway's interest in the championship. On 54 minutes it duly arrived, Curtin rekindling her form of old to find the net for the second time. Therese Maher bolted clear of Mary O'Connor before her attempted hand pass to substitute Lorraine Ryan spilled onto the



The ball broke to Curtin from the resulting scramble and the experienced campaigner beat 'keeper Aoife Murray with a perfectly struck shot. Galway ahead, it was frantic stuff now.

Sile Burns sniped a pair of points to bring Cork back on level terms once more as the clock ticked into overtime. Indeed, when Burns equalised it may have unnerved the class of '09. Certainly not the Galway class of 2010, however.

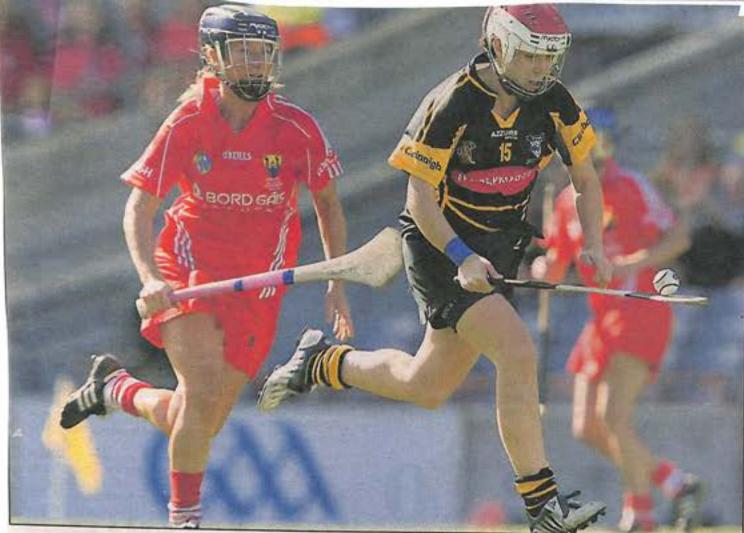
This side are made of stern stuff. They showed it all in Nowlan Park on Saturday. Instead of playing for the draw, they went hammer and tongs for the victory and in the end, came agonisingly close.

Though Curtin undoubtedly the toast of Galway camoige leaving Kilkenny's home of hurling, Susan Earner, Niamh and Orla Kilkenny, Brenda Hanney, Therese Maher and Tara Rutledge (first half) were also significant in Galway's revival.

Galway: S Earner; S Tannian, S Dervan, N Kilkenny; R Glynn, AM Hayes, S Keane; E Kilkelly, O Kilkenny (0-2); C Murray (0-1), T Maher, B Hanney (0-1); T Rutledge (1-0), V Curtin (2-2), A Connolly (0-5, all frees); Subs: T Manton for Keane (HT), L Ryan for Kilkelly (40 mins).

Cork: A Murray; J O'Callaghan, C Foley, R Buckley; J Duffy, M O'Connor, A Geary; O Cotter (0-1), E O'Sullivan (0-1): J White (0-1), G O'Connor, J O'Leary (1-3); S Burns (0-9, 0-6 frees, 0-1'45), R Maloney (0-1), J Casey (0-1); Subs: P Mackey for O'Callaghan (45 mins).

Referee: K O'Brien (Dublin)



Cork's Joanne O'Callaghan chases Aoife Neary of Kilkenny during last year's Gala All-Ireland final at Croke Park. O'Callaghan is confident she will be fit for selection for the All-Ireland semi-final replay against Galway at Semple Stadium on Sunday.

Picture: INPHO

O'Callaghan boost for Cork selectors

THERE was some good news for the Cork camogie selectors ahead of their All-Ireland semi-final replay against Galway at Semple Stadium on Sunday.

With two of their possible starting 15, Rena Buckley and Mary O'Connor, in action with the Cork footballers on Saturday, coach Denise Cronin faces an anxious wait, hoping the pair will come through that game okay.

On a more positive note,

CAMOGIE

By RORY NOONAN

corner-back Joanne O'Callaghan is confident she will be fit for selection, despite picking up a quad injury in last weekend's drawn game.

O'Callaghan had to be replaced in the second-half, but has been undergoing intensive treatment since in order to be fit.

"The leg was a bit sore before the game, but I thought it would be ok

and for most of the first-half it was." said Joanne.

"But before the break it was a little sore and the physio checked it at half-time.

"I decided to give it a while after the break, but unfortunately I couldn't continue and had to come

"I have been having treatment for the last couple of days and will continue to do so, I am fairly confident that I will be available for selection come Sunday."

Naturally Joanne was disappoin-

ted Cork didn't win last Saturday but she is hopeful they can come through this time in their bid to win three in a-row.

"It's going to be another tough game, Galway are a good side and they really put it up to us in the drawn game.

"We have to up our performance to have any chance of winning but hopefully we will come through," concluded Joanne.

 See Saturday's Evening Echo for an in-depth preview of the replay.

The view from down South

Cork must stand up to the challenge presented to them on Sunday when they face Galway in the All Ireland semi final replay in Semple Stadium, throw in 3.30pm.



Galway were well on top for twenty five minutes in the first half last weekend but when Cork started to play for all of eight minutes (scoring 6 points) they had no answer. With Cork four points to the good entering the last quarter of the game there didn't seem to be a way back for Galway, such was their demeanor. Amazing what a goal will do for you and once Veronica Curtin netted to bring a point between the sides the game turned again. It was Cork who had to search for an equalizer.

Galway's mettle was impressive, a trait that has let them down so many times. Typically they would have wilted at half time yet they hit two points in quick succession upon the restart and again when it looked as it the game was slipping from them with fifteen minutes remaining they turned it on its head.

Galway got goals and that is the major difference between the sides.

Cork failed to find the net from play again. One might argue that Jennifer O'Leary did but that was a direct result of a free dropping short and it could have gone either way. It wasn't something Cork created as such. To be fair, Susan Earner made a couple of great saves, one in particular coming to mind midway through the second half, from Joanne Casey. Cork need to be more clinical in front of goal. Galway got three goals, all well orchestrated and it brought them back into a game they should have been out of.

Thurles is a wider pitch than Nowlan Park so Cork may have problems in the corners with Veronica Curtin in particular on top of her game. Rena Buckley did tighten considerably on Tara Rutledge after the initial fifteen minutes but Rutledge did pick up an early ankle injury.

The flip side is Jennifer O'Leary and Julia White, both clearly on form, and the speed they possess. Niamh Kilkenny may come out to left half back to mark White as she did for the second half last week but if that leaves Sinead Keane or Therese Manton in the corner then Sheila Burns should have the upper hand here.

Sandra Tannion had a fine game at right corner back. Jennifer O'Leary is a key player for Cork and a plentiful supply is crucial.

Orla Cotter was hugely influential in turning the game in Cork's favour before the break and she will have a big role to play again on Sunday. Erner O'Sullivan will possibly partner Cotter in midfield again but should Gemma O'Connor start roaming out then Galway will have a job on their hands as both Cotter and O'Connor like to run forward and score.

Brenda Hanney moved out to midfield in the second half last weekend and was excellent during the period that Galway got the upper hand.

Cork's forwards must be complimented on the way they defended when not in possession. They will need to do this as effectively if not more so from the outset.

Therese Maher did a lot of roaming last Saturday and had a hand in all of Galway's three goals.

Galway shifted around a fair bit and it is when this is going on that Cork need to be on their guard. Maher was loose once or twice and burst in from the wings.

Both Aislinn Connolly and Sile Burns were extremely accurate from frees and discipline is a key

factor, Cork were awarded 19 free's as opposed to 10 for Galway.

Many feel Galway have lost their chance, That ain't necessarily so. Depending on their mental strength this game could go down to the wire again. Should Cork call on their vast amount of reserves however they should take it.

Derry's bid for All Ireland final spot

DERRY'S senior camogs find themselves just one step away from a Croke Park All-Ireland final, with Offaly providing the opposition for this weekend's semi-final. However, the challenge is a substantial one.



When the sides met in the National League back in February, it was Offaly who took the spoils on a 0-15 to 1-6 scoreline. However, there was little shame in that for Derry as the Leinster outfit charged through their league programme with a clean sweep, eight wins from eight games, and that in itself sums up the huge test awaiting Derry this Saturday afternoon.

However, with a series of good wins behind them and having topped their league section with three wins from three against Limerick, Tipperary and Cork, racking up an impressive return of 7-42 along the way, it's easy to see why the Oak Leaf side approach this weekend's tie with confidence. Offaly finished as runners-up in their section behind Wexford, the Yellowbellies having beaten the Treaty county by two points to prove that Offaly are far from invincible. They have also not been as efficient in front of the posts, the 2-20 they hit against Galway their highest scoring return of the league programme.

Having lost out at the semi-final stage to a very strong Cork outfit last season, Derry know the scale of the task in front of them. Manager Barney McGrellis acknowledges that it will be a tough assignment for his players, but firmly believes that they have the quality to make it through to an All-Ireland decider.

"The girls have put in serious hard work all year, and they're reaping the rewards for that now. The girls want to get to Croke Park, no doubt about that, and it's a big opportunity for them. We were going well in the League until we played Offaly, so there's a big incentive there for us. They'll probably go into the game as favourites, but we look back at the Limerick result as a huge win for ourselves, beating a team that had come down from senior level last year. So we know we've got the quality needed to be successful."

Semi-finals by their very nature are tricky. The prize at stake is a huge one, but without the hype of a final to draw on, teams can often freeze. McGrellis insists that on the perfect Clones pitch on Saturday afternoon, his side will not be found wanting.

"We've been scoring well, and that's a pleasing aspect. It's something that we've worked hard on, and we've been telling the girls all year that if there's an opportunity for a shot, take it. We've done well at the back as well, some scores that we've conceded haven't done us justice and I think our defence deserves great credit.

"We deliberately haven't mentioned the opposition at all in the lead-up to this game. It's just a game another game that we have to win. There's huge experience in the squad, the girls know what they have to do, and I've no doubt that they can go out on Saturday afternoon and show what they're capable of."

Galway veteran Curtin getting her groove

Camogie

by Daragh Ó Conchúir

VERONICA CURTIN may be the most experienced player on the field in tomorrow's GALA All-Ireland Camogie SHC semi-final replay against Cork in Thurles but that did not stop her having to undergo an educational process this year. It wasn't so much a case of learning new tricks though, but rather reacquainting herself with some The Portumna star made her debut for Galway as a precocious 15-year-old when introduced as a substitute during the 1995 All-Ireland semi-final. The following year, she was at full-forward when the westerners won their first title. Remarkably, despite producing some wonderfully talented teams, Galway have failed to double their tally and yet, apart from missing one championship campaign, Curtin has been an ever-present.

Usually though, it was in the corner or the half-forward division.

In fact this year's league was the St

Brendan's primary school vice-principal's first time back on the school

edge of the square since 1996.
"It took time in the league to settle into it," said Curtin yesterday. "I was a bit rusty in a few games. Now though, it's happening for me."

Curtin was sensational against Cork in the drawn semi-final at Nowlan Park last week, scoring 2-2.

The two goals helped Galway turn a second-half deficit into a lead but the Rebels hit back to draw.

There was some controversy about whether or not Galway should have been awarded a free at the death but the Tribeswomen aren't dwelling on it.

Of more concern are the ankle injuries to Tara Rutledge and Caroline

Murray, and Breda Hanney's dead leg. Curtin said: "When the final whistle went last week, there was a small sense of disappointment that we didn't get

"I'm not saying we should have got it but we could have. But we were relieved too because we had been down a couple of points and could have lost. We're trying to prepare for the next match and we just hope that



Galway attacker Brenda Hanney gets her shot in despite pressure from Cork's Rachel Moloney during Saturday's Gala All-Ireland Senior Camogie semi-final at Nowlan Park, PHOTOS: MATT BROWNE/SPORTSFILE.



Galway attacker Veronica Curtin alms for the Cork posts at Nowlan Park on Saturday.

the injured girls will be able to play."

She won't get nervous - anxious maybe, a sense of anticipation definitely, but no real nerves. Been there, done that.

Very similar to Cork's Mary O'Con-nor. They will renew acquaintances once again and Curtin has massive re-

spect for the Killeagh star.
"I think Mary was playing junior the year we won the All-Ireland and she has been a regular at centre-back for the seniors for around 10 years. She's fantastic to hold such an important position for so long."

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PHELIM Macken's Limerick Camogie team face into their biggest test of the year on Saturday in Ardfinnan (Co. Tipperary) when they take on Wexford in the semi-final of the Gala All-Ireland intermediate championship (throw-in 2.30pm).

While Derry and Offaly meet in the other semi-final Limerick's game against Wexford promises to be a titanic affair. Derry topped Limerick's group after the round robin phase of the competition during which the Shannonsiders beat Tipperary (2-12 to 0-5) and drew with Cork (2-7 apiece), but lost to Derry (0-11 to 2-8) - For their part Wexford topped their group beating Offaly (1-10 to 1-8), Kilkenny (4-20 to 0-6) and Galway (6-5 to 1-6).

Phelim Macken leads the Limerick management team which also comprises Toby Kavanagh, Ita Richardson and Jimmy Movnihan.

"Obviously, it an All-Ireland semi-final and so it's a very big games for us," Phelim Macken told Leader Sport this week.

"The possibility of playing in Croke Park is also very attractive, all the girls want to play there and I think that when it was confirmed that the intermediate final would be played alongside the junior and senior finals in Dublin on the same day it did make a big difference. All the girls want to play there so it's not hard to motivate them for the match against Wexford."

Interestingly the sides met in the league last March and served up an absolute cracker of a game which Wexford won 3-11 to 2-8. That result doesn't concern Phelim Macken however.

"We would not necessarily be worried about Wexford," Phelim Macken said.

"We played against them in the league and although we lost we were not at our best, not anything near our best. We had a lot of players out that day, but now we have all our players back and we're really looking forward to this challenge."

Limerick's preparations for this season were dealt a severe blow in April when the outstanding Niamh Mulcahy broke her wrist. Niamh has now recovered from that injury, but the fact that Limerick won the Munster intermediate title (beating Cork 2-11 to 2-8 in the final) without the Ahane star proved a significant turning point in this campaign.

"Winning the Munster title was huge," Phelim Macken explained.

"The Munster win gave the girls a lot of confidence. Over the last couple of years the girls got a fair fewclippings and that really affected how they felt about themselves, but this year they're getting the confidence back again."

The majority of the Limerick squad won All-Ireland intermediate honours in 2007 and while the Shannonsiders face into this semi-final as underdogs, Phelim Macken is more than hopeful of making an appearance in next month's final at Croke Park.

"The main thing about losing to Wexford that day in the league was that we were so disappointed with our own performance. We only lost by six points, but we didn't play like I know we can. This weekend the people who travel to Ardfinnan to support us will see a very different Limerick. We have really come on as a team since then. There is serious competition for places now and unfortunately there will be plenty of disappointed girls when we announce the team this week, but that's a healthy position to be in. All the girls are putting their hand up to play, it will be difficult to pick the starting fifteen."

Squad: Sile Moynihan (Ahane), Niamh Richardson (Murroe-Boher), Sarah Collins (Ballyagran), Janet Garvey (Tournafulla), Sarah Carey (Granagh-Ballingarry), Catriona Davis (Kileedy), Claire Mulcahy (Ahane), Deirdre Fitzpatrick (Killedy), Joanne O'Gorman (Feenagh-Kilmeedy), Eileen O'Brien (Granagh-Ballingarry), Niamh Mulcahy (Ahane), Kerrie Brosnan (Ballyagran), Orla Curtin (Kinvara), Vera Sheehan (Granagh-Ballingarry) Kristy Carroll (Galbally), Caroline Scanlon (Kileedy), Aoife Sheehan (Granagh-Ballingarry), Fiona Moloney (Kilmallock), Mairead Fitzgerald (Granagh-Ballingarry), Aisling Enright (Bruff), Judith Mulcahy (Ahane), Mary O'Callaghan (Bruff), Mairead Ryan (Galbally), Michelle Casey (Kileedy), Katie Campbell (Na Piarsaigh), Aideen McNamara (Na Piarsaigh), Claire Casey (Na Piarsaigh) & Caltrin De Bhal (Ballyagran).

View from the West

Eoghan Cormican looks ahead to the Minor A and Senior Semi-final replays Camogie enthusiasts are certainly in for a treat on Sunday with two epic encounters in store as Clare do battle with neighbours Galway in an intriguing All Ireland minor final replay, while treble chasing Cork face Galway in the All Ireland senior semi-final replay.



Just eight days on from their thrilling tussle in Nowlan Park these two championship heavyweights will once more lock horns in a bid to join Wexford in September's showpiece. No doubt, the gripping entertainment provided by the four teams in the respective drawn fixtures is sure to draw a large following to Thurles.

Regarding the senior tie Galway's Brenda Hanney (dead leg), Caroline Murray (ankle) and Tara Rutledge (ankle) picked up knocks in the drawn game, although manager Noel Finn is confident they will recover sufficiently to take their places among the starting fifteen. Denise Cronin's charges, on the trail of their third O'Duffy Cup title in-a-row have concerns over the fitness of corner back Joanne O'Callaghan.

Cork's talented half-forward Jennifer O'Leary stepped up to the plate in Nowlan Park shooting 1-3, while, on the other side, Galway's Veronica Curtin rekindled her form of old in tallying 2-2. Indeed, both teams possess a potent forward division and it may come down to which defence can best stamp their authority on proceedings.

Despite losing twice in the group series Cork showed they are an entirely different proposition when it comes to the knockout stage. Galway appeared to have fashioned the defining score when Veronica Curtin raised a green flag just six minutes from the end. The reigning champions, though, never faltered and Sile Burns sniped a pair of points to ensure a share of the spoils.

It will take an almighty effort and a bit of luck if the tribeswomen are to dethrone the standard bearers of camogie but they have the ability to cause an upset. Whether it will be a ninth consecutive All Ireland final appearance for Cork or a first semi-final win for Galway over the Rebelettes is extremely difficult to say. But based on the drama that unravelled in Kilkenny, there is at least the guarantee of another cliff hanger.

The clash of the Galway and Clare minors is part one of a double bill this afternoon. Since the drawn encounter the Galway squad has been bolstered by the return to full fitness of Mairead Linnane, Finola Keely and Sarsfields Marie Cooney, although Cooney's club mate Niamh McGrath remains sidelined with a foot injury.

Clare, contesting their third All Ireland final have experience in abundance and the defeats of 2008 and last year is sure to act as a huge motivator. Both teams feature frugal rearguards and Clare will undoubtedly rely on Chloe Morey to orchestrate proceedings from centre back. Further forward the Banner's Katie Cahill, Niamh Corry and Naomi Carroll are well capable of posting a match winning score.

Clare showed terrific heart in responding to Rebecca Hennelly's second half goal in the drawn contest, Galway as well, displayed admirable resilience to engineer an equaliser deep in injury time.

The camogie landscape is certainly on the rise in Clare and a win today, would reward years of hard graft. In terms of silverware Galway's future looks imminently bright with their U16's completing the two in-a-row in May. Whatever the outcome today, if it provides only half the entertainment that unfolded in Nenagh, this one promises to be well worth the entrance fee.

Can Offaly make three-in-a row All Ireland final appearances?

Offaly eye third consecutive All-Ireland Final place



Preview by Alan Walsh, Offaly Express www.offalyexpress.ie

JOACHIM Kelly's Offaly intermediate camogie charges are within sixty minutes of a third Croke Park appearance in consecutive years.

The reigning All-Ireland junior Queens defeated Waterford in the '09 showdown at GAA headquarters, twelve months after succumbing to Clare at the same venue. And standing between the 'Faithful' girls and a return to Croke Park on Sunday, September 12 is Derry. Offaly take on the highly rated 'Oak Leaf' girls this Saturday at 2.30pm in St Tiernach's Park, Clones and it promises to be an enthralling battle. The second penultimate round clash sees Wexford take on Limerick.

Offaly and Derry are familiar foes. They met earlier this year during the Division 2 National League at Cooley Kickhams and Offaly triumphed on that occasion by 0-15 to 1-6. Offaly went on to qualify for the League Final but their aspirations of success were scuppered by Wexford at Semple Stadium and indeed the Wexford girls also defeated Offaly by 1-10 to 1-8 in the opening series of matches in the Gala All-Ireland Intermediate series at Banagher. Meanwhile in the recent All-Ireland Minor 'B' semi-final it was Derry who registered a comprehensive 5-17 to 0-5 victory over Offaly.

After that opening round loss to Wexford, the 'Faithful' girls bounced back and recorded impressive enough wins over Galway (2-20 to 2-8) and Kilkenny (2-17 to 1-5), securing runnersup spot in Group 2 of the championship.

In contrast, Derry boasts an unblemished record. They topped Group 1 by virtue of a hat-trick of victories over Munster opposition – 4-17 to 4-7 v Tipperary, 2-8 to 0-11 v Limerick and 1-17 to 1-9 v Cork. In any language, that is a decent track record and Derry are going to be extremely formidable opponents.

Offaly were in Clones last weekend for a 'familiarisation' training match and in fairness the management team of Joachim Kelly, Ger Fogarty and Bernie Nugent will have left no stone unturned in their bid for All-Ireland honours.

A major concern for Offaly has to be that in all three of their group games they encountered third quarter difficulties, even in the two ties where they were vastly superior to the opposition. And if they haven't addressed this issue then they'll be in serious bother against Derry.

In round one versus Wexford, the Offaly girls stormed 1-4 to nil clear by the 16th minute but failed to add to their tally for 23 minutes enabling Wexford to seize the initiative. Against Galway, the half time score was 1-17 to 0-5 in Offaly's favour but they eased off the gas and were outscored in the second half by 2-3 to 1-3. Finally against Kilkenny, after leading 2-9 to 0-2 at the interval, Offaly were outscored 1-3 to 0-4 during the opening 17 minutes of the concluding half.

If those third quarter lapses in concentration or lack of a killer instinct aren't rectified, it could ruin Offaly's glory ambitions.

Ten players have contributed to Offaly's 5-45 round robin total - Elaine Dermody (0-15, 0-7 frees

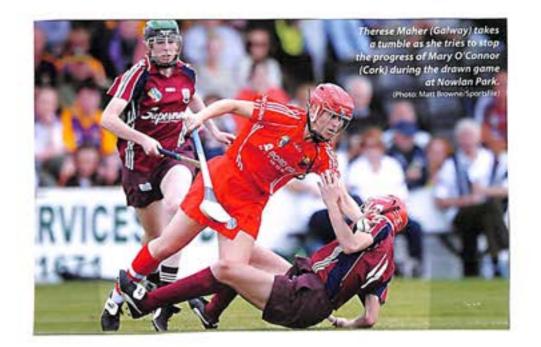
& 0-1 '45), Siobhan Flannery (1-9, 0-2 frees), Shauna Flynn (1-5), Karen Nugent (2-2), Arlene Watkins (1-4), Tina Hannon (0-3), Michaela Morkan (0-3, 0-1 free & 0-1 '45), Emma Dunne (0-2), Sheila Sullivan (0-1), Linda Sullivan (0-1). And the likes of Dermody, Flannery, Watkins and Nugent will need to be on top of their game if the Oak Leaf girls are to be overcome.

Offaly this year are captained by 2008 All Star and 2009 Soaring Star award winner Michaela Morkan. She took over the role from her Shinrone club mate Marion Crean and Morkan is a gifted player, with great wrists and excellent striking ability. She is flanked by Sheila Sullivan and Linda Sullivan and this trio all powered up-field to score points against Kilkenny. Their defensive skills will be sternly tested by Derry and no doubt they'll be well up for the challenge.

Offaly custodian Audrey Kennedy and her full back line of Fiona Stephens, Lorraine Keena and Karen Brady will also need to be on their toes.

Offaly supporters making the trip to Clones should leave them-selves plenty of time as the All-Ireland Fleadh Cheoil is taking place in Cavan town.

If Offaly avoid lapses in concentration and perform consistently over sixty minutes then they've every chance of seeing off Derry and keeping their ambition of trying to claim their place in the senior camogie ranks very much alive.



Fundraiser to further finance future facilities

By MARY NEWMAN

Camogle Board fundraiser

THE Cork Camogie Board have organised a big fundraising venture as they press on with the next stage of their development at their county playing grounds in Castle Road.

Camogie followers are being asked to support a benefit night which will take place on Friday, September 24 at the Cork Greyhound Track in Bishopstown.

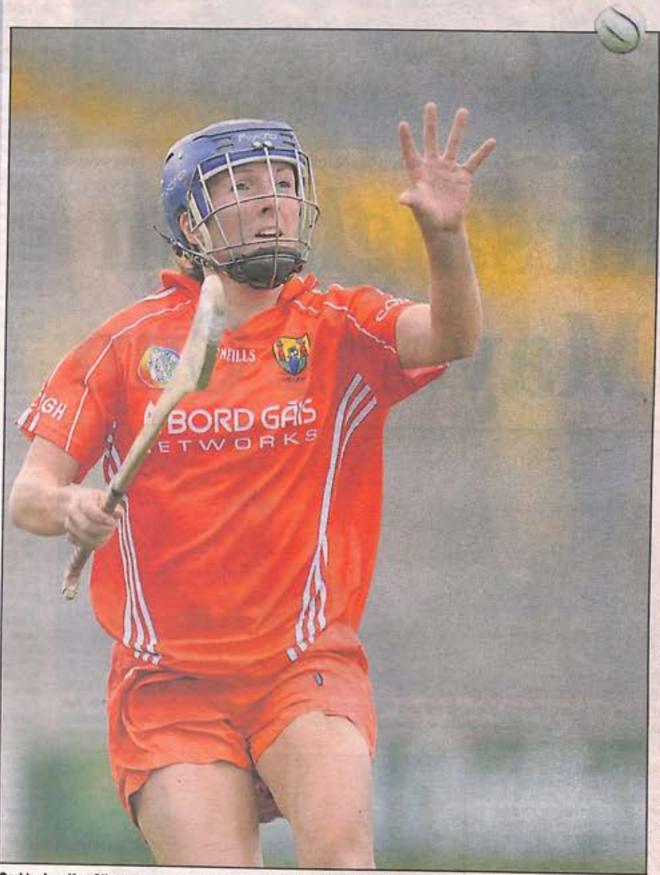
Several years ago when the board launched their plans to buy a pitch of their own they held a very successful night at the track. In the coming weeks they hope to get the go-ahead for phase three of the development, where they hope to put changing facilities and a solid structure in place and once again money is needed to ensure the development can reach its conclusion. Chairwoman of the board, Marion McCarthy, is putting out a call to current camogie players, who are availing of the superb facility, to now row in and support the board as they strive to raise the money to put dressingroom facilities in place at the pitch.

"We are hoping to get huge support from all camogie players and their families for the event. The pitch belongs to every camogie player in the county and to date almost every club has played a game there at some level, be it adult or under

"We are hoping to get huge support for our Night at the Dogs and we are calling on all former and current players, and indeed the GAA family as a unit, to dig deep and support us. Castle Road has been a huge step forward and it has enabled us to play our game and keep our huge fixture schedule on track.

"Proper changing facilities are badly needed and we are working towards this now.' The board are seeking sponsorship for races at €500 a race. They are also seeking sponsorship for dogs at €50 each and are selling tickets for entry to the track on the night at €10 each. Anybody who will sponsor a race or a dog, or just sell tickets can contact the county board through their local camogie club or new camogie website.

Cork can make it



Cork's Jennifer O'Leary secures possession during last week's Gala All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship semi-final at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny.

Experience should see the Rebels advance



SUNDAY All-Ireland camogie semi-final replay: Cork v Galway, Thurles, 3.30pm.

CORK MUST stand up to the challenge presented to them to-morrow when they face Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final replay in Semple Stadium.

Galway were well on top for 25 minutes in the first half last weekend but when Cork started to play for all of eight minutes, scoring six points, they had no answer. With Cork four points to the good entering the last quarter of the game there didn't seem to be a way back for Galway, such was their demeanour.

Amazing what a goal will do for you and once Veronica Curtin netted to bring a point between the sides, the game turned again. It was Cork who had to search for an equaliser.

It was two frees from Sile Burns which saved the day. As late as the third minute of injury-time, Galway burst through again only for a free out to be awarded to Cork. The Galway support displayed their disapproval when the final whistle blew seconds later, but referee Karl O'Brien was right in his call.

Taking off my Cork hat, I too felt that Cork got out of jail, that it was a free in, but watching it again on the Sunday

Game I was wrong.

It was a great piece of defending by Mary O'Connor. She did everything right and we're lucky she was the player in the right place at the right time. A defender less experienced than her may have been reckless such was the intensity at that stage.

Galway's mettle was impressive, a trait that has let them down so many times. Typically they would have wilted at half-time yet they hit two points in quick succession upon the restart, and

Stakes are high for Galway in big camogie double bill

EOGHAN CORMICAN

A CRUCIAL weekend for Galway camogie gets underway on Sunday (1:30pm) in Semple Stadium, Thurles as Johnny Kane's minor charges face neighbours Clare in the All Ireland final replay.

Since the drawn encounter, the squad has been bolstered by the return to full fitness of Turloughmore's Mairead Linnane, St. Thomas' Finola Keely and Sarsfields Marie Cooncy, although Cooney's club mate Niamh McGrath remains sidelined with a foot injury.

Boasting a near clean bill of health, manager Kane is quietly confident of securing Galway's first All Ireland title at U18 level, but admits a more economical effort will required from the forward division.

"I would be optimistic of getting a win, they (Clare) are a very good team, but I feel the girls have a good bit more in the tank. Our forwards didn't

perform the last day and they will need to take their chances on Sunday. These girls, you must remember are training since last February and in terms of championship matches played have alot of mileage on the clock."

Discipline and composure were two important components sadly lacking from Galway's game two weeks ago. If they can cut out the needless frees at the back and display a sense of composure in front of goal, the title is there for the taking. Whatever the outcome on Sunday, if it provides only half the entertainment that unfolded in Nenagh, this one promises to be well worth the entrance fee.

The clash of treble chasing Cork and title contenders Galway is the second game in Sunday's double bill with throw in at 3:30pm. Just eight days on from their thrilling encounter in Nowlan Park, these two championship heavyweights

will once more lock horns in a bid to join Wexford in September's showpiece.

Galway's Brenda Hanney (dead leg), Caroline Murray (ankle) and Tara Rutledge (ankle) picked up knocks in the drawn game, although manager Noel Finn is confident they will recover sufficiently to take their places among the starting fifteen.

Reflecting on the game, Finn acknowledged there were positives and negatives to be taken from the tie. "Unfortunately for some girls, it just didn't happen on Saturday, some of our top performers didn't get going and that's a pity.

"Our mentality though was great, we went four points behind against a stiff breeze and we managed to get a draw. Indeed, we were very unlucky not to win. Lorraine Ryan's hand pass went inches wide and Therese Maher could have well been awarded a free late

Frustratingly, the midfield sector came back to haunt Galway with neither Emma Kilkelly nor Orla Kilkenny finishing in their starting roles. Certainly, the Pearses girl will not be returning to the middle of the field such were her exploits on the edge of the square in the second half.

Indeed, if Galway can secure a decent supply of possession then the forward threat is definitely there with Veronica Curtin and Tara Rutledge in fine fettle last Saturday. The hope has to be that the inside trio which finished the game -Curtin, Orla Kilkenny and Rutledge - having hit 3-4 between them can carry that form into the replay.

Galway stood up to be counted last Saturday when everyone else in attendance expected them to accept defeat and while they have progressed immensely this year nothing more than a win will satisfy the players or management

through to final



A goal separates Valleys and Clonakilty

Valley Rovers Clonakilty

VALLEY Rovers showed tremendous fighting character to fashion out a three-point victory in the Evening Echo Senior B camogie championship. At the half-time whistle, Clonakilty held a slender one-point advantage - an early goal from Anne Campbell helped them hold the slight advantage.

In the opening half, Valley Rovers worked hard and Liz Bugler struck for an important goal.

again when it looked as if the game was slipping from them with 15 minutes remaining, they turned it on its head.

Galway got goals and that is the major difference between the sides. Cork failed to find the net from play again. You could argue that Jennifer

By MARY NEWMAN

Senior B Camogle

It was Clonakilty who enjoyed the best of the early second half exchanges. Valleys hit back though, Eimear O'Regan levelling with a goal.

They hit the front and went four-points clear with Orla Deasy and Eileen Foley on target. But Aoife Deasy had the lead down to a point when she found the net for Clon. Elma O'Mahony and Connie. Hawkes added points to the Valleys' tally to put three between the sides with five minutes remaining. Clonakilty battled hard to get an equaliser but the Valleys

O'Leary did, but that was a direct result of a free dropping short and it could have gone either way. It wasn't something Cork created as such.

To be fair, Susan Earner made a couple of great saves, one in particular coming to mind midway through the second half, from Joanne Casey.

Scorers for Valley Rovers: E O'Regan, L Bugler 1-1 each, E Foley 0-2f, O Deasy 1-0, E O' Mahony, C Hawkes, E Coughlan 0-1 each.
Clonakity: A Campbell, A Deasy 1-0 each, E Jennings (ft, S O'Neill 0-2each, J Brennan, H O'Regan (ft, C Nagle 0-1 each.
VALLEY ROVERS: G Herrington: J O'Mahony, M Cottrell, A M Murphy: E Coughlan, E O'Mahony, J Hawkes; E O'Regan, A Cummins; J Callenan, C Hawkes, K Richardson; O Deasy, E Foley, L Bugler.

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Subs. L O' Flynn for AM Moyles, S O'Donoyan for B McManus, S Forristal for E O'Donoghue, A Deasy for A Campbell.

Cork need to be more clinical in front of goal. Galway got three goals, all well orchestrated and it brought them back into a game they should have been out of.

Thurles is a wider pitch than Nowlan Park so Cork may have problems in the corners with Veronica Curtin Cork's Sile Burns, Cork gets away from Galway's Niamh Kilkenny during their drawn Gala All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship semi-final. Picture: SPORTSFILE

in particular on top of her game. Rena Buckley did tighten considerably on Tara Rutledge after the initial 15 minutes but Rutledge did pick up an early ankle injury.

The flipside is Jennifer O'Leary and Julia White, both clearly on form, and the speed they possess. Niamh Kilkenny may come out to left half-back to mark White as she did for the second half last week, but if that leaves Sinead Keane or Therese Manton in the corner then Sile Burns should have the upperhand here.

Sandra Tannion had a fine game at right corner-back. Jennifer O'Leary is a key player for Cork and a plentiful supply is crucial.

Orla Cotter was hugely influential in turning the game in Cork's favour before the break and she will have a big role to play again tomorrow. Emer O'Sullivan will possibly partner Cotter in midfield again, but should Gemma O'Connor start roaming out, then Galway will have a job on their hands as both Cotter and O'Connor like to run forward and score.

Brenda Hanney moved out to midfield in the second half last weekend and was excellent during the period that Galway got the upperhand.

Cork's forwards must be complimented on the way they defended when not in possession. They will need to do this as effectively if not more so from the outset.

Therese Maher did a lot of roaming last Saturday and had a hand in all of Galway's three goals. Galway shifted around a fair bit, and it is when this is going on that Cork need to be on their guard. Maher was loose once or twice and burst in from the wings.

Both Aislinn Connolly and Sile Burns were extremely accurate from frees and discipline is a key factor. Cork were awarded 19 frees as opposed to 10 for Galway.

Many feel Galway have lost their chance. That ain't necessarily so. Depending on their mental strength, this game could go down to the wire again. Should Cork call on their vast amount of reserves however they should take it and set up a final against Wexford Verdict: Cork.

Crunch senior games in the weeks ahead

By MARY NEWMAN

Fixtures

THERE IS a busy fixture schedule in the Evening Echo championships over the next two weeks, with semi-finals at junior level in all grades.

On Sunday, Bride Rovers and Ballinascarthy meet at Glen Rovers in the junior C semi-final.

Castlelyons and Youghal will already have met last night in the other semi-final. On Tuesday night, Cloughduv and St Finbarr's clash in round three of the Evening Echo senior county championship in

Ballincollig, while in the senior B championship Glen Rover meet Êire Ôg in Castle Road.

Wednesday night is very busy with two quarter-finals of the senior championship down for decision -Ballincollig meet Courcey Rovers in Brinny while Milford and Douglas face off in Mallow.

On Thursday, the third quarter-final between St Catherine's and Imokilly goes ahead in Rathcormac. On Friday, it's the junior A semi-final where Enniskeane meet either Watergrasshill or Brian Dillon's, with the second semi-final, Douglas v Blackrock, the next day. On the same day the Evening Echo intermediate semi-finals take place. Fr O'Neill's take on Sarsfields while the meeting of Mallow and Tracton goes ahead in Castle Road, where the junior C final will also be

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TOMORROW
Evening Echo junior C semi-final;
Bride Rovers v Ballinascarthy, Glen
Rovers, 6.30pm.

played the same day.

TUESDAY Evening Echo senior championship; Cloughduv v St Finbarr's, Ballincol-lig, 7pm. Evening Echo senior B champion-ship; Glan Rovers v Eire Og, Castle Road, 7pm. WEDNESDAY

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Evening Echo senior championship
quarter-finals: Millord v Douglas,
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Galway corner back Sandra Tannian prepares to drive the ball upfield against Cork.

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Manager: Noel Finn. Selectors: Noel Power, Helena Huban. Trainer: Bertie Sherlock

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(18) AMANDA O'REGAN A. Ni Riogain

(19) DENISE CRONIN D. Mi Chròin

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	L. Ni Chanoill St. Finbarr's	200	C. Ni Neill Coursey Ravers
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Volley Rovers Management Team: Denise Cronin, Lillian Zincant, Ann Marie Hayes. Trainer: Jim McCarthy.

Sunday, August 22nd, 2010

SEMPLE STADIUM, THURLES

All-Ireland Minor 'A' Championship 1.30pm Final Replay:

An Clár v Gaillimh





Referee: KILLIAN LOONEY (Cork)

Gala All-Ireland Senior 3.30pm Championship Semi-Final Replay:

Corcaigh v Gaillimh



Referee: UNA KEARNEY (Armagh)

DONAGHMORE ASHBOURNE

Gala All-Ireland Junior 'B' 2.30pm Championship Final Replay:

> An Cabhán v Muineachán



Referee: MIKE SHEEHAN (Cork)



Galway panel photographed prior to the drawn game in Nowlan Park on Saturday, August 14th - Back row (I.-r.): Nicola Lawless, Ann-Marie Starr, Aoife Lynskey, Sinéad Keane, Susan Earner, Laura Mitchell, Stephanie Gannon, Siobhán Coen. Middle row (I.-r.): Therese Mantom, Lorraine Ryan, Sarah Dervan, Veronica Curtin, Brenda Hanney, Therese Maher, Caroline Murray, Aislinn Commolly, Heather Cooney, Jessica Gill, Front row (L-r.): Ann-Marie Hayes, Sandra Tannian, Tara Rutledge, Orla Kilkenny, Niamh Kilkenny, Regina Glynn, Emma Kilkelly, Colette Gill, Sarah Noone.



Cork panel photographed prior to the drawn game in Nowlan Park Cry Saturday, August 14th - Back row il.-r.) Katrina Mackey, Joanne Casey, Julia White, Anna Geary, Gemma C. Connor, Maria Walsh, Michelle Brown. Pamela Mackey, Denise Cronin, Emer White, Middle row (I.-r.): Carolyn Motherway, Amanda O'Regan. Christine O'Neill, Catriona Foley, Erner O'Sullivan, Jennifer O'Leary, Rena Buckley, Jenny Duffy, Sile Burns. Orla Cotter, Aoife Murray. Front row (L-r.): Mary O'Connot, Liracla O'Connell. Joanne O'Callaghan, Rachel Moloney, Lucy Hawkes, Elaine O'Riordan, Emer Farrell, Niamh Distriorth.

Cork's dreams are shattered again



Cork Galway

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A CORK team who have done the county so proud over the past number of years, winning four All-Ireland titles in five years, bowed out yesterday afternoon in Semple Stadium.

Once again the hoodoo of the three in a row that haunts Cork camogie rose to the surface.

In a game which failed to live up to expectations due to its stop-start nature, brought on by extremely poor refereeing, Galway hung on despite Cork having an opportunity to level the game in the sixth minute of injury-time to bring the game to extra-time.

But Cork can have no complaints. A Galway side which had their homework done following the drawn game played a calmer, less erratic, more consistent game to that which they played eight days ago and their magnificent defensive work laid the foundations for a massive victory for the westerners, who now face Wexford in the All-Ireland final on September 12.

Galway's defence were on form from the throw-in. Three positional switches saw Niamh Kilkenny, as expected, move to left half-back, Regina Glynn switch to left corner and Therese Manton to right half-back. Those switches worked and with Orla Kilkenny playing deep and Ann Marie Hayes in excellent form, Galway were airtight at the back, putting Cork on the back foot from the off.

Tara Rutledge and an Aislinn Connolly free had Galway two points to the good seven minutes in. Cork were level by the 15th after a skilful Emer O'Sullivan point and Sile Burns free.

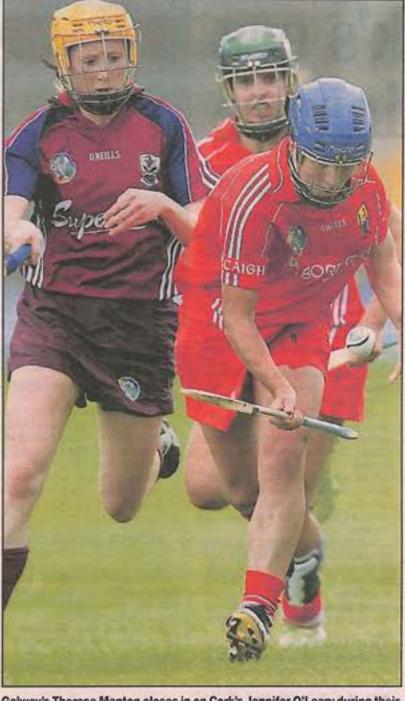
The game failed to flow with 19 frees awarded in the opening half of a clean competitive game.

Galway strode into a three-point lead by the 25th minute, with three points still the margin at the break,

A more mature Galway were in a better position than they were a week ago. Cork were lifeless and needed an injection of inspiration.

Gemma O'Connor, typically the player Cork call upon, was selected at right half-back, possibly to nullify the threat of Brenda Hanney, but her presence around the middle of the pitch was missed.

Cork began to make headway and the inexperience and indiscipline of Galway began to show. Four frees inside eight minutes saw Sile Burns score two and Cork were just a point behind. Gemma O'Connor was now



Galway's Therese Manton closes in on Cork's Jennifer O'Leary during their Gala All-Ireland Camogie semi-final replay in Semple Stadium yesterday.

switched to centre field and the improvement was tangible.

Despite Aislinn Connolly hitting a free for Galway, it was Cork who took the lead for the first time 52 minutes in, scoring three points without reply.

Connolly levelled it for the third time with three minutes of normal time remaining.

A determined Brenda Hanney pushed Galway in front and bizarrely referee Una Kearney gave a free against Emer O'Sullivan for over-carrying to give Galway a twopoint advantage one minute into in-

Cork launched a couple of attacks but keeper Susan Earner was extremely alert and off her line to deny them.

Sile Burns pointed. The minimum separated the sides five and a half minutes into injury time. Could Cork grab an equaliser and force extra time?

Cork won a free approximately 60 metres out in front of goal.

Full credit to Gemma O'Connor, who stepped up to take what will possibly be the most pressurised strike of her career.

Unfortunately for Cork, it didn't pay off and as the ball sailed wide with it went the game and Cork's bid for three All-Ireland titles in a

Scorers for Cork: S Burns 0-5 (f), E O'Sulfivan 0-2, O Cotter 0-1, G O'Connor 0-1 (f).

Van G-2, O Cotter 0-1, G O Connor 0-1 ft.

Galway: A Connolly 0-6 (ft, T Refledge, V Curtin, C Murray, B Hanney 0-1 each.

CORK: A Murray: J O'Callaghan, C Foley, R Buckley, G O'Connor, M O'Connor, A Geary: O Cotter, J Duffy: J White, E O'Sullivan, J O'Leary, S Burns, R Motoney, J Casey, Subs: P Mackey for C Foley (34, inj), D Cronin for R Motoney (48), K Mackey for J Casey (53). GALWAY: S Earner; S Tannian, S Dervan, R

Story of the game

PLAYER OF THE MATCH

GALWAY'S entire defence were magnificent with three main contenders: Regina Glynn, Ann Marie Hayes and Niamh Kilkenny. Glynn got the nod. Her switch to left corner-back paid dividends for Galway after Jennifer O'Leary had run her ragged just eight days before.

SCORE OF THE MATCH

WITH only seven points scored from play in a stop-start encounter there wasn't much to elate about. But Emer O'Sullivan's skilful individual score 10 minutes into the first half was top class and would hold its own in any quarter.

DUEL OF THE MATCH

GEMMA O'CONNOR and Brenda Hanney. Honours even. Very little play went down their wing during the opening half. Hanney switched to centre field. Cork were slow to move O'Connor. Both made contributions when switched to where the action was.

TURNING POINT

THERE was no turning point in a game which trudged along. Referee Una Kearney gave two controversial decisions in the dying minutes, but one for either side, which balanced matters out.

TALKING POINT

THE only talking point was the poor standard of refereeing. Thirty-four frees in 60 minutes of play (excluding injury time for stoppages) is unacceptable when a game is clean and

The game needs to be given a

chance.

Glynn; T. Manton, A. M. Hayes, N. Kilkenny, E. Kilkelly, O. Kilkenny; C. Murray, T. Matter, B. Hanney; T. Rutledge, V. Curtin, A. Connolly, Sabs: J. Gill for C. Murray (44), A. Lynskey for E. Kilkelly (53), L. Ryan for T. Rutledge (65).

Referee: Una Kearney (Armagh).

Brinny, 7pm BALLINCOLLIG took a big scalp on their debut when they accounted for county champions St Catherine's and they will be hoping for a repeat performance in Brinny this evening when they met Courcey Rovers.

More of

the same

from the

debutants

CAMOGIE TONIGHT Evening Echo SC quarter-final,

Courcey lost out in the opening round to Milford 3-5 to 1-3, but they got their campaign back on track as they recorded the narrowest of victories in the losers round, overcoming Ballygarvan on a 0-9 to 0-8 sco-

Both sides had a player involved with the Cork senior side who lost out to Galway on Sunday last - ironically Courcey's Rachel Moloney was replaced by Ballincollig's Denise Cronin in the game as Cork lost their battle to reach Croke Park and both will be expected to feature strongly for their respective clubs this evening.

Courcey possess a nice blend of youth and experi-

In defence former Cork senior Sara Hayes and Christine O'Neill have been hugely influential, while up front the younger brigade led by Julia Mulcahy, Aisling Moloney and Caron O'Reilly have plenty of pace and they will trouble any defance.

Ballincollig took the Senior B title last year in tremendous fashion and they have worked hard to establish themselves at senior

They are a young side with excellent performers and they showed plenty of character as they defeated the county champions.

A late goal with three minutes remaining from Patricla Buttimer consigned the champions to the back door to keep their championship aspirations alive and the result was a huge boost to the championship debutants on a day when torrential wind and rain made the game a bit of a lottery.

At underage level Ballincollig have enjoyed a lot of success and they have built on this with players such as Leah Weste, Aisleen Sheehan, Kate O'Donoghue and Sarah Buckley all coming through the ranks.

Against St Catherine's they were excellent in detence.

Courcey's know they will have to be at their very best to stop Ballincollig booking a semi- final spot

rr's set to shade a close encounter

THE quarter-finals of this year's Evening Echo Cork County Camogie Championship take place this week and hard as it might be for the Cork players to take to the field after their bitter defeat in the All Ireland semi final last Sunday, take to the field they must, writes LINDA MELLERICK.

First up is the meeting of Cloughduv and St Finbarr's at Ballincollig this

evening.

Both sides suffered first round defeats but bounced back admirably and two tough, hard won games, will stand them in good stead as they bid for a

CAMOGIE

place in the semi-finals.

A thrilling 5-9 to 3-11 victory over Rockbán should give St Finbarr's plenty of confidence entering this quarter-final, particularly considering the fact that they achieved that result without Gemma O'Connor.

Rachel Myers scored a hat-trick on the day against a Rockbán side that relied too heavily on Sile Burns and Catriona Foley.

tion against Cloughduy.

A goal and two points in the final six minutes clinched a place in the quarter-finals for Cloughduv at the expense of Barryroe on a day when

Katherine Corkery covered acres of space, Joanne O'Callaghan became a driving force from centre back and Una O'Donoghue struck a blistering

It is difficult to predict a winner. Both sides face a sterner test than their previous encounter.

St Finbarr's will have to tighten up The Barrs will face tougher opposi- at the back, they allowed Sile Burns in

for three goals, and Cloughduv have more threatening forwards than Rockbán. Una O'Donoghue will have to create space for herself and along with Ann Murray take the chances as they present themselves.

Cloughduv will once again require big games from Joanne O'Callaghan and Katherine Corkery. It'll be close. Verdict: St Finbarr's.

> FIXTURES TONIGHT

Evening Echo Cork County Senior Camogle championship quarter-final: Cloughdur v St Finbarr's, Ballincollig, 7pm.

Galway shatter Cork's three in-a-row dream

Daragh Ó Conchúir

IT wasn't easy on the eye but that won't bother Galway as they edged past Cork in their Gala All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final replay at Semple Stadium yesterday, 0-10 to 0-9, dashing Cork's three-in-a-row ambitions.

Sandra Tannian and Regina Glynn were outstanding for Galway, while Rena Buckley who played alongside Mary O'Connor in Cork's defeat in the All-Ireland ladies football semi-final on Saturday - was immaculate.

The Leesiders hit the front for the first time in the 53rd minute through Eimear O'Sullivan but crucially, it was Galway who were able to lift it thereafter, Aislinn

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Connolly converting frees either side of an excellent point off the sod by Breda Hanney. There was time for one last opportunity to bring the tie to extra time but Gemma O'Connor's free from 65m drifted right of the posts.

Elsewhere, a blistering start laid the foundation for Galway as they overcame Clare to win the All-Ireland minor A camogie title by 2-12 to 2-8 at Semple Stadium.

Johnny Kane's side raced into a 1-8 to 0-1 lead despite the excellent efforts of Maire McGrath in the Clare defence. Rebecca Hanley scored four points and Ailish O'Reilly

slammed home a brilliant goal but Clare gradually settled into proceedings and three frees from Chloe Morey left them trailing by seven points

The Banner girls were given an ideal tonic when Rachel O'Halloran pulled first time to goal three minutes into the second half, after Ailish Considine had kept Morey's free in play.

They wasted a number of scoring opportunities after that though and when Maria Breheny finished to the Clare net from close range, Galway had enough breathing space to cope with conceding a late goal to Susan Fahy.

Meanwhile, Offaly booked their place in a third successive All-Ireland with a hard-fought victory over Derry in the Gala All-Ireland intermediate semi-final at Clones. They will play Wexford in three weeks, who just edged past Limerick in

Last year's junior champions were in fine fettle in the first half and Siobhan Flannery's goal gave them a 1-6 to 0-3 lead at the interval.

Joachim Kelly's side managed to maintain that advantage for most of the second half, despite the efforts of Karen Kielt-sister of Derry senior footballer James - who slotted 0-4 from frees.

Katie McCauley halved the deficit with a goal at the three-quarter mark but Elaine Dermody responded in kind and also had a penalty saved.

Derry kept plugging away, with young half-back Meabh McGoldrick hitting a brace of points. With the margin down to two, Katie McCauley got on the end of a long delivery late on but her shot was saved by Audrey Kennedy and Offaly held on to win 2-12 to 1-13.

A goal in the very first minute by the outstanding Ciara O'Connor proved the difference as Wexford kept their double dreams alive to win by 1-9 to 0-10.

With Eileen O'Brien Costello adding three points to her first half tally of three, the Shannonsiders were level as the game went into injury time but a free from O'Connor bringing her personal tally to 1-5 - and a wonderful point by Louise Codd snatched the honours for Wexford.

Monaghan won the All-Ireland Junior B final replay, prevailing by 0-12 to 1-8 against Ulster rivals Cavan.

GALWAY: S Earner; S Tannian, S Dervan, N Kilkenny; R Glynn, AM Hayes, T Manton; E Kilkelly, O Kilkenny; C Murray 0-1, T Maher, B Hanney 0-1; T Rutledge 0-1, V Curtin 0-1, A Connolly 0-6(fs).

Subs: J Gill for Murray (45); A Lynskey for Kilkelly (54); L Ryan for Rutledge (60+6).

CORK: A Murray; J O'Callaghan, C Foley, R Buckley; J Duffy, M O'Connor, G O'Connor 0-1(f); O Cotter 0-1, J Duffy; J White, E O'Sullivan 0-2, J O'Leary; S Burns 0-5 (fs), R Moloney, J Casey.

Subs: P Mackey for Foley (35); D Cronin for Moloney (49): K Mackey for Casey (54).

Referee: U Kearney (Armagh).

Busy championship programme ahead

IT'S a busy week ahead with championship games at all levels down for decision

Semi-final at junior level at all grades are down for decision in the next two week.

Tonight Cloughduv and St Finbarr's meet in round three of the Evening Echo senior county championship in Ballincollig while in the Evening Echo Senior B championship there are two games down for decision as Glen Rover meet Eire Og in Castle Road while Killeagh and Bishopstown are in action in Killeagh

On Wednesday there are two quarter-finals of the Evening Echo Senior championship down for meet Ballincollig decision. Courcey Rovers in Brinney while Milford and Douglas meet in Mallow. On Thursday the third quarter-final between St Catherines and Imokilly goes ahead in Rath-

On Friday the junior "A" se-mi-final has Enniskeane meeting Brian Dillons, with the second semi-final Douglas v Blackrock going ahead on Saturday. On the same day the Evening Echo Intermediate semi-finals are down for decisions with Fr O Neills meeting Sarsfields venue to be decided, while Mallow and Tracton will meet in Castle Road where the Junior C final will also go ahead on the same day.

Fixtures

Evening Echo Senior championship Toughduv v St Finbarr's, Ballincollig

Evening Echo Senior B Championship Glen Rovers v Eire Óg, Castle Road Killeagh v Bishopstown, Killeagh

Wednesday, August 25

Evening Echo Senior Championship Quarter-Finals Millord v Douglas in Mallow 7pm Battincollig v Courtey Rovers, Brinney 7pm

Thursday, August 26

Evening Echo Senior Championship Quarter-Final St Catherines v Imokilly, Rathcormac 7pm

Friday, August 27

Evening Echo Junior "A" championship Semi-Final Enniskeane v Brian Dillon's, Venue to be arranged 7pm

Saturday, August 28

Evening Echo Intermediate championship Semi-Final Fr O' Neills v Sarsfields, Venue to be arranged 6.30pm Tracton v Mallow, Castle Road 2.30pm

Evening Echo Junior "A" championship Semi-Final Douglas v Blackrock venue to be arranged

Sunday, August 29

Evening Echo Junior B championship Semi-Final Ballincollig v Skabh Rus or Kildorrery

Valley Rovers emerge victors in tight affair

Valley Rovers Clonakilty

VALLEY ROVERS proved best in this Evening Echo Senior B championship game where they recorded a three-point win over Clonakilty to take the points on offer.

Clonakilty led at the break after Juanita Brennan Hazel O'Regan and Erica Jennings had pointed to add to a goal from Anne Campbell.

Valley Rovers had a Liz Bugler goal and a point from Ena Coughlan who converted a 45 meter free as Valley battled hard in the first half. It was Clonakilty who had the

3.7 best of the early second half 2.7 exchanges. Erica Jennings and Sinead O'Neill pointed to extend the lead to three points but refusing to let it bother them, Valley Rovers hit back Eimear O'Regan getting them on level with a goal.

Valleys Rovers opened up a four-point lead thanks to Orla Deasy and Eileen Foley but still Clonakilty responded Aoife Deasy grabbing a goal to cut the Valley's lead to a point. Elma O'Mahony and Connie Hawkes added points for Valley Rovers to put three between them with five minutes left. Clonakilty battled hard to get an equaliser but the Valley Rovers defence held firm.

Valley Rovers: G Harrington; J O'Mahony, M Cottrell, A M Murphy; E Coughlan, E O'Mahony, J Hawkes; E O'Regan, A Cummins; J Callanan, C Hawkes, K Richardson; O Deasy, E Foley, L Bugler, Scorers: E. O'Regan, L Bugler: 1 each, E. Foley 0-2 (0-2fs), O. Deasy 1-0, E. O'Mahony, C. Hawkes, E Coughlan 0-1 each.

Clonakilty: C O'Flynn; N O'Donovan, S O'Brien, A M Moyles; A McCarthy, C O'Mehony, C Nagle; H O'Regan (c), C O'Regan; J Brennan, E Jennings, S O'Neill; E Jennings, A Campbell; B McManus, E O'Donoghue, S O'Brien, Subs: L O'Flynn for AM Moyles, S O'Donovan for B McManus, S Forristal for E O'Donoghue, A Deasy for A Campbell, Scorers: A Campbell, A Deasy 1-0each, E Jennings (I's), S O'Neillo-2each, J Brennan, H O'Regan (f), C Nagle 0-1 each.

Cork camogie goes to the dogs to raise funds

THE Cork Camogie board has organised a big fundraising venture as they press on with the next stage of their development at their county playing grounds in Castle Road.

Camogie followers are being asked to support a benefit night which will take place on Friday, September 24 at the Cork Greyhound Track in Bishosptown. Several years ago when the board launched their plans to buy a pitch of their own they held a very successful night. In the coming weeks they hope to get the go-ahead for phase three of the development where they hope to put changing facilities and a solid structure in place and once again money is needed.

Chairperson of the board Marion McCarthy is putting out a call to current camogie players who are availing of the superb facility to row in and support the board as they strive to raise the money to put facilities dressing room facilities in place at the pitch

"We are hoping to get huge support from all camogie players and their families for the event. The pitch is belonged to every camogie player in the county and to date almost every club has played a game there at some level be it adult or under age. We are hoping to get huge support for our Night at the Dogs and we are calling on all former and current players and the GAA family

as a unit to dig deep and support us. Castle Road has been a huge step forward and it has enabled us to play our game and keep our huge fixture schedule on track proper changing facilities are badly needed and we are working towards this now."

The board are seeking sponsorship for races at €500 a race they are also seeking sponsorship for dogs at €50 each and are selling tickets for entry to the track on the night at €10 each. Anybody who will sponsor a race or a dog, or just take and sell tickets can contact the county board through their local camogie club, or they can be contacted on the Cork carnogie web site at www.corkcamogie.com.

Late Corkery point seals close win for Cloughduv

Cloughduy St Finbarr's

1-8 0-10

AN injury-time point by the outstanding Katherine Corkery granted Cloughduv their passage into this year's Cork County senior championship semi-final in Ballincollig last evening, writes LINDA MELLERICK.

Three points behind with five minutes of normal time remaining things didn't look good for Cloughduy, but a spirited last seven minutes, epitomised by the lion-hearted Corkery, denied St Finbarr's.

St Finbarr's have only themselves to blame after failing to capitalise in the opening half where they dominated for long periods.

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Jenny Duffy, Lynda O'Connell and Gemma O'Connor were dominating and sending a plentiful supply in time and again, but St Finbarr's momentum came to a halt inside.

Two Katherine Corkery points gave Cloughduy an early advantage in a low scoring first-half. Gemma O'Connor (3) and Claire Spellman responded leaving the half-time score at 0-4 to 0-2.

A more forceful Cloughduy took to the field in the second-half. Displaying great heart they kept in touch despite being tormented time and again by Gemma O'Connor. Three excellent points by Katherine Corkery were matched by O'Connor (2) and Claire Spellman. Una O'Donoghue and Spell-

man again swapped points leaving two between the sides as the clock ran

Joanne O'Callaghan was switched to full-forward at the break after picking up a recurring injury and while it may not have been where Cloughduv wanted to position her, she won the free which swung the game.

Corkery stepped up to take it. Her strike dipped under the post and out of the hand of Barbara Ann Corcoran into the St Finbarr's net. It was a big blow to the city side. They now trailed by one and the impetus was with Clough-

Substitute Máiréad Corkery extended Cloughduv's lead to two, but dramatically St Finbarr's levelled it in injury time through Natasha Varian and

Claire Spellman.

There was still time for one final twist and fittingly it fell to Katherine Corkery who made no mistake from close range to give Cloughduv a sweet

Scorers for Cloughduv: K Corkery 1-6 (1-2 ft, U O'Donoghue, Mairead Corkery 0-1 each. St Finbarr's: G O'Connor 0-5 (0-2 '45, 0-1 ft, C Spellman 0-4, N Varian 0-1. CLOUGHDUV: A Murray; E Dunne, S Corkery, S Lucey; J O'Callaghan, M Corkery, C O'Donoghue; J Lucey, E Dunne; M Lucey, K Corkery, A Barry-Murphy; G O'Sullivan, A Murray, U O'Donoghue.

O'Donoghue.

Subs: O McCarthy for G O'Sullivan (42), M Corkery for A Murray (50).

ST FINBARR'S: B A Corcoran; C Sargent, C Harrington, M McCarthy; A McCarthy, J Duffy, L O'Connell; H Morgan, C Barrett; B Myers-Murray. C Spellman, N Goulding: G O'Conner, T Doyle, N Cooke.

Subs: M Cahalane for N Cooke (51), N Varian for N Goulding (52). Referee: Walter Cole (Buttevant).

ORLA COTTER

ORK'S ENERGETIC midfielder has an added responsibility this season following her selection as captain, but she has taken it in her stride. An effective link between defence and attack, Orla chips in regularly with vital points and is a cool customer under pressure. With three All-Ireland Senior medals to her name already, she knows what it takes to get over the finishing line first on days like this. Has stepped up to the plate even more than before in the absence of her regular midfield partner, Briege Corkery.



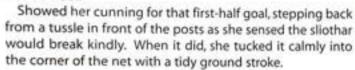
MARY O'CONNOR

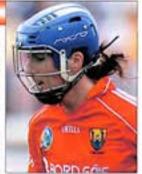
THEY SAY there's no substitute for experience, and when one adds guile and class to the mix it forms a potent cocktail. Long-serving Cork centre-back Mary O'Connor has all of these qualities and more besides – a point borne out in the dying stages of last week's drawn game when she shielded a rampaging Galway attacker as she bore down on goal. The Killeagh stalwart is the rock around which the Cork team is built, and she will be driving her colleagues on again today.



JENNIFER O'LEARY

RETURNED AND reinvigorated after a two-year spell away from camogie, the flying wing-forward showed she has lost none of her ability last weekend. She was the only Cork attacker to score more than once from play, and the Leesiders simply wouldn't be here today without her 1-3 haul.





Wexford book place in Intermediate final

WEXFORD 1-9

LIMERICK 0-10

Dean Goodison reports from Ardfinner

Injury-time points by Clara O'Connor and Louise Codd ensured that Wexford stayed on course for double Aff-Ireland glory with a hard fought two point victory over Limerick in the Gala Aff-Ireland intermediate camogic championship semi-final at Ardfinnan on Saturday.

In doing so they remain the only unbeaten side in the second tier this year as Wexford camogic continues on the crest of a wave.

When Elieen O'Brien-Costelloe levelled in the final minute of normal time for Limerick it looked likely that they could drive on and take victory.

However Lisa Bolger won a huge free on the left which O'Connor slotted before Codd took the resulting puck-out and fired over for a clinching score to give Wexford victory.

This triumph was in no small part down to the guts and determination shown by a resolute Wexford defence, which, despite coming under monumental pressure, never cracked in sixty plus minutes of intense action.

Clara O'Connor led like a captain should with a tidy 1-5 while the form of Jean Hayden was crucial at the other end – the diminutive corner-back played like a woman possessed.

Weatord got off to the perfect start against the elements as Lorraine O'Connor's battling down the right allowed Clara O'Connor to pick up the ball and break past Sarah Collins. Her hand-passed finish to the roof of the net was as emphatic as they come as her side stole an early lead.

Limerick danger-woman Elicen O'Brien-Costelloe pointed from a tight engle on the right before a glorious opportunity almost saw the lead evaporate.

Hichelle Casey got in behind Coleen Atkinson and was brillantly found by Orla Curtin, it looked for all the world like she would goal but her hand-passed effort was slowed by Helena Jacob – enough to stick in the sanded goal-mouth – and Atkinson recovered to stop the ball crossing the line as the referee eventually blew for a throw-ball.

O'tkrien-Costetioe pointed twice more before Joanne O'Gorman raised the fourth Limerick white flag of the half with eight minutes remaining (0-4 to 1-0) for their only load of the contest. Back came Wexford after a spell of 23 minutes without a score. A great spot by Lisa Bolger allowed Siona Nolan to tie the game before the rangy centre-forward was fouled moments later and Clara O'Connor struck her side ahead.

A long run and finish gave O'Connor her second point in the last minute of the half before Flona Rochford grabbed her first to edge her side into a three point half-time lead (1-4 to 0-4).

Having registered just before the break she did likewise on the resumption to give Wexford their largest lead of the day but despite now having the elements at their back they falled to kick on and Limerick took full control of proceedings.

The Wexford defence kept them in it but they couldn't stop Namh Mukahy dragging her side within three. A brace from O'Brien-Costelloe left. Lamerick down by the minimum with seventoen minutes remaining but that preximity gave their opponents the job they needed.

O'Connor added a quick fire double to keep Wexford noses in front but it was only a momentary histus in pressure as Mulcahy and Curtin countered for the Treaty girls (1-7 to 0-9). Lively substitute Dympna O'Brien fed O'Brien-Costello for the levelling score in the final minute but the late drama saw Wexford book their showdown with Offaly on September 12th.

WEXPORD: Helena Jacob; Jean Hayden, Louise O'Leary, Coleen Atkinson; Frances Doran, Louise Codd (0-1), Shelly Kehoe; Emma Moran, Lorraine O'Connor; Bridget Curran, Siona Hotan (0-1), Floria Rochford (0-2); Stacey Kehoe, Clara O'Connor (1-5, 0-2 frees, 0-1 '45), Lisa Bolger, SUBS; Stacey Redmond for Curran (42), Elmear O'Connor for Moran (50).

LIMERICK: Sile Moynihan; Sarah Carey, Sarah Collins, Audeen McNamara; Fiona Hickey, Aoifa Sheehan, Judith Mulicahy; Vera Sheehan, Deindre Estipatrick; Elleen O'Brien-Costelloe (0-6, 2 frees), Claire Mulicahy, Joanne O'Gorman (0-1); Michelle Casey, Orla Curtin (0-1), Niemh Mulicahy (0-2, 1 free), SUBS: Dympna O'Brien for Casey (28), Joanne Cifford for McNamara (49), Kerrie Brosnan for Fitzpatrick (56).

REFEREE: Mike O'Kelly (Cork)



VERONICA CURTIN

WITH 3-13 to her name already in the Gala All-Ireland championship, Veronica Curtin is proof positive that form is temporary but class is permanent. Scoring 2-2 off no less an opponent than Cathriona Foley was some achievement, and her second goal – when she lobbed Aoife Murray – was a touch of sheer class. One of the finest forwards ever to grace the game from the west, when she turns and heads for the posts there's usually only one outcome.

BRENDA HANNE



APLAYER with strength and speed in equal measure is nigh on impossible to stop when in full flight – keep an eye on Brenda Hanney today for confirmation. Her move from left half-forward to midfield was a huge boost to Galway's fortunes in the drawn game, and her direct style of running is very hard to counteract. Galway certainly could have done with her drive two years ago when they lost the final to Cork, as she has added a new dimension to their game.

ANN-MARIE HAYES



THE RECORDS for last weekend's drawn game confirm that Cork powerhouse Gemma O'Connor was held scoreless – something of a rarity at this level. Much of the credit for this goes to Galway centre-back Ann-Marie Hayes who has capably filled the number six jersey in the absence of Sinéad Cahalan through long-term injury. Ann-Marie played most of her camogie at right half-back up to this point, but she has taken to her new position like a veteran.



26/08/2010 All Ireland Preview

JUNIOR A ALL IRELAND FINAL PREVIEW

2010 so far has been a good year for Kildare camogie and next Saturday presents the opportunity to make it a great one when the Junior team contest the All Ireland Junior A Championship Finel against Armagh in Ashbourne at 2-30 on Saturday. A win for Kildare would bridge a twenty year gap since the list All Ireland win in 1990 and crown a year in which they are already Leinster Champions. Add to that Cethridge's victory in the All Ireland Camogie Felle and it can be seen that camogie is thriving in the county, a fact further evidenced by the open nature of this year's Senior Championship with literally only a puck of the ball separating the teams in most of the matches played so far.

This year has presented the Junior team with many chaffenges but under the tutatage of manager Toin O Mahoney and Metanie Triacy each has been met and overcome. They comfortably reserved their Division 3 status and in the Leinster Championiship overcome Meath and Westmeath before capping it all with a victory over much fancied Laois after extra time in the Final. But the neal aim all season was to go at least one better than last years disappointment at the semi final stage of the All Indonesian and at least each the Final this year. Perhaps this accounts for their nervous Semi Final with over London but with that behind them they can now approach the Final with spiter hearts. However Armogh will provide stiff opposition. They have been here before having lost the Final to Roscommon last year and will be under some pregium to prevent a repeat. Although Kildare have bear then tooth times they met this year it was only by namow mangins and on any given day it could go either way. They have some dangerous forwands who will need close marking but the Kildare defence has been pretty tight all year. The Kildare forwands be been retaing up good totals, indeed a strength of Kildare this year is that there has been a much greater spread of scoring among the forwands. Against London seven players including sates got on the score sheet. If Kildare settle early and get into a rhythm then they can win but it promises to be a battle to the end and hopefully the Nancy Muntay cup will be coming south on Saturday evening.

The Kildare gonel is Brid Byrnes, Naimh Breen (Capt.) , Regina Gomman, Naimh Concannon, Giltan O Huntey, Carel Nolan, London

The Kildare panel is Brid Byrnes, Namh Breen (Capt.) , Regina Gorman, Namh Concannon, Gillan O Hurley, Carel Molan, Lorraine Bowes, Clodagh Flanagan, Clodagh Flanes, Mary Murtagh, Cara Tafon, Susie O Carroll, Rossn O Connel, Orla Mullathy, Sobhan Hurley, Clare Docan, Louise Wallst, Saleog O Kerfe, Hazel Mulligan, Assing Naher, Clodhria McSweeney, Amy O Hara, Angela Lyons.

CIARAN WOODS of 'Gaelic Life' looks ahead to the Gala All Ireland Junior 'B' Final replay clash between Cavan and Monaghan

THIS WEEKEND, there can be only one winner as Cavan and Monoghan once again do battle in their Gala All-Ireland Junior 'B' Final replay. Last time out it took a late, late gool from substitute Aoishe O'Reilly to give Covan another bite at the cherry as a compelling encounter at Donaghmore-Ashbourne ended in stalemate, 1-7 a piece.

They return to the Meath venue this Sunday afternoon with the All-Ireland title once again on the line, and having come so close last time out, Monaghan will start the clash as slight favourites. If they are to emerge victorious though then they must make a sharper start to proceedings, having fallen bodly behind a fortnight ago, 0.5 to no score down after 18 minutes and left playing catch-up. Indeed they could have been even further behind but for some wayward shooting by the Breffini attack.

Cavan will have spent the post two weeks trying to figure out how they let Monaghan back into contention, and then went on to fall behind to leave them requiring that last gasp leveller. They did have a late appartunity to win it in the dying seconds, but Marie Brady was unable to convert the chance from a '45'.

Since that drawn game, Colm McEvoy's Breffin side have been working hard to iron out some of those problems and although he believes their opponents will start as favourites, he's confident that his side can produce the goods.

"We were lucky to get out of it the last day, but we live to fight another day. We get off to a great start, didn't capitalise, and Managhan come back into it. There's always going to be times in every game when teams have spells of dominance and under pressure.

"Monaghan have to be favourites after the way they played the last time. They had a lot of frees in the second helf, and if they'd converted them then they'd have been out of sight. But credit to our girls, they never gove it up and kept going, and in the end they got their reward. Now it's up to us to make the most of that second chance this Sunday."

EOGHAN CORMICAN looks ahead to the Minor 'A' and Senior semi-tinal clashes

CAMOGIE enthusiasts are certainly in for a treat today with two epic encounters in store as Clare do battle with neighbours Galway in an intriguing All Ireland minor final replay, while treble chasing Cork face Galway in the All Ireland senior semi-final replay.

Regarding the senior tie Galway's Brenda Hanney (dead leg), Caroline Murray (ankle) and Tara Rutledge (ankle) picked up knocks in the drawn game, although manager Noel Finn is confident they will recover sufficiently to take their places among the starting fifteen. Denise Cronin's charges, on the trail of their third O'Duffy Cup title in-a-row have conterns over the fitness of corner back Joanne O'Callaghan.

Cork's talented half-forward Jennifer O'Leavy stepped up to the plate in Nowlan Park shooting 1-3, while, on the other side, Galway's Veronica Curtin rekindled her form of old in tallying 2-2. Indeed, both teams possess a potent forward division and it may come down to which defence can best stomp their authority on proceedings.

Despite losing twice in the group series Cork showed they are an entirely different proposition when it comes to the knockout stage. Galway appeared to have fashioned the defining score when Veronica Curtin raised a green flag just six minutes from the end. The reigning champions, though, never faltered and Sile Burns sniged a pair of points to ensure a share of the spoils.

Whether it will be a ninth consecutive All Ireland final

appearance for Cork or a first semi-final win for Galway over the Rebelettes is extremely difficult to say. But based on the drama that unravelled in Kilkenny, there is at least the guarantee of another cliff hanger.

The clash of the Galway and Clare minors is part one of a double bill this afternoon. Since the drawn encounter the Galway squad has been balstered by the return to full fitness of Mairead Linnane, Finala Keely and Sarsfields Marie Cooney, although Cooney's club mate Niamh McGrath remains sidelined with a foot injury.

Both teams feature frugal rearguards and Clare will undoubtedly rely on Chloe Marey to orchestrate proceedings from centre back. Further forward the Banner's Katie Cahill, Niamh Corry and Naami Carroll are well capable of posting a motch winning score.

Clare showed terrific heart in responding to Rebecca Hennelly's second half gool in the drawn contest, Galway as well, displayed admirable resilience to engineer an equaliser deep in injury time.

The comogie landscape is certainly on the rise in Clare and a win today, would reward years of hard graft. In terms of silverware Galway's future looks imminently bright with their U16's completing the two in-a-row in May. Whatever the autcome today, if it provides only half the entertainment that unfolded in Nenogh, this one promises to be well worth the entrance fee.

Gala ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR 'B' CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL REPLAY 2010

Marie Brady and Greenan would then go on to swap points, before the tie was thrown wide open on 47 minutes when Finnegan pulled to the back of the net after Karen Boyle's shot from 25 metre had been batted out by Cavan's Geraldine Reilly.

This was the first time that Monaghan led in the match, and when cornerforward Eileen McElroy expertly converted a '45' with six minutes remaining, Cavan suddenly found themselves trailing by a goal heading into the home stretch.

Give credit to Cavan though, as they never let their heads drop at any point, although it was looking like they might come up just short in the end. Late replacement O'Reilly had other ideas though, and she reacted quickest in the first minute of added time to flick Captain Rosie Crowe's delivery from the right past the stranded Roisin McKenna in the Monaghan goal.

Lacken's Marie Brady did have a chance from a '45' to win the game for Cavan, and O'Reilly went extremely close to getting a second goal just moments before that. In hindsight though, a draw was probably a fair result overall and, on the basis of this game, the replay between these two sides will be wide

CAVAN - Geraldine Reilly; Sinéad Brady, Niamh Brady, Jenny O'Rourke; Carmel McBride, Sinéad Coyle, Rosie Crowe; Andrea Lynch, Josephine Maguire; Majella Prior (0-2. 2 '45'), Lorraine Day, Roisin O'Keeffe (0-1); Sinéad McKenna, Marie Brady (0-4, 3f), Brid Boylan, Subs: Mairéad McCabe for McKenna (h/t); Siobhán Reynolds for McBride (37); Maria Murphy for Maguire (55); Aoishe O'Reilly (1-0) for Prior.

MONAGHAN - Roisin McKenna; Mary Meehan, Sharon McQuillan, Joanne McSkeane; Edel Kieran, Angela Kerr, Isobel Kieran; Siobhan McKenna (0-3), Eleanor McQuaid; Karen Boyle, Marie Greenan (0-2, 2f), Shauna Finnegan (1-1); Rosita Finnegan, Catherine Tomany, Eileen McElroy (0-1, '45'). Subs: Orla Sheerin for Boyle (h/t); Boyle for Tomany (47).

Referee: Gerry McGough (Dublin).



Back row (I,-r.): Aideen Greene, Mary Meehan, Siobhan McKenna, Sharon McQuillan, Rosita Finnegan, Roisin McKenna, Shauna Finnegan, Laura McQuillan, Ciara Gormley, Isobel Kieran. Front row (I.-r.): Tara McElvaney, Aisling McElvaney, Angela Kerr, Eleanor McQuaid, Eilish McCarron, Eileen McElroy, Marie Greenan, Catherine Tomany, Joanne McSkeane, Arlene McGeeney.

Gala ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR 'B' CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL REPLAY 2010



Management Team: Geraldine Clarke, Paul Ward. Physic: David McGettigan.

Gala ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR 'B' CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL REPLAY 2010

an cabhán Cabhán Gorm agus Bán

(1)GERALDINE REILLY G. Ni Roghallaigh Castletara

(3) (2) NIAMH BRADY SINEAD BRADY N. Ni Bhrádaigh S. Ni Bhródaigh Locken Locken

S. Ni Rugirt Larogh (7) (6)

CARMEL MCBRIDE C. Nic Giolla Bhride Drumgoon

(5)

SINEAD COYLE S. Ui Giolla Chomhaill (Joint Vice-Capt.) Crosserlough

(11)

Lacken

ROSIE CROWE R. Nic Chonchra (Capt.) Locken

(4)

JENNY O'ROURKE

(8) ANDREA LYNCH A. Ni Loingsigh Locken

(9) **MAJELLA PRIOR** M. Nic on Phriora Castletora

(10)LORRAINE DAY L. Ni Dhea Crosserlough (13)

SINEAD McKENNA

S. Nic Cionaoith

Crosserlough

JOSEPHINE MAGUIRE S. Nig Uidhir Ballinogh

R. Ni Chaoimh (14)MARIE BRADY M. Ni Bhrádaigh

(15)**BRID BOYLAN** B. Ni Bhaiolláin Portobello

(28) AILEEN SMITH

Costletara

A. Nic Gobhann

(29) CAROLINE LARKIN

C. Wi Lorezin

(30) MAIREAD McCABE

Coolletare

M. Nic Coba

(12)

ROISIN O'KEEFFE

Locken

(16) CAROLINE SHALVEY C. Ni Shealbhoigh Drumgoon (17) AOIFE BRADY

A. Ni Bhròdaigh Locken

(18) SIOBHÁN REYNOLDS S. Nic Ronall Cresserlough

(19) MARIA MURPHY Locken

(20) MARGARET McCABE M. Nic Cába (Joint Vice-Capt.) Drumgoon (21) NICOLA COLLINS

N. Ni Choileóir Larogh (22) BRENDA LYNCH

B. Ni Loingsigh Crosserlaugi (23) ANN MARIE SMITH A. M. Mhic Gob!

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(25) EMER McVEETY E. Nic on Shiotoigh Crosserlough

(26) SUSAN MULLIGAN S. Mi Mhoologáin

(24) AOISHE O'REILLY

Crasserlough

A. Ni Rogholloigh

(27) LISA BENNETT

L. Nic Beineid

Locken

Castletora

Team Management: Colm McEvoy, Margaret Carroll

ronagnan capture Gala All Ireland Junior B crown

GALA ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR 'B' CAMOGIE FINAL REPLAY

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CAVAN..... 1-08

MONAGHAN..... 0-12

By Daire Walsh

They battled right up until the final whistle, but the Cavan camogie side just missed out on securing the much-coveted Maire Ni Chinneide trophy when they lost to an Eileen McElroy-inspired Monaghan by the narrowest of margins in Donaghmore/Ashbourne on Sunday afternoon.

Things had looked good for Colm McEvoy's charges when they lead by a point with just two minutes remaining, but the Farney County finished the game the stronger of the two teams to come away with the victory in the end.

Cavan had made three changes for this game from the drawn encounter, with Siobhan Reynolds and Lisa Bennett coming in for Jenny O'Rourke and Carmel McBride, and Aoishe O'Reilly (the goalscoring hero from the first game) replacing Crosserlough's Sinead McKenna in the full-forward line.

They also made a number of positional switches, which included moving the dynamic Roisin O'Keeffe onto the edge of the square. This moved certainly paid dividends, as even though Monaghan opened the scoring with points from Karen Boyle and Eileen McElroy, O'Keeffe found the back of the opposition's net with a superb solo effort on six minutes to give Cavan the lead for the first time in the game.

This was followed almost immediately by a fine score on the left by Portobello's Brid Boylan, before Monaghan drew the sides level on eleven minutes when midfielder Eleanor McQuaid followed up an Eileen McElroy free with a strike from 40 metres. Cavan did show a good response when O'Keeffe knocked over after a sharp turn on Monaghan's Angela Kerr, but they would not score again until the very end of the half, as Geraldine Clarke's side started to get a grip on proceedings around the middle of the field.

on 26 minutes, and although Cavan had a number of opportunities at the end of the half, it took a free from Majella Prior to add to their total.

This left only a point between the teams at the break as it looked like, just as in their previous encounter, that this was going to go right to the wire. Given how much was at stake for both sides in the final 30 minutes of this game, it was no surprise that the beginning of the second period was quite a scrappy affair, and it wasn't until the 43rd minute that Cavan mustered up their next meaningful opportunity of the tie, when O'Keeffe went agonisingly close to bagging her second goal of the game, only for her kicked shot to go just wide of the post.

O'Keeffe and Boylan also had a couple of good goal chances at the end of the opening half, so it was clear that there were areas in the Monaghan defence that Cavan (who once again were wearing the Westmeath colours of maroon and white) could exploit.

O'Keeffe did find the range just two minutes later though with an equalising point, though Monaghan (appearing in the black and red of Down) regained the lead through substitute Lizzie McConnon on 48 minutes.

Prior and Shauna Finnegan then swapped points, before Cavan took the lead at a vital period courtesy of points from Prior (free) and O'Keeffe, as it looked like the Breffni girls were primed to push on for victory.

Monaghan suddenly found another gear though, and three unanswered scores from the influential Eileen McElroy left Cavan trailing by two points with the game now deep into injury-time. There was still some time for Cavan to try and force the game into extra-time though, with a free from the accurate Prior reducing the margin.

Cavan then had one final chance when Siobhan Maguire from Ballinagh received the ball in space, but her shot dropped short into the arms of grateful Monaghan 'keeper Roisin McKenna. After such a fine effort from both games, it was heartbreaking for Cavan to lose out so narrowly, but they can take great pride from the way they performed throughout the year, and can look forward to what should be a very competitive Ulster Intermediate Championship fixture against Armagh.

Cavan: Geraldine O'Reilly; Sinead Brady, Niamh Brady, Siobhan Reynolds; Lisa Bennett, Sinead Coyle, Rosie Crowe; Andrea Lynch, Josephine Maguire; Majella Prior (0-4, 4f), Lorraine Day, Brid Boylan (0-1); Aoishe O'Reilly, Roisin O'Keeffe (1-3), Marie Brady

SUBS; Aileen Smith for Maguire (45); Sinead McKenna for M Brady (46); Caroline Larkin for Bennett (52); Maguire for Day (60).

Monaghan: Roisin McKenna; Mary Meehan, Sharon McQuillan, Orla McMeel; Edel Kieran, Angela Kerr, Isobel Kieran; Siobhan McKenna, Eleanor McQuaid (0-2); Karen Boyle (0-1), Helen Hughes, Shauna Finnegan (0-1); Rosita Finnegan, Mary McElroy, Eileen McElroy (0-7, 3f, 1 '45').

SUBS: Lizzie McConnon (0-1) for R Finnegan (h/t).

Referee: Mike Sheehan (Cork).



Back row (L.r.): Margaret McCabe, Caroline Shalvey, Brenda McEvoy, Aoishe O'Reilly, Annie Lynch, Roisin O'Keeffe, Rosie Crowe, Geraldine Reilly, Niamh Brady, Aoife Brady, Jenny O'Rourke, Majella Prior, Carmel McBride, Marie Brady. Front row (L.r.): Siobhán Reynolds, Sinéad Brady, Josephine Maguire, Marie Murphy, Sinéad Coyle, Emer McVeety, Sinéad McKenna, Lorraine Day, Susan Mulligan, Anne Marie Fay, Brid Boylan.

Roles are reversed as Milford are favourites

CAMOGIE

TONIGHT
Evening Echo Cork County Senior
Championship quarter-final
Milford v Douglas
Mallow, 7pm

IN A REPEAT of last year's dramatic County semi-final when Milford dethroned champions Douglas with a brace of goals, both teams face each other again in Mallow in this year's championship quarter-final and the roles have reversed, writes LINDA MELLERICK.

This time it's Milford who go into the game as favourites.

Douglas came up against a side that were hungry and strong 12 months ago and from the outset Milford piled on the pressure. One would expect Milford to go into this game as hungry as before considering they have yet to lift the Punch Cup. Yet they press the self-destruct button so often they could likely do it again.

Douglas found it difficult to get beyond center-field for long periods during that game such was the driving force of Aine Watson at center-field and the sweeping role of Elaine O'Riordan. Milford have a number of stars in their side and if they click are a match for anyone. They can be inspirational, yet fall flat on alternate days.

With Anna Geary, Elaine O'Riordan, Louise O'Flynn and the three Watsons; Aine, Emer and Marie, it's hard to see Douglas having the strength in depth — Douglas don't seem to be the force they were when they took County honours in 2008.

Ballygarvan came close to defeating them with a late rally in Cloughduv
in early July. Yet they do have the talent. Julia White has grown significantly as a player since her introduction to the Cork senior panel, the
Mackey's are capable of leading any
game and with Jessica Kavanagh, the
O'Donovan's and O'Regan's, Douglas
are still a major force if they can manage to plug the couple of weaknesses
they have.

Both sides have a lot of talent. Milford do tend to have a more solid defence and they regularly get goals. This game could go to the wire.

Verdict: Millord

Aug 2010

Killeagh leave Éire Óg reeling

IN THE Senior B Championship this week, there were victories for Killeagh and Éire Og over Bishopstown and Glen Rovers in the round robin series of game writes MARY NEWMAN.

Killeagh and Bishopstown met in Youghal, where Killeagh's Angela Walsh, Mary O'Connor and Stefanie Beausang proved too strong for a Bishopstown side who battled to the finish.

Dominant from the throw-in Killeagh recorded a 3-19 to 0-6 victory.

In Castle Road, Éire Óg turned in a strong second-half display to defeat Glen Rovers as they made it four wins out of four.

The Glen led at the break after playing with the aid of the wind in the opening half, but with Margaret O'Herliby on target with seven frees and Alanna McKenna grabbing goals in each half, they won 2-8 to 2-6.

In the Junior C Championship semi-final at Glen Rovers, Ballinascarthy and Bride Rovers went head to head to book their place in the final against Youghal. It was level at the break 2-2 to 1-5 and as the sides remained deadlocked. Ballinascarthy dug deep and hit the front thanks to good work from Maura O'Brien, Ella Ryan, Caroline Sugrue and Evelyn O'Donovan.

Bride Rovers threw everything at the Ballinascarthy defence with Sinead Walsh, Grace Kearney, Jennifer Cahill and Jennifer Barry prominent however despite strong pressure Ballinascarty held firm to book their place in the final.

In the Junior A Championship Brian Dillon's deteated Watergrasshill to secure a semi-final spot.

Blackrock secured their semi-final spot and set up a meeting with neighbours Douglas when they defeated St Catherine's at Castle Road. Again it was tight as the sides battled it out.

Blackrock had excellent displays from Donna O'Leary, Roisin De Faoite and Molly Hurley, as they won with four points to spare as they receded a 1-8 to 1-4 victory.

Kildorrey and Sliabh Rua met in a section play-off in the Evening Echo Junior B Championship as both finished on level points after the round robin series of games.

 In a close encounter, Kildorrey reversed the result of their earlier meeting in the series to advance to a semi-final meeting against Ballincollig.

Gaillimh

Marun agus Ban

	(1) OLIVIA LANE O. Ni Laighin Turloophmore	CLE
(2) TARA KENNY T. Ni Chionooith Sarsfields	(3) KAREN BRIEN C. Ni Bhriain Killimor	(4) SIOBHÁN COEN S. Ní Chadhain Balliadearan
(5) NOREEN MURPHY N. Ni Mhurchú Ardrahan	(6) LAURA DONNELLAN L Ni Dhònolláin (Capt.) Mountbellew	(7) LORRAINE FARRELL L. Ni Fhearail Davitts
LAURA A L. M Killim	AITCHELL SHAUN	9) A HEALY i hÉili rahan
(10) REBECCA HENNELLY R. Ni hlonnaile	(11) CLODAGH McGRATH C. Nic Croith Sorsfields	(12) AILISH O'REILLY A. Ni Raghallaigh Oranmore

(14)

MARIA BREHENY

M. Nic an Breithiúnaigh

(20) AOIFE CAHALAN

Ardrahas

(21) SIOBHAN KELLY

(22) AOIBHIN KENNY

A Mi Chionor

(23) LISA O'NEILL

S. Ni Cheollaigh

A. Ni Chothelain

(24) CIARA CUNNIFFE

Athenry

(25) SHEILA FORDE

Ardrehan

C. Nic Connuibb

S. Nic Giollarnath

(26) MAIRÉAD LINNANE

M. Ni Linnebin

Turloughmore

(27) ORLAITH McGRATH

O. Nic Croith L Ni Nell R. Ni Mhan Sanfields Ballinasloe Manager: Johnny Kane. Trainer: Tom Page. Selectors: Noel Kelly, Emer Kearney.

Goalkeeping Coach: Tommy Kenny. Medical: Bridie Mitchell. Physio: Ian Egan.

Galway capture Minor A title

(13)

FINOLA KEELY

F. Ni Choollai

St. Thomas

(16) CAITRIONA DALY

C. Ni Oholaigh

(17) TRACEY MURRAY

. Ni Mhuiri

(18) MARIA COONEY

(19) RACHEL MONAGHAN

M. Ni Choo

Sersfields

St Thomas

Historic day for the rising stars of Galway camogie reports Eoghan Cormican, Semple Stadium

Galway 2-12 Clare 2-8

A powerful first half performance ensured a first All Ireland minor camogie title for Galway at Semple Stadium yesterday, and in the process, condemned Clare to a third straight final defeat. Galway received the perfect start racing four points clear after just ten minutes with Clodagh McGrath and the deadly accurate Rebecca Hennelly among the scorers. Despite Naomi Carroll shooting Clare's first point thereafter, they fell further behind when Ailish O'Reily crashed the sliotar to the net on the quarter hour mark.

Galway extended their advantage with three unanswered points from Rebecca Hennelly (free), Aoife Donoghue and Finola Keely as Clare looked to be in dire straits.

To their credit, they rallied bravely sniping three points before the break all coming from the stick of Captain Chloe Morey. Their cause received further impetus on the restart when Rachel O'Halloran pounced on a Chloe Morey delivery to riffle the sliotar to the net to suggest a Banner

Galway though ensured they always remained out of touch with Rebecca Hennelly and substitute mamn mouratn adding further to the tribeswomens' tally. The game's defining score arrived on 56 minutes when Marie Breheny latched onto a speculative Rebecca Hennelly shot from out the field to seal the victory.

Although Clare engineered a second gaol deep in injury time with Susan Fahy the provider it was to prove too little too late on a memorable day for Galway camogie.

On the day there were outstanding performances from Tara Kenny, Karen Brien, Siobhan Coen, Lorraine Farrell and player of the match Laura Mitchell. For Clare they were best served by Maire McGrath, Chloe Morey and Naomi Carroll.

Galway: O Lane, T Kenny, K Brien, S Coen, N Murphy, L Donnellan, L Farrell, L Mitchell, S Healy, R Hennelly (0-6, 0-4 free's, 0-1 '45'), C McGrath (0-1), A O' Reily (1-0), F keely (0-1), M Breheny (1-1), A Donoghue (0-1); Subs: N McGrath (0-2) for Keely (43 mins), M Cooney for Donoghue (58

Clare: S O'Shea, J Walsh, M McGrath, L Higgins, L Woods, C Morey (0-5, all free's), C Glynn, L Loughnane, N O'Dea, R O' Brien, K Cahill (0-1), N Corry, N Carroll (0-1), S Fahy (1-1), S Tuohy; Subs: R O'Halloran (1-0) for Woods (HT), A Considine for O'Brien (33 mins), L McMahon for Tuohy (43 mins).

Referee: K Looney (Cork)

Mitchell tops display with Player of the Match Award

Galway's young stars began a great day for the county, capturing the Minor A All Ireland title by defeating Clare on a scoreline of 2-12 to 2-08 at Semple Stadium, Thurles on Sunday August 22nd.

The replay encounter was a similar affair to the first meeting of these two sides with end to end action; great scores and fine individual

Gelway's Laura Mitchell was chosen as the Player of the Match for her impressive display at midfield.

Pictured are Zean Offfynin, President of the Camogle Association and Laura Mitchell, Gelway Camogle Player and 2010 Minor A Final Player of the Match.



(15)

AOIFE DONOHUE

A. Ni Dhonnchú

Mullegh

(28) NIAMH O'BRIEN

N. Ni Bhriain

(29) AINE MANNION

Ahescregh

A. Ni Mhainnin

(30) KATHY McDONAGH

C. Nic Donnacha

Mountbellew

Mullagh



An

Gorm agus Or

(1) SUZIE O'SHEA S. Ni Shé Ballyeo

(4) (3)(2)JESSICA O'NEILL MAIRE McGRATH JOANNE WALSH S. Ni Neill M. Nic Craith S. Breatnach Clooney Sixmilebridge Hewmorket (7)(6) (5)

CHRISTINA GLYNN **CHLOE MOREY LOUISE WOODS** C. Nig Fhloinn C Ni Mhóra (Capt.) L. Nic Conchoille Kilnomona Sixmilebridge St. Joseph's

NIAMH O'DEA LISA LOUGHNANE N. Ni Dheò L. Ni Lachtnáin Corofin Kilkishen

(11)

(10)NIAMH CORRY KATIE CAHILL RACHEL O'HALLORAN N. Ni Chorro C. Ni Chathail R. Ni hAllúráin Sixmilebridge Sixmilebridge Kilmaley (15) (14)(13)

SINEAD TUOHY SUSAN FAHY NAOMI CARROLL S. Ni Thuathaigh S. Ni Fhathaigh N. Ni Chearúil Sixmilebridge Whitegate Sixmilebridge

(16) LORNA HIGGINS L. Ni büliginn

(17) HELEN HEHIR

Inagh

(21) CAROLINE FEEHILY

Newmarket L. Ni Mhothung

(18) REGINA O'BRIEN R. Ni Bhriain Rewmorket Oponnellos (19) CAITRIONA HENNESSY (23) SAIDHBHE CORBETT

C. Ni hAonesa St. Joseph's

(20) LEANNE BOYLE L. Ni Bhooil Walfe Tones

C. Ni Fhicheallaigh (22) LAURA McMAHON

Mi Choirbin Clooney

(24) AISLING O'HALLORAN (28) ELLEN HORGAN A. Ni hAllúróin Kilmaley

(25) CIARA MINOGUE C. Ni Mhuineog Feakle

(26) RACHEL McNAMARA R. Nic Conmora

(27) VERA LOUGHNANE Feakle

(12)

Truogh (29) AILISH CONSIDINE A Nir Conspidin Kilmaley

E. Ni hArgóin

(30) EDEL BRODERICK E. Ni Shruodau

Killoneng

Mondger: Francie McMahon. Troiner: John Carmody. Selectors: Jim Loughnane, Brendan Mulcaire, Niamh McInerney. First Aid/Physical Therapist: Edel Maher

SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

Regina Glynn:

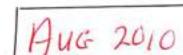
Athenry ace in top form against Cork

LAST Sunday in Thurles was a red letter day for Galway camogie with a well turned out minor team capturing the county's first ever All-Ireland title at this level and the seniors also coming up trumps in their semi-final replay against a Cork outfit which has been the sport's dominant force over the past decade.

It's difficult to separate the two sides' respective achievements, but the Galway seniors are competing at the top level and to edge out Cork after a tough battle is a great tribute to them. They had several outstanding performers, but pride of place must go to outstanding defender Regina Glynn who earns the Tribune Sports Star of the Week award ahead of teammate Therese Maher, Galway minor Tara Kenny, Para-



lympic soccer player, Jason Moran, Killererin's Padraic Joyce, Caherlistrane's Rory Glynn, Corofin's Kieran Comer, Galway U21 hurler Niall Quinn and Galway Utd's Barry Ryan.



Galway minors make no mistake in replay

Early Reilly goal puts young Tribeswomen on the right track

Galway Clare 2-8

EOGHAN CORMICAN IN THURLES

DESPITE a late revival from their opponents, goals in either half from Ailish O'Reily and Marie Breheny proved the difference last Sunday as Galway captured their first ever All Ireland camogie title at U18 level.

This four point win over a fancied Clare outfit played out in the magnificent surroundings of Semple Stadium, Thurles will be savoured by those in attendance for some time to come. Indeed, it laid the platform for what was to be a memorable day for those sporting the maroon and white of Galway.

This was powerful stuff from a Galway side of which just four are overage next year as they displayed terrific composure in emphatically dismissing the Clare challenge to ensure a clean sweep of underage titles for Galway in 2010.

In truth, Galway should have won by more had they showed a real ruthless streak at the turnaround before allowing Clare a glimmer of hope deep in second half stoppages

In a peerless performance from the front eight where Killimordaly's Laura Mitchell was awarded player of the match, although the accolade could easily have gone to either of the Galway corner backs, there was excellent showings from Rebecca Hennelly, Ailish O'Reily, substitute Niamh McGrath and the aforementioned Mitchell.

Lacking nothing by the way of commitment and spirit, the young Tribeswomen defended their lead vigorously, epitomised by the ferocious nature of Galway's full back line who were quicker and hungrier in the scavenge for possession.

In fairness, there were very few weak links in Thurles with Siobhan Coen and Lorraine Farrell outstanding on the left flank of defence. Tara Kenny and Karen Brien didn't put a foot wrong in the full back line, while outside them Noreen Murphy and Laura Donnellan did a lot of mopping up which made a big contribution to the possession supplied to the attack. A measly return of just 1-3 from Clare's starting forward unit speaks volumes about Galway's dominance in this area.

It didn't take the winners all that long to assert their superiority over a tenacious and wholehearted Clare side, who after three successive final appearances are still searching for a first minor crown.

Johnny Kane's charges started all guns blazing hitting four



Galway's Ailish O'Reilly celebrates after the final whistle with team-mates Niamh McGrath and Maria Breheny following their victory over Clare.

points without reply in the opening 11 minutes. Clare, on the other hand, could only manage four scores in the entire first period and this proved their ultimate downfall. In stark contrast, all six Galway forwards were on the board after just 22 minutes.

Clodagh McGrath underlined Galway's early intent, manufacturing the game's first score within 12 seconds of the throw-in. Rebecca Hennelly

doubled the advantage with a super strike over the shoulder, before the Adrahan sharpshooter converted a free and '45 to leave Galway sitting

Naomi Carroll registered Clare's first point, but Davitt's Marie Breheny cancelled out the effort in the ensuing passage of play. The turning point of the first half came on the quarter hour mark when Ailish O'Reilly carved open the Banner defence for the game's first

Shauna Healy snapped up possession before dispatching the sliotar with a perceptive pass to O'Reily who still had three blue and gold jerseys to negotiate before rattling the net with a low drive. The goal underlined Galway's scoreboard dominance with Rebecca Hennelly (free), Aoife Donoghue and Finola Kelly

splitting the posts subsequent-



Galway's Ailish O'Reilly is pursued by Clare's Niamh Corry during Sunday's All-Ireland minor camogie final replay in Thurles.

ly and it looked as if Clare were in danger of being white-

Sensing annihilation and a third straight final defeat, they finally sprung to life rattling off three answered points from the stick of centre-back Chloe Morey in a five minute spell to reduce the deficit to seven. However, their failure to sufficiently add to their tally towards the latter end of the first and early part of the second half, when in the ascendancy, was to prove costly. Successive blocks from Karen Brien and Tara Kenny to deny their opponents precious scores approaching half time only compounded

Trailing by seven points it was crucial for Clare to make a positive start to the second half and that they duly did finding the net to pare the margin back to four. Rachel O'Halloran pounced on a Chloe Morey delivery and blasted to the Galway net to rasie hopes of a Banner comeback. The winners though responded in true fashion with Rebecca Hennelly tallying two further points from the placed ball.

Thereafter, Niamh McGrath exchanged efforts with Chloe Morey, before Marie Brehony capitalised on a mistake by keeper Suzie O'Shea to register her side's second goal. It put Galway seven points to the good after 56 minutes of action and well on their way to a first minor All Ireland title.

Clare, to their credit, outscored Galway by 1-2 to 0-1 in the final nine minutes, but Galway were safe in the knowledge they were not going to be caught. Chloe Morey and Katie Cahill raised white flags, while Clare's consolation goal arrived courtesy of full forward Susan Fahy, following a blistering run from Naomi Carroll.

Despite this, Galway were four clear at the finish and this really and truly reflected the story of the game. Clare, try as they did ,could never get within touching distance of their

Add Sunday's title to the two U16's crowns secured this year and last, and it all leads to the same conclusion - a very very bright future for camogie in the

Galway: O Lane; T Kenny, K Brien, S Coen; N Murphy, L Donnellan, L Farrelt; L Mitchell, S Healy: R Hennelly (0-6, 0-4 frees, 0-1'45'); C McGrath (0-1); A O' Reily (1-0); F Keety (0-1), M Broheny (1-1), A Donoghue (0-1), Subs: N McGrath (0-2) for Keely (43 mins), M Cooney for Donoghue (58 mins).

Clare: S O'Shea; J Walsh, M McGrath, L Higgins; L Woods, C Money (0-5, all frees), C Glynn; L Loughnane, N O'Dea; R O' Brien, K Cahill (0-1), N Corry; N Carroll (0-1), S Faty (1-1), S Tuchy, Subs: R O'Hal-toran (1-0) for Woods (HT), A Considing for O'Brien (33 mins), L McMahon for Tuohy (43 mins).

Referee: K Looney (Cork)

CAMOGIE: A goal from super sub Louise Walsh in the dying minutes ensured that Kildare would be All-Ireland champions for the first time in 20 years when denying Armagh in the Gala All-Ireland junior 'A' final in Ashbourne by 3-10 to 2-8.

It was heartbreak again for the Orchard County girls after leading 2-5 to 1-6 at the break - who lost last year's decider to Roscommon after a replay, and for long stages they looked like they would go one step further this time around. It wasn't to be, though, as Walsh followed up on a 50th-minute goal from Mary Murtagh goal to stun the Ulster girls.

Meanwhile, Derry's superior goal threat was key as they took the honours in the All-Ireland minor 'B' final with a 3-10 to 0-9 victory over Antrim.

CAMOGIE

ALL-IRELAND M B CHAMPIONSHIP ALL-IRELAND M B CHAMPIONSHIP Final Derry 3-10 (K Keit 0-71,6 Mc Nicholl1-LM Kelly, MJ Mc Culloght-0 each, S Quinn, R Kelly O-1 each Antrim 0-9 (S Mc Killer 0-2, A Mc Atamney 0-26, R Walsh 0-11, A Mc Fadden, H Devlin,R M Rose, C Drain 0-1 each) JUNIOR 'A' ALL-IRELAND Final Kildare 3-10 (S O'Carroll 0-5(0-21), R O'Connell 0-4,0 Mulally, M Murtagh, L Walsh 1-0 each, C Tallon 0-1) Armagh 2-8 (C Mc Sorley 0-5 (0-41), J Malon 1-1, A Mc Alinden 1-0, C Domely, K O Brien 0-1 each)

Galway show tremendous character to end Rebels' reign as camogie champs

Galway Cork 0 - 9

EOGHAN CORMICAN IN THURLES

STORM clouds are gathering in the west that could spell the end of Galway's title drought at senior camogic level which has spanned a remarkable fourteen years.

Sunday's semi-final replay against treble chasing Cork presented the ultimate acid test for Noel Finn's charges. Despite showing admirable grit and determination to secure a draw in Nowlan Park, questions still remained over the mental toughness of this current crop.

If the Rebelettes forged ahead at crucial stages of the encounter, would Galway, as they have done so many times in the recent past, wilt or would they stand up to be counted. In the end, they silenced all those who ever doubted them.

Quite simply there can be no argument about the courage and conviction of the Galway side this week, but their clinical efficiency in front of goal is a facet of their play that requires serious surgery before Septem-

The tie itself was no advertisement for the game of camoaie and will certainly not cause J.J Doyle or his Wexford squad too many sleepless nights ahead of the final. In truth, Galway were much the better team for large stretches of the encounter, but a strong second half showing from the champions meant the outcome was decided by the last puck of the

Too often in the recent past Galway have come out on the wrong side of tight game's such as this one. The team, though, appeared to have a turned a corner this season, the reward of which is a place in the All Ireland final and a shot at claiming the elusive O'Duffy

Nevertheless, trailing by 0-8 to 0-7, it seemed as if Cork were destined for yet another appearance at GAA headquarters. Galway, on the other side of the coin, looked like a side that had exhausted their every last ounce of strength and spir-

On 57 minutes Eimear O'Sullivan seized possession in the Cork half back line, but was quickly swallowed up by a swarm of maroon jerseys. Referee Una Kearney adjudged the Ballinhassig centre forward to have over carried and pointed in the direction of Aoife Murray's goals. From the ensuing free, Aislinn Connolly stepped up and effortlessly levelled proceedings.

Captain Therese Maher subsequently collected the sliotar from the resulting puck-out, releasing possession with a clever hand pass to the onrushing Brenda Hanney. The towering Killimor forward thundered past the first Cork challenge and although her initial effort was blocked as the sliotar hopped on the turf of Semple Stadium, Hanney connected first time to whiz the

ball over the bar. Galway ahead, there were very few still remaining in their seats for it was frenetic stuff at this point. Amazingly Haney's ground stroke was Galway first point from play in the second

substitute Denise



Regina Glynn and Niamh Kilkenny are Jubilant after Galway's victory over Cork.

all of Tipperary two minutes into injury time and set of on a solo run, but with Therese Maher for company, she too, took more than the permitted amount of steps.

The whistle sounded and once more Una Kearney pointed towards the Cork goal. Once more, Aislinn Connolly stepped up and dissected the posts with a strike that sent the Galway following into a state of euphoria. Victory had been secured or least you presumed

Refusing to throw in the towel. Cork ratcheted it up a notch to ensure a nail-biting final few minutes. Galway custodian Susan Earner firstly pulled the sliotar from above the crossbar and then made a vital interception to Katriona Mackey's delivery, bound for Joanne Casey who was in oceans of space in front of

Indeed Earner's late heroics appeared to have saved Galway, but when Sile Burns converted her fifth free of the hour, the game hung in the balance

On securing possession from Earner's subsequent puck-out Veronica Curtin was controversially penalised for over-carrying and as the boos rang out around Thurles, Gemma O'Connor drilled then resultant free to the right and wide. Game over, victory and atonement for the Galway

In a low scoring, stop-start affair, where both defences were firmly on top, Galway enjoyed a three point cushion at the interval, 0-6 to 0-3. Tara Rutledge and Aislinn Connolly (free) were to the fore in Galway's promising start, but the sides were level on the quarter hour following white flags from Sile Burns (free) and Eimear O'Sullivan.

Points from Connolly (free). Caroline Murray and Veronica Curtin nudged Galway three ahead in a highly productive six minute spell, and they carried that lead with them to the break as Orla Cotter's effort was neutralised by the stick of Connolly.

Corks difficulty in the first period lay in the absence of central authority. Centre back Mary O'Connor was clearly feeling the effects of defeat to Tyrone in the Ladies football championship quarter final a day earlier. Gemma O'Connor was pulled from the team's central spine in a bid to curtail the influence of Brenda Hanney and although the St. Finbarr's player succeeded, she was eventually switched to the middle of the field where Orla Kilkenny was the dominant

successive fouls by Mullagh women Sarah Dervan and Therese Manton. Connolly and Burns exchanged efforts thereafter to maintain Galway's slender one point advan-

tage. That said, Gemma O'Connor's monstrous belt from midfield brought Cork back on level terms and all those doubts over Galway's ability to see out close encounters came flooding back. Indeed, with just eight minutes remaining on the watch Eimear O'Sullivan edged Cork in front for the first time, but crucially, they failed to build on their momentum with Gemma O'Connor and Orla Cotter, uncharacteristically, shooting unforgivable

What transpired after that has already been documented, but what hasn't been alluded to is the several outstanding performances from those in the maroon and white. Susan Earner's proved an ever-reliable source when called upon, while in defence the impenetrable Sandra Tannian, Regina Glynn, Niamh Kilkenny and Ann Marie Hayes each had the beating of their opponents and this, in no small way, contributed to the fact that only one Cork forward scored from play.

The magnificent Orla Kilkenny was a revelation in the centre of the park, keeping Cork captain Orla Cotter under wraps for long periods. Further forward, it was an indifferent day for the Galway offensive unit with the full forward line in particular failing to catch fire.

In terms of a player who gives everything to the cause there is none better than the lionhearted Therese Maher and along with Brenda Hanney, Galway boast two of the most potent forwards in the game.

No doubt, Wexford will be an entirely different proposition come September's second Sunday, but seeing as camogie days in the capital for those west of the Shannon are few and far between, for the moment at least we will bask in the joy of being involved in the sport's showpiece event. For that alone is quite the achievement.

Galway: S Earner; S Tannian, S Dervon, R Glynn; T Manton AM Hayes, N Kilkenny; E Kilkelly, O Kilkenny; C Murray (0-1), T Maher; B Hanney (0-1); T Rutledge (0-1), V Curtin (0-1), A Connolly (0-6, all frees); Subs: J Gill for Murray (45 mins), A Lynskey for Kilkelly (53 mins), L Ryan for Rutledge (65 mins).

Cork; A Murray; J O'Calaghan, C Foley, R Buckley; G O'Connor (0-1, free), M O'Cornor; A Geary; J Duffy, O Cotter (0-0; J White, E O'Sulfivan (0-2), J O'Leary; S Burns (0-6, all frees), R Moleoney; J Cassey, Subsi: P Mackey for Foley (35 mins), D Circoin for Moleoney (40 mins), K Mackey for Casey (64 mins).



Galway goalkeeper Susan Earner is challenged by Cork's Julia White during Sunday's Gala All-Ireland senior camogie championship semi-final replay in Thurles.

Walsh's goals stun champions

CAMOGIE

By LINDA MELLERICK

Imokilly St Catherine's

4-5 1-12

FOR the ninth time in nine years Cork will have new county senior champions after holders St Catherine's were dethroned by a second-half goal onslaught by Imokilly Rathcormac last evening.

Having played second fiddle for much of the first half, with their defence to thank for keeping them in contention, Imokilly ran at their opponents in the second period and a hat-trick of goals stunned the champions.

It was St Catherine's who piled on the early pressure. With Imokilly opting to play a third midfielder and with their entire half forward line at times playing too deep, Imokilly formed a blanket defence behind the ball and mopped up all that came their way, Carolyn Motherway in particular playing the proverbial blinder.

This pattern of play put immense pressure on the Imokilly defence but they stood tall to the challenge, with Mary O'Connor leading the way. Winning the half-back line and midfield battles, St Catherine's weren't enjoying the lead they should have, two points the margin entering the 23rd minute; 0-4 to 0-2.

Goalscorer supreme Ann Marie Walsh hit the first of her three goals seconds later, the divisional side now ahead by one.

Denise Twomey salvaged something from the half when she struck home a rebound two minutes later and an Orla Cotter free meant that Catherine's entered the dressing room leading by three points.

The sides were level within four minutes of the restart as Walsh hit her second goal, wonderfully worked by Angela Walsh, who was to prove troublesome for St Catherine's with her forward runs. A magnificent Orla Cotter strike cushioned the blow yet minutes later Walsh struck her third and once again Catherine's had to chase the game.

Again it was Cotter who answered the call with another marvellous strike and Imokilly

With both sides swapping points and the score standing at 3-5 to 1-9, Imokilly struck their final killer blow. A rasping strike from the wing saw Shone Cunningham blast the St Catherine's net. There was still 12 minutes of normal time remaining but you could feel the title slipping from Catherine's grasp.

Orla Cotter refused to wilt. Willing her side to lift their game she hit three further points to narrow the gap to two but time ran out. The champions were gone and the scoring machine that is Imokilly advanced to the semi-final of this season's championship.

Scorers for Imokilly: A M Walsh 3-0, G Keamey 0-3 (0-1 f, 0-1 45), S Cunningham 1-0, M O'Neill, C Keohane 0-1 St Cotherine's: O Cotter 0-9 (0-3 f. 0-2 45), Denise Twomey 1-9, Delettre Twomey, R O'Callaghan, F Neville

IMOKELLY: S Beausang (Killeagh); N O'Keeffe (Killeagh), N Barry (Castlelyons), S Smiddy (Killeagh); J Murphy (Sarsfields), M O'Connor (Killeagh), A M Walsh (Killeagh); E Murphy (Sarsfields), A Walsh (Killeagh); S Cunningham (Youghal), E O'Farrell (Sarsfields), S Hantington (Fr O'Neill's); C Keohane (Killeagh), M O'Neill (Watergrasshill), G Kearney (Fr O'Neill's), M O'Neill (Watergrasshill), G Kearney (Fr O'Neill's) for J Murphy (46), O Kearne (Sarsfields) for G Kearney (54), Annie Walsh (Killeagh) for S Cunningham (55).

(Sarsfields) for G.Kearney (54), Annie Walsh (Kineago) for S. Cunningham (55).

ST. CATHERINE'S: D. Leahy; F. Noonan, N. Mulcahy, O. Neville; C. Motherway, L. Pilver, A. O'Regan; O. Cotter, M. Tobin; F. Cotter, F. Neville, Del'Gre Twomey; Denise Twomey, E. Ronayne, R. O'Callaghan, Consumer, C. Callaghan, Co. Subs: M. O'Regan for R. (Callaghan (htt. R. O'Callaghan for F. Cotter (50), Y. O'Neill, Or Denise Twomey (inj. 54).

Referee; John O'Leary (Margnet).

By MARY NEWMAN

Ballincollig Courcey Rovers

2-10

THE dream remains alive for senior championship butants Ballincollig as they advanced to the semi-final stages of the Evening Echo senior championship after a fought battle with Courcey Rovers in Brinny last

The opening 20 minutes belonged to Courceys as they raced into a four-point lead after Caron O'Reilly had given them the perfect start with a goal inside two minutes of the throw-in and with Julia Mulcahy adding a point they settled into the

Rachel and Aisling Moloney were on top at midfield as they put Ballincollig under huge pressure and with captain Sarah Hayes a tower of strength at centre-back, they enjoyed the lion's share of possession as they took the game to Ballincollig but failure to convert possession up front into scores proved costly.

From the 15th to the 24th minute, Ballincollig hit five scores without reply four points in-a-row from Sarah Buckley, Patricia Buttimer, Holly Coomey and Denise Cronin brought them into the game before Patricia Buttimer hit for a goal.

With Rachel Moloney converting two frees, Courceys were back within a point and they missed a chance of at least being on level just before the break as Caron O'Reilly opted for a shot on goal but it was comfortably dealt with by Aisleen Sheehan in the Ballincollig goal.

Ballincollig, with the wind in their favour, got a great start to the second half when Holly Coomey sent a cross field ball to the Courcey's net and with Denise Cronin now beginning to have a big influence at midfield they added to their tally, Ashley Lovett and Sarah Buckley pointing to extend their lead.

Courcey's, with Rachel Moloney now operating in the forward line, kept pace as Moloney hit three points in-a-row, but Ballincollig responded with three to again put six between

CAMOGIE

Douglas Milford

DOUGLAS gained sweet revenge for their championship exit at the hands of Milford 12 months ago when they reversed the result in Mallow last evening and advanced to the semi-final of this year's senior championship, writes LINDA MELLERICK.

From the outset, Douglas were the hungrier side, fighting for every ball, the memory of their 3-11 to 6-9 defeat evidently still clear in their minds.

They deserved their victory over the hour despite a late revival from Milford which saw the north Cork 1.5 in seven minutes to side scor scare the daylights out of Douglas.

Once again it was Milford's insistence in trying to get goals from the very outset of this game which cost them in the end.

A low scoring first half didn't do justice to a highly competitive encounter where both sets of defenders were in the thick of the action. It was the fantastic defending of Douglas

Buttimer plays key role as Ballincollig reach the last four



Ballincollig's Holly Coomey feels the pressure from Paula Collins of Courcey Rovers during their Evening Echo Senior Camogie Championship clash at Brinny last night. Picture: Jim Coughlan

Courceys, with first half substitute Christine O'Neill hugely influential in defence driving long clearances down field, pressed hard for a goal but the Ballincollig defence were strong Eimear O'Sullivan and Kate O'Donoghue playing key roles as they held their lines clearing attack after

Jacinta Crowley hit a Courceys point before Ballincollig had a let off with Aisleen Sheehan forced to pull off a good save as they searched for

Rachel Moloney and Patricia Buttimer swapped points before Caron O'Reilly hit a late Courceys point and again they kept the pressure on the Ballincollig goal, but the Ballincollig defence, who were magnificent all through, stood firm as they advance to a meeting with either St Catherine's or Imokilly and its still all to play for.

Scorers for Ballincellig: P Buttimer 1-2, H Coomey 1-1, A Lovett, S Buckley (I's) 0-2 each J Ryle, D Cronin, M O'Donoghue 0-1 each.

Coursey Rovers: R Moloney 0-6 (0-2 f. 0-2 '45), C O'Reilly 1-1, J Crowley, J Mulsahy 0-1 each.

BALLINCOLLIG: A Sheehan: E O'Sullivan, A Kiely, A Coughlan: C Irish, K O'Donoghue, A Cotter; D Cronin, S Coomey, J Ryle, A Lovett, S Buckley; P Buttimer, M O'Donoghue (c), H

Coomey.
Subs: L Weste for S Coomey (h-tl., S Coomey for H Coomey (57).

COURCEY ROVERS: E Ryan; A Allen, M O'Donovan, C Hayes; P Collins, S Hayes (d), E Moloney, R Moloney, A Moloney, U Quinn, C O'Driscoll, C Duppan; J Crowley, J Mulcehy, C O'Reilly.

Subs: C O'Neill for C Duggan (24), S Quinn for U Quinn (52) N McCarthy for E Moloney (53). Referee: Mike Sheehan (Liscamoli).

Mackey stars for Douglas in revenge

which stood out.

Jessica Kavanagh as ever was dependable and strong in goal, placing Maria Harkin at full-back worked a treat, Amanda O'Regan was a commanding figure and Emma Jordan, a player who has improved greatly since last season, all played starring roles. Milford hadn't even warmed up when Julia White's pass found Aileen O'Donovan and she struck the net from close range in the second

That was to be the only score for the next 17 minutes as both defences worked like trojans, Elaine O'Riordan leading Milford relentlessly.

Player of the match, Katrina Mackey, and Marie Watson swapped points 19 minutes in as the game swung end-to-end.

Douglas stretched their lead to six points when Mackey (2) and Julia White pointed in quick succession heading into the first half injury-time.

Milford needed something before

it with a handpassed goal to narrow the gap to three. A Katrina Mackey free was the response Douglas re-

Milford piled on the pressure from the restart but their persistence in running towards goal and into trouble provided zero reward as Douglas crowded them out.

Five points to no reply from Katrina Mackey (3), Julia White and a beautiful piece of individual skill from Amanda O'Regan pushed Douglas into a 1-10 to 1-1 lead entering the final

There seemed to be no way back for Milford. They introduced Sinead O'Flynn and she made an immediate impact. Anna Geary got more involved and all of a sudden Milford started to take their points.

Geary (2) and Elaine O'Riordan pointed within three minutes. Good forward defending denied Douglas clearing another attack and when Louise O'Flynn gathered and rattled the net a minute later the game was suddenly down to three points. Maria

the break and Marie Watson provided Watson pointed, the gap was two. It was game on as Milford drove forward. The experience of Amanda O'Regan was crucial in the dying minutes, Maria Harkin stood tall as did Emma Jordan and the excellent Katrina Mackey calmed the city side's nerves when she pointed to extend the gan to three again.

> Now Milford had to goal just to draw level. Search as they might for it, it never came and Douglas rejoiced in a victory that looked so far away in Mourneabbey 12 months ago.

Scorers for Douglas: K Mackey 0-8 (0-3 f, 0-1 45), A O'Donovan 1-0, J White 0-2, A O'Regan

Milford: M Watson 1-2, L O'Flynn 1-0, A Geary 0-2 (0-1 f), E O'Riordan 0-1.

6-2 (6-1.f), E. O'Riordan d-1.
DOUGLAS: J. Kavanagh; M. O'Donovan, M. Har-kin, E. Jordan; A. Sarrett, A. O'Regan, L. O'Regan; P. Mackey, S. Duggan; K. Mackey, J. White, C. Lynch; R. O'Sullivan, Aileen O'Donovan, Aine

Subs: C Murphy for M O'Donovan Ihiti, T Mc-Carthy for S Duggan (56), C Kavanagh for L

Subs: C Morphy for in O Scholars, C Kavanagh for L O'Regan (57).

MILFORD: R Finn: O O'Mathorry, N O'Brien, L Healy; D O'Reilly, E O'Riordan, S Sexton; A Watson, A Geary: M Flanagan, E O'Friel, A Thompson; M Watson, L O'Flyren, E Watson, Subs; A O' Flyren and S O'Flyren for A Thompson and E O'Friel (42).

Before: Frank Fitzpatrick (Clyda Rovers).

Referee: Frank Fitzpatrick (Clyda Rovers).

Saints will have learned lesson

CAMOGIE

TONIGHT **Evening Echo Cork** County Senior championship quarter-final St Catherine's v Imokilly

Rathcormac, 7pm DEBUTANTS Ballincollig caused the upset of the championship when they defeated County champions St Catherine's in the opening round of his year's Cork County senior camogie championship, writes LINDA MELLERICK.

It often happens; that county champions let down their guard and St Catherine's were caught.

That defeat possibly gave the champions the wake up call they required and a different team took to the field when they played Barryroe in the second round back door, winning 1-15 to 0-5.

They take on an Imokilly side with three games and three wins to their credit having defeated Carbery, Carrigdhoun and Rockbán respectively. This will be Imokilly's toughest assignment to date.

St Catherine's have one of the most tenacious defences in the championship Oria Cotter at centerfield and Finola Neville, Fiona Cotter and Denise and Deirdre Twomey up front.

In fact if you go through each line in the St Catherine's team they are the most balanced side in the championship strengths in every sector.

Imokilly have notched up some big scores to date and they welcomed the return of Emer Farrell whose fitness undoubtedly improves as the season progresses.

It's always hard to determine just how good a divisional side will be at the beginning of a season as players prioritise they own

However, as they progress players get familiar with each other and an obvious improvement is evident.

Scoring 7-43 in the chamto-date and pionship clearly topping the table, Imokilly won't find the posts with ease.

This won't be a high scoring tally for them against a different type of altogether opposition. Their defence will also be up against a very lively, talented St Catherine's attacking midfield and forward line.

Verdict: St Catherine's.

in semis

IT'S another busy weekend of championship action with games at all levels down for writes decision NEWMAN.

Today it's the Evening Echo Intermediate Championship semi-finals, as Tracton and Mallow meet at Castle Road, while in an all-east derby divisional neighbours Sarsfields and Fr O'Neills meet in Killeagh.

Both semis will be keenly contested, but all eyes will be on the game in Killeagh as divisional teammates go head to headl

Last season Sarsfields lost out to Clonakilty in the final and they will be determined to go one better this year.

Fr O'Neills have been hugely impressive to date, and they happily have former Cork senior stars Mags Finn and Fiona O'Driscoll back in the fold.

Sarsfields lost to Tracton, but as Ballyhea failed to field against them they went through. Emer O'Farrell is back to her best, while they have good performers in Orlaith Keane, Edel Murphy Sinéad O'Leary and Karen Comerford.

In the other semi, Tracton have been the form team and have racked up 10-28 to date. Mallow however are a young side who show great promise, and they defeated a strong Newtownshandrum side before losing out to Fr O Neills.

Today is a big day also for Youghal and Ballinascarty, as they meet in the Evening Echo Junior C Championship final.

In their semi-final outing, Youghal overcame a strong Castlyons outfit, and they go in as favourites.

overcame Ballinascarty Bride Rovers 3-5 to 2-5 to secure their place in the final, and it was thanks in the main to their defence.

Ballincollig's Elsewhere. second string will face Killdorrey in Castle Road in the semi-final of the Evening Echo Junior B Championship. Kildorrey having won the Junior C title last season have continued their progression and they will be hoping to reach another

In the second semi final Na Piarsaigh and Castlemagner will meet on Tuesday at 6.45pm in Bishopstown.

The juvenile county board has two games this weekend - today Valley Rovers and Courcey's Rovers meet in the semi-final of the under 14A league at 11.30am in Castle Road, and tomorrow at the same venue at 1pm, the under 12A league final replay between Ballinhassig and Sarstields takes place.

Divisional colleagues do battle Hard to believe that



Sarah Buckley, Ballincollig, is chased by Paula Collins, Courcey Rovers, during the Evening Echo Senior Camogie Picture: Jim Coughlan Championship game at Brinny.



IT'S hard to break a habit.

And it's going to be hard to break the habit of seeing Cork compete in the All-Ireland senior camogie final in Croke Park this year.

There's a touch of the surreal about it actually, and meeting with players and county board members during the week everyone felt the same.

I've lost count of the number of people who have said to me 'I can't believe we're not going to Croke Park this year'.

The build-up will be missed the most. There'll be no press night, no purchasing of gear, no weekend logistics to sort out, and no running and racing.

For the players they'll miss the excitement that arrives when you're training for an All-Ireland final. It's the nicest time of the year to be training and you wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

Since 2002, Cork have been in Croke Park the second week of September eight years on the trot.

The majority of the panel don't know what it's like not to be in a final.

While that can be a good thing as the expectation is always there, the downside is that complacency sets in and it is that complacency which costs Cork the three-in-a-row time and again.

I've said it before; we forget too easily what it's like to lose.

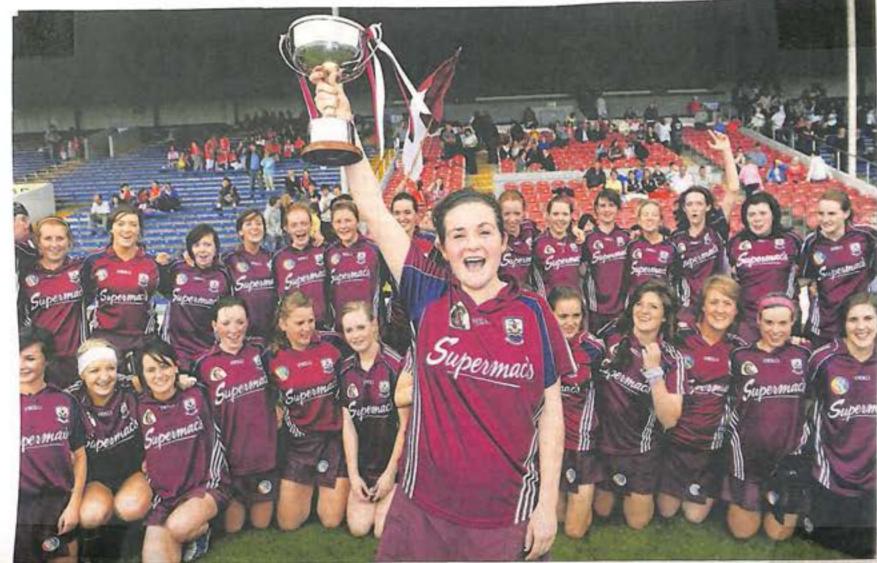
Many of the players were hurting last

Saturday and that is good. The day losing doesn't hurt, is the day you should walk away.

I have a concern that Cork will find it hard to get back to winning ways. Cork were very successful at minor level -U16 at the time - in the late Nineties/ early Noughties - winning five titles in six years.

A substantial number of those players made it onto the Cork senior team -Dillon, Emer O'Callaghan, Rachel Moloney, Sarah Hayes, Aoife Murray, Orla Cotter, Sile Burns, Cathriona Foley, Amanda O'Regan and Anna Geary.

Cork hasn't won a title since 2003 and

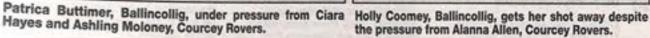


Galway minor camogic captain Laura Donnellan lifts the Alf-Ireland Cup in front of her delighted team-mates after their replay victory over Clare in Semple Stadium, Thurles, on Sunday. PHOTOS: MATT BROWNE/SPORTSFILE.

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Cork are not in final







the pressure from Alanna Allen, Courcey Rovers.

Cork camogie going to the dogs

A REMINDER again this sorship for races at €500 week that the Cork Camogle Board has organised a big fund-raising venture with a benefit night taking place on Friday, September 24, at the Cork Greyhound Track in Curraheen.

The board is hoping to get huge support from all camogie players and their families for the event, and they are seeking spona race. They are also seeking sponsorship for dogs at €50 each, and are selling tickets for entry to the track on the night at €10 each.

There is also advertising space on the programme at €60 and

Anyone who will sponsor a race, an advertisement or a dog, or just sell tickets, can contact the board through their club, or they can log onto www.corkcamogie.com for more details.

The county board is to be complimented on the superb facility that they have in place at Castle Road, and everyone is urged to get behind them and help with the final push to get the project completed.

FIXTURES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

Evening Echo Intermediate champio ship semi-finats: Tracton v Mallow Cas Road 2-30pm; Fr Q Neills v Sarsfiel Killeagh 6-30pm.

Evening Echo Junior C Championship final: Youghal v Ballinascarty Castle Road

U14 A league semi-final: Velley Rovers v Courcey Rovers Castle Road 11.30am. SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

Evening Echo junior B Championship semi-final: Ballincollig v Kildorrey Castle

U12 A league final replay: Sarsfields v TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

Evening Echo Junior B Championship semi-final: Na Pianaigh v Castlemagner Bishosptown 6.45pm.

it is starting to show on the Rebels' bench this past couple of years.

While Cork won five senior titles during the Nineties without winning a minor title from 1985-1998, our club camogie was very strong at national

No Cork club has won a Munster title since the Glen back in 1994.

At inter-county level you should only carry a bench where every player is capable of coming on and making a contribution.

We haven't been able to find those players and are carrying players to make up the numbers at training.

When it comes to the crunch in the heat of championship, we don't have the calibre to spring from the bench. Thankfully an underage develop-

ment programme is underway, but it may be a few years before that bears fruition.

With a number of the players rumoured to be retiring, Cork will have a challenge on their hands next year. But we love a challenge. We at our

best when our backs are to the wall.

Cork could have won last weekend's semi-final even without hitting form, but you have to give credit to the Galway defence, as their tactics and their composed play closed things down.

Cork's defence did well too mind you - particularly Rena Buckley and how difficult it must have been for her, as captain, losing the All-Ireland football quarter-final against Tyrone alongside another dual player in Mary O'Connor the previous day.

Sport can be cruel but both players, I'm sure, realise how lucky they've been too, winning a number of camogie and football doubles.

I didn't think the poor standard of referring at inter-county level could shock me anymore, but I was wrong.

Una Kearney awarded 34 frees, at least half of which were unnecessary. Karl O'Brien the week before wasn't much better, and I was surprised to hear him praised on The Sunday

His performance might have been a cracker, but that wasn't down to his handling of it.

He awarded 29 frees - 19 for Cork and 10 for Galway. Both games were extremely clean and competitive.

When are we going to learn? I can't understand how they continue to say that camogie isn't a contact sport.

It's impossible to play the game without contact. I have no issue with awarding a free for a blatant shove on the back, but this petty blowing for the slightest touch has to stop.

We wonder then why we can't get repeat attendees.

There is an advantage rule in camogie, yet twice in the drawn game Cork were through with the nearest opponent 10 metres away and the ref awarded a free for something that happened where the initial strike was

It took the advantage away from Cork, and secondly it stopped the game and brought play back.

Maybe referees are enforcing the rulebook to the letter of the law.

I'm not familiar with the ins and outs of it. If they are, then maybe the blame doesn't rest with them, and it's the rulebook which needs to change.

If so, then please let's do it as a matter of urgency.

The game needs a chance.

MINOR A CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Dr. McDonagh Park, Nenagh Galway 1-8. (R Hennelly 1-3(0-1f), T Murray 0-2(f), M Brehony, A Donoghue, C McGrath 0-1 each) Clare 0-11, (C Morey 0-6(f), N Carroll 0-2, N Corry, R O'Brien, K Cahill 0-1 each)

GALA JUNIOR A ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINALS

Kildare 3-14, (O Mulally, C Callon 1-2 each, R O'Connell 1-1, S O'Carroll 0-3, M Murtagh, L Walsh 0-2 of presenting the Nancy Murray Cup to Niamh Breen. Doran, S Hurley 0-1 each) London 0-10, (D Gilligan 0-9(6f), S Martin 0-1)

Armagh 4-6 Westmeath 1-9

GALA JUNIOR B ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Cavan 1-7, (M Brady 0-3, M McCabe 1-0, R O'Keeffe 0-2, M Prior, A Lynch 0-1 each) Monaghan 1-7. (S Finnegan 1-1, S McKenna, M Greenan 0-2 each, E McElroy, O McNeill 0-1 each)

GALA ALL IRELAND PREMIER JUNIOR SEMI FINALS

Waterford 2-14, (A Lyng 0-9(0-5f), P Jackman 1-3(0-1f), K Kelly 1-2) Meath 1-9.(J Dalton 0-5(0-2f), L Oakes 1-0, S Hackett, E Guy 0-2 each)

Casement Park Antrim 3-10 (J Adams 3-5(0-3f), S Graham 0-2, R McCarry, M Convery, A Martin 0-1 each) Antrim 3-10 (3 Additional Control of the Control of

Kildare end 20-year famine in Gala All-Ireland junior A final

By Daragh Ó Conchúir

A resolute Kildare unit recovered from an uncertain start to end a 20-year famine at the top level by winning the Gala All-Ireland junior A final in Ashbourne by 3-10 to 2-8 against

A goal from super sub Louise Walsh in the dying minutes meant the president of the Camogie Association, Joan O'Flynn - a former chairperson of the Kildare board - was in the happy position

A long time resident of the Short Grass, O'Flynn has certainly brought good luck to the counties she is connected with, the Cork native having had the pleasure of presenting the O'Duffy Cup for

the senior championship to Rebels skipper Amanda O'Regan last year. She will have undoubtedly had a lot of sympathy for Armagh though, as the Orchard representatives had also lost last year's decider to Roscommon, after a replay.

For long stages in this encounter, they looked like they would go one step further this time but it wasn't to be as Walsh followed up on a 50th minute goal from Mary Murtagh goal to stun the

A couple of goals in the opening quarter from Andrea McAlinden and Joanne Mallon pushed Armagh into a six point lead but with the brilliant Róisín O'Connell contributing three of her four points from play and Orla Mullally goaling from close range, the Lilies trailed by just 2-5 to 1-6 at

McAlinden almost snatched a second goal but she was denied by a smart save from Kildare custodian, Brid Byrne.

Despite the promptings of Carol Nolan, Clodagh Flanagan, Siobhán Hurley and Ciara Tallon, Kildare were finding it difficult to break down Armagh, for whom Colette McSorley was unerring

Then came Murtagh's goal from 40m after Catherine Toner lost sight of the sliotar in the sun and suddenly Kildare had the lead. When Walsh found the net with time running out, the celebrations

Derry's superior goal threat was the key as they took the honours in the All-Ireland minor B final with a 3-10 to 0-9 victory over Antrim.

A Mary Jo McCullagh goal, after good work from Danielle McCrystal and Ailish Cassidy, helped the Oak Leaf girls lead by 1-6 to 0-5 at half time, while Mary Kelly and Grainne McNicholl raised green flags after the resumption.

Despite the 10-point margin, the champions could thank the brilliance of goalkeeper Niamh McQuillan however for their success. The netminder made three brilliant saves from Samantha McKillen, Anna Devlin and Rebecca Walsh and was named player of the match.

Aimee McAtanney tried to keep Antrim in touch from placed balls but with Karen Kielt, sister of senior football star James, doing likewise and McQuillan unbeatable, it was Derry's day.

Championship Camogie

Killeagh Bishopstown 3-19

THE round robin series of games in the Senior B championship continued in the week gone by and there were victories for Killeagh and Eire Og over Bishosp-town and Glen Rovers. Killeagh proved to strong for Bishopstown when the sides met in Youghal.

Angela Walsh, Mary O'Connor and Stefanie Beausang were prominent from the throw in for Killeagh as Bishosptown battled to stay in contention. Killeagh worked hard as they made it three wins out of three in their quest for a semi-final place and at the full-time whistle they were 3-19 to 0-6 to the good as they recorded victory.

Eire Og Glen Rovers

EIRE ÓG had two points to spare over Glen Rovers thanks to a strong second half performance as they made it four wins out of four and secured their semi-final slot. Glen led at the break after playing with the aid of the wind but with Margaret O'Herlihy on target with seven frees, Erin Corkery hitting one and Alanna Mc Kenna hitting a goal in each half they ran out winners on a 2-8 to 2-6 score line.

Ballinascarty **Bride Rovers**

IN the Junior C championship semi final Ballinascarty and Bride Rovers played out a close encounter, it was level at the break 2-2 to 1-5 and as the play swung from end to end there was little between them in the second half. Ballinascarty dug deep and hit the front Bride Rovers battled for an equaliser but despite strong pressure Bal-linascarty held firm to book their place in the final.

2.7 Brian Dillon's Watergrashill

IN the Junior A champi-onship Brian Dillon's defeated Watergrashill to secure a semi- final spot.

St Catherines 14

BLACKROCK secured their semi- final spot and set up a meting with neighbours Douglas when they defeated St Catherines at Castle Road. Again it was tight as the sides battled it out Blackrock had excellent displays from Donna O'Leary, Roisin De Faoite and Molly Hurley as they booked their place in the semi final with four points to spare as they receded a 1-8 to 1-4 victory.

Enniskoane Brian Dillon's

ENNISKEANE booked their place in the Evening Echo Junior A championship final when they edged out Brian Dillon's in a tight contest in Cloughduv. Enniskeane led by three points at the break but Brian Dillon's took the lead with a Therese Drummond goal. However, Enniskeane were not going to be denied as they battled back to book their place in

Youghal Ballinascarty

YOUGHAL hung on under severe pressure to take the Evening Echo junior C championship title as they beat Ballinascarty in a close final in Castle Road.

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Despite the aid of the strong wind in the opening half, Youghal were only level at half-time, 0-6 to 1-3, after Ballinascarty worked tirelessly. Maura O'Brien pointed to give Ballinascarty the lead, but two Shauna Cunningham points edged her side ahead. Ballinascarty levelled with a Maura O'Brien point.

Ballinascarty's defence stood firm as they absorbed defence pressure from the Youghal attack, and then Caroline Sugrue split the Youghal defence before unleashing a shot to the roof of the net. Working hard, Youghal hit back and took the lead, striking four points without reply, with Shauna Cunningham, Shannon Bulman-Joyce and Siob-han Downing (2) on target. Ballinascarty had the final say of the opening half, as Marie Condon levelled with a point, and at 0-6 to 1-3 it was still all to play for in the sec-



Youghal captain, Ann O'Connell, is presented with the junior C championship trophy by Marion McCarthy, chairperson, Cork camogie board.

Margin of one point makes Youghal champs

Five minutes into the second-half, Caroline Sugrue edged Ballinascarty ahead, but Kelly McCarthy replied to keep the sides deadlocked. Ballinascarty enjoyed plenty of possession, with the strong wind, but the Youghal defence stood firm, captain Ann O'Connell leading the way. Again, as they did in the opening half, Youghal hit a

purple patch and four points in a row, from Shauna Cunningham, Siobhan Downing, and Shannon Bulman-Joyce saw them open up a four-point lead with six minutes of normal time remain-

Ballinascarty continued to press and they were rewarded, with Caroline Sugrue grabbing goal as she kicked the

Youghal: D Kelly, A Siochru, A O'Connell Ici, M Dalton; A Corcorar S Flavin, N Quill; S Cunningham, K S Flavin, N Gullt, S Cunningham, K Stoene; S Bullman-Joyce, E O'Connell, R O'Keeffe; K McCarthy, S Downing, K McCarthy, Subs. A Motherway for N Gumn (23), C O'Donoghue for E O'Connell (23), E O'Connell for K McCarthy (48). Scorers: S Cunningham 0-4 (0-2f), S Downing 0-4, S Bulman-Joyce 0-2, K Mc Carthy 0-1.

Ballinascarty: M O'Brien: S Caniffe, K O'Donovan, S Walsh; S Hennessy, R Nyhan, M O'Donovan, M Condon, K O'Donovan, C Condon, M O'Brien, C Sugrue, E O'Brien, E Ryan Ici, E O'Donovan, Sub: D Moloney for M O'Donovan, (49) O'Donovan (49). Scorers: C Sugrue 2-1 O'Brien 0-2, M Condon 0-1.

Referee: Mick Sheehan (Liscarroll)

ball over the line to cut the deficit with five minutes on the stop watch.

Several stoppages for injury ensured seven minutes of injury-time, a period in which Ballinascarty battled to get on level, the Youghal defence cleared under enormous pressure, and Ballinascarty almost grabbed a goal, but the kicked effort shaved the upright and went wide. Again they pressed, but Youghal were not going to be denied as they hung on to take the title, their first at adult level in over 30 years.

Shonagh Cunningham was named player-of-the-match following her performance

Tracton and Mallow bound for semi-final replay

Mallow

1-8

MALLOW and Tracton must meet again, after they finished all square in an exciting Evening Echo intermediate championship semi-final clash at Castle Road. An in-jury-time point by Michelle Browne ensured a draw. Tracton led at the break, 1-4 to 0-5, with the goal from Jemma Hurley, but the sides were evenly matched.

In the second-half, Mallow were level by the eighth minute, but Tracton's Aoife Kiely scored a goal 12 minutes into the half. Michelle Browne pointed a 45 to narrow the gap, and as Mallow applied pressure, Tracton's defence had to be at their best. Tracton were let off the hook when Michelle Browne's shot for goal hit the side netting, but the sides were deadlocked with five minutes of normal time remaining, as Katie for the sides.

Buckley hit a Mallow goal from way out the field. Marion Jagoe restored the Tracton lead with a point. Mallow fought back with a Michelle Browne point, and, again, they applied pressure, Katie Buckley putting the Tracton defence under pressure, but she was fouled on her way to goal, at the edge of the square.

Browne tapped over the free to ensure another day out Mallow: S O'Connor; J O'Donnell, K O'Halloran; L Tanner; B O'Sullivan, K Coakley, A O'Rourke; M Byrne, E Coakley; S Fitzgerald, M Browne, J Fitzpatrick; K Buckley, F O'Donoghue, K O'Brien (cl. Subs: S Coakley for B O'Sullivan (288 Ganley for F O'Donoghue (h/t0.) L Hayes for S O'Connor (46). Scorers: M Browne 0-7(0-3f, 0-1 45") K Buckley 1-2, K O'Brien 0-1.

O'Brien 0-1.
Tracton: N Lynch; C Lynch, T
Harrington, E Collins; A Dempsey, J
A Kingston (c), N Mullane; K
O'Sullivan, G Hurley; C Fitzgerald, J
Lynch, M Mc Guinness; M Jagoe, A
Kiely, E Harrington, Scorens: A Kiely
1-1, J Lynch 0-4 (0-3 45" 0-1 ft, J
Hurley 1-0, M Jagoe, O Fitzgerald,
0-1 each.

Ref: Diarmuid Kirwin (Éire Óg).

ALL-IRELAND MINOR CAMOGIE C FINAL

Girls are up for all-Ireland

All Ireland Minor C final preview: Carlow v Armagh on Saturday in Ashmore, 2.30pm

CARLOW minor camogie team play in the all-Ireland C final at Ashbourne on Saturday next.

Carlow have qualified for the final by finishing unbeaten in a group of five from Louth, Meath, Kildare and Westmeath. The Carlow girls then accounted for Cavan 3-8 to 2-6 in the

Armagh were also top of a group which included teams from Cavan,

This Carlow squad of players is the result of a youth policy started by Carlow Camogie Board some five years ago. Success has been earned at Leinster u14, Leinster and all-Ireland u16 levels. Carlow also appeared in the minor final last year beaten by Laois by five points.

The Carlow team will be powered by a number of players from the panel of 2009 and some experienced players like Amy Skelton, Maria Kehoe, Emma Kelly, Michelle Kelly, Kate Nolan, Margaret Murphy, Katie accounted for Meath in their semi- McDonald, Ann Murphy, Ciara Ireland.

Quirke, Susan Williams, Collette Malone, Sarah Jane Burke, Jillian English and Sarah Foley.

Also on the panel are girls who won u16 all-Ireland honours this year: Niamh Curran, Ann Marie Kelly, Cloe Kenny, Lorraine Bible, Michelle Nolan, Maria Carroll, Eleanor Treacy and Rebecca O'Dwyer.

The quality of Armagh is unknown except that they beat Meath, a team which Carlow struggled against before winning 2-5 to 0-4 in July. They cannot be taken for granted Mayo and Roscommon. They O'Byrne, Shauna Barcoe, Olivia if Carlow are to win another all



Galway's Aislinn Connolly

CAMOGIE ALL-IRELAND MINOR 'C' FINAL Ashbourne: Carlow 5-10 (E Treaty 2-2, M Murphy 1-3CR O'Dwer, L Bible 1-0 each, C Quirke, K O'Byrne, O Mac Donald, M Nolan 0-1 each, S Barcoe 0-1f) Armagh 1-12 (L Smith 1-2, P Cosgrove 0-5f, 0-1'45,J Mullen,M Mc Kenzie, M Leneghan,M Murphy 0-1 each)



IT'S JUST as well I don't indulge in a flutter every now and again such were my championship predictions last week.

St Finbarr's, Milford and St Catherine's all let me down.

All-Ireland every year and in this case the best team will win the county.

St Finbarr's dominated the opening half, but failed up front. To be fair, the loss of Vivienne Harris and Orla O'Sullivan from any forward line would have been difficult to over-

Cloughduv's spirit saw them through and deservedly so. Katherine Corkery seems to be getting better as the years go by. She was inspirational just as she was against Barryroe.

What service the Corkerys have given to Cloughduv and indeed Cork. They are an inspirational family.

And they just keep coming. Another sister, Mairead at just 13 years of age came on as a sub against the Barrs and played a huge role in swinging the game, scoring a valuable point and won a free. Marie's daughter Aileen (14) is also reported to be a fine up and coming player.

A last-minute goal snatched victory for Cloughduy. In the crowded goalmouth I reported that Barbara Ann Corcoran was the player who got her hand to it, but dropped it. I was wrong about that and my apologies to Barbara.

Milford were the most disappointing team of all and I believe now that their chances of winning a county title are all but over with the current players. Some new blood is required. We all willed them to win a title but I think they've missed their chance at this stage.

What was most disappointing was their lack of hunger Douglas, obviously still bruised after their defeat 12 months ago, were always going to come out full of fire. But Milford should have been able to match that having lost another county final in

Douglas led 1-10 to 1-1 entering the final quarter. From the outset Milford were set on goals and once again it was to be their downfall. A scoring burst saw them hit 1-4 which put a

Championship predictions did St Finbarr's could have won their quarter-final qualifier with Cloughduv but they didn't and as Brian Cody says, the best team wins the



Roisin O'Callaghan, Rachel O'Halloran, Aoife O'Flynn, Claire Hyde, Emma O'Sullivan, Kate Dorgan, and Kelly McGrannigan take some time out from their camogie section at the Vhi Cul Camp in Passage. Picture: Damien Quirke

better reflection on the scoreboard and one wondered why they hadn't gone for points all through.

Douglas look contenders again.

Not since 2002 has a club or divisional side taken back-to-back titles and St Catherine's were dethroned by, now championship favourites, Imokilly. What a scoring machine they are! I said in my preview that despite scoring 7-43 in the run-up to the quarter-final this game wouldn't be a high scoring tally for them.

Well I got that wrong too with four goals literally blowing St Catherine's away. Each time Catherine's made headway, the east Cork divisional side would pounce with another. Blows like that just can't be sustained. Imokilly's scoring tally now reads an impressive 11-48.

Once Imokilly reverted to player-for-player marking in the second half they found their rhythm, and with Angela Walsh, in particular, running at Catherine's from midfield, the champions were unable to handle the onslaught. Imokilly's defence kept their side in the game in the opening period with only three points separating the sides at the break after Catherine's had enjoyed the lion's share of

Without doubt the Cork senior championship is the best in the country. Where else would you get so many champions? The last nine champions reads as follows:

2001 Cloughduv, 2002 Cloughduv, 2003 Fr O'Neill's, 2004 Carrigdhoun, 2005 Cloughduv, 2006 St Finbarr's, 2007 Muskerry, 2008 Douglas, 2009

St Catherine's, 2010 Imokilly, Ballincollig, Douglas, Cloughduv or Inniscarra

Cloughduv are the only side to have claimed more than one title in that

The quarter-final between Inniscarra and Cloughduv is set for Saturday September 11. Joanne O'Callaghan is still receiving treatment for a quad tear which she aggravated against the Barrs and is racing against the clock to be right.

Douglas await the winners with both semi-finals down for Saturday 25 or Sunday 26. Ballincollig and Imokilly is the other pairing.

Full credit to Ballincollig, as debutants they reached their first senior county semi-final.

It's all to play for.

Ballinhassig win title after replay

Ballinhassia Sarsfield's

BALLINHASSIG made no mistake the second time round as they captured the U12 A league title in a replay against Sarsfield's, writes MARY NEWMAN.

It had taken a pointed free with the last puck of the game to earn Ballinhassig a replay, but this time out they were to the fore as they captured the last U12 title of the season to be played for.

At the break Ballinhassig held a 2-1 to 0-2 interval lead, an early goal from Diane Jordan and a second 24 minutes in, helping give them the upper hand.

Michelle Barry kept Sarsfield's in touch with two points while Geraldine Collins hit one for Ballinhassig.

Ballinhassig got a great start to the second half with Kelsey Flynn adding a goal to their tally inside four minutes of the restart and piling on the pressure, Diane Jordan added two further points.

Sarsfield's battled hard to keep pace. Michelle Barry grabbed a goal for them as they applied pressure, but building on the advantage, Ballinhassig's Rebecca Coleman hit their fourth goal with six minutes re-

Sars battled to the finish to get back into the game, but Ballinhassig stood firm, Noelle Sheehan hit a late point to seal a great day for the club.

The victory gave Ballinhassig the honour of winning the last U12 title which will be played for in the county, as under the new structures coming into force in 2011, there will no longer be competitive games as the Go Games structure comes into

Scorers for Ballinhassig: D Jordan 1-2, G Collins 1-1, K Flynn, R Coleman 1-0 each, N Sheehan 0-1.

Sarsfields: Michelle Barry 1-2 (0-1f).

BALLINHASSIG: J Bohane: M O'Brien, E Reardon, R Reardon; M Tyers, K Reyn-olds, L Cullinane; K Bohane (c), D Jordan; S Mahon, G Collina, K Flync; R Coleman, A M Leahy, E Crowley, Subs: N Sheehan for S Mahon, C Coughlan for M Tyers, A Crowley for E Crowley.

SARSFIELDS: E Lonergan; C Mullins, S McCarthy, A Good; J Long, M Mullins, C O'Sullivan; K Lyons, L Kelly, H Ferguson, M Barry Icl, C Crowley; R McCarthy, G Looney, J McAllen, Subs J Lyons for H Ferguson, K Mullane for G Looney.





The Carlow team celebrate with the cup after winning the all-Ireland



5-10 1-12

CARLOW captured the minor C all-Ireland championship title after defeating Armagh at Donaghmore, Ashbourne, Co. Meath on Saturday.

This was a magnificent game of camogie which belied the C status and if it is any indication of he quality of camogie in Carlow T Armagh then the game is safe and thriving and perhaps it should command a higher profile.

Yes. The score is correct. There were 28 scores in the match, many of a very high quality.

The game was level on two occasions and Carlow were just three points ahead with eight minutes to go.

Consider that nine Carlow and six Armagh players scored and you have an indication of the good quality of play.

It's said that goals win matches (look at Tipperary) and four Carlow players scored the five goals which is why they won.

Carlow played against the wind in the first half and were slow to settle. Armagh opened the scoring with two points from play by their best forward Joanne Mullen to put the Northerners 0-2 to 0-0 up after ten minutes.

Carlow had missed a number of chances including two frees in this period as the nerves showed and supporters had their heads in their hands.

Shauna Barcoe finally got Carlow off the mark with a pointed 45. This was followed by a pointed 21m free by Margaret Murphy which made it 0-2 each.

Points from play by Eleanor Treacy and Ciara Quirke put Carlow 0-4 to 0-2 up after 20 minutes.

In truth Carlow had been under mighty pressure during this period and it took a number of excellent saves from Niamh Curran to keep them in the game.

Armagh came back with a point from play by corner forward Meabh Leneghan and a pointed free by

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Petrina Cosgrove to level the match at 0-4 each.

But good play by Ciara Quirke put Margaret Murphy through and with a goal at her mercy kicked over the bar. Carlow were now playing well, led by captain Michelle Kelly at centre back and supported by sister Emma, Maria Kehoe, Jillian English and Amy Skelton.

The Increase in intensity had its effect as Lorraine Bible, Ann Murphy, Collette Malone and Sarah Jane Burke upped their games as well.

This gave full forward Eleanor Treacy her chance and she struck for two goals in quick succession. Armagh finished the scoring in the first half with a pointed 45 by Orlagh Kearns and a pointed free by Petrina Cosgrove to make it Carlow 2-5, Armagh 0-6.

Carlow made a number of changes at half time as Kate Nolan and Katie O'Byrne were introduced. It was Armagh sub Laura Smith who opened the scoring with a point from play.

Katie O'Byrne showed her class and pointed before a Ciara Quirke pass to Margaret Murphy, who made no mistake this time, and she found the net for Carlow.

A couple of missed chances followed before Olivia McDonald had a point from play and Carlow looked safe at 3-7 to 0-7.

Not so. Armagh showed their renowned fighting spirit as Carlow sat back on their lead - almost fatal.

The Ulster side enjoyed a purple patch as Laura Smith took advantage of a slip in the Carlow defence and found the net.

Joanne Mullen had a point from play, Eadaoin Murphy scored another and Petrina Cosgrave pointed two frees.

Carlow's only reply was a pointed free from Margaret Murphy. Game on at 3-8 to 1-11 with 22 minutes of the second half played.

A couple of astute changes by Carlow mentors, Jack Barcoe and Brendan Kehoe, steadied the ship as Michelle Nolan and Rebecca O'Dwyer come on. They made an immediate impact. Michelle scored the point of the match from the right almost immediately, Eleanor Treacy had another before Rebecca O'Dwyer sent a deft pass to Katie O'Byrne who goaled. Game over.

Armagh Petrina Cosgrove had a consolation pointed free before Lorraine Bible got her reward for a good game with a final goal.

There were 12 of the Carlow panel who were members of the team which won the u16 all-Ireland title last May so the future looks bright at underage level.

Carlow full forward Elenor Treacy was awarded player of the match for her personal tally of 2-2 score and her overall excellent play. It was her second such award as she had also won a similar trophy in the u16 all-Ireland final.

Carlow: Niamh Curran (Naomh Brid); Amy Skelton (MLR), Maria Kehoe (Ballinkillen), Jillian English (Ballinkillen); Shauna Barcoe (0-1, 1 45, MLR), Michelle Kelly (MLR, captain), Emma Kelly (MLR); Margaret Murphy (1-3, 2f Ballinkillen), Lorraine Bible (1-0, MLR), Olivia McDonald (0-1, MLR), Ann Murphy (MLR), Ciara Quirke (0-1, Myshall), Collette Malone (MLR), Eleanor Treacy (2-2, Ballinkillen), Sarah Jane Burke (Naomh Brid). Subs: Kate Nolan for Jillian English (HT), Katie O'Byrne (0-1) for Sarah Jane Burke (HT), Michelle Nolan (0-1) for Collette Malone (40mins), Rebecca O'Dwyer (1-0) for Olivia McDonald (45mins), Chloe Kenny for Eleanor Treacy (55mins), Maria

Armagh: Cliodhna McAteer; Gemma McKeown, Amy Lavery, Michelle McParland; Caoimhe Smith, Hannah McGeown, Aoife Murphy; Petrina Cosgrove (0-4), Orlagh Kearns (captain, 0-1); Kirsty Sheridan, Eadaoin Murphy (0-1), Joanne Mullin (0-4); Cait McGivern, Megan McKensie, Meabh Leneghan (0-1). Subs: Laura Smith (1-1), Aisling Murphy, Megan Grimley.

Ref: Justin Heffernan (Wexford).



Carlow captain Michelle Kelly receives the cup from Joan O'Flynn, President of the Camogie Association



Ciara Quirke, Carlow, in action against Cacimhe Smith, Armagh. All Ireland Minor C Championship Final, Carlow v Armagh. Donaghmore/ Ashbourne, Co Meath Photos: Caroline Quinn

ESTORIA CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL PREVIEW

Myshall to book 11th in a row

MYSHALL go into the final looking for their 11th title in a row. They have completed their league campaign unbeaten – a big win over Naomh Bríd; 2-12 to 1-8 v Ballinkillen; 3-10 to 0-3 v MLR and 3-16 to 0-2 v St Mullins.

The semi-final match was an easy win over Ballinkillen 3-15 to 0-6. They have a fine blend of experience and youth. The experience comes from Marian Doyle, Johanne Jordan, Threasa O'Neill, Ciara Mullins and two of the best forwards in the Carlow game Olivia O'Neill and Olivia Maye.

Youth will be represented by Tara Wilson, Kate Nolan and Roisin Mullins. It is expected that three Quirkes, Nuala and daughters Niamh and Ciara will start the match.

What of Mount Leinster Rangers? Their great record at u12 level has not yet borne fruit at senior level.

Their path to the final has also been impressive. A good win over St Mullins in Round 1 was followed by victories over Naomh Brid 4-8 to 0-3 and Ballinkillen 5-9 to 1-7.

They disappointed when scoring just 0-3 v Myshall when short a number of regulars and Naomh Brid gave then a fright in the semi final but won 3-13 to 3-4.

MLR will field a very young team.
A number of the all-Ireland winning minor team will play: Amy Skelton, Emma and Michelle Kelly, Olivia McDonald and Ann Murphy.

The Coady sisters Margaret, Ann and Maria, Clodagh Byrne, Claire Brennan, Theresa Ralph and Maura Gallahue will provide the experience.

Expect a good game with Myshall to continue their domain are of Carlow camogie.



Carlow teammates celebrate after the final whistle in the all-Ireland Minor C championship final against Armagh (see report on page 95)

ALL IRELAND MINOR B CAMOGIE FINAL

Derry won their first ever Minor All-Ireland camogie title in Celtic Park yesterday afternoon, beating Antrim 3-10 to 0-9 in an impressive team-performance.

Derry were the more experienced side with senior player Karen Kielt a dominant presence at midfield alongside captain Eilis Ni Chaiside, while Swatragh's Grainne McNicholl was an impressive leader in attack.

The Derry defence also dominated, and restricted the visitors' opening for goals. Antrim captain Laura Connolly was the star performer for the losers, and while her team-mates worked away they were facing an uphill battle after Mary Jo McCullagh's first half goal had Derry 1-6 to 0-5 ahead at the break.

The teams traded points at the start of the second half, two frees from Karen Kielt cancelled out by scores from Samantha McKillen and Aimee McAtamney.

However goals in quick succession from Mary Kelly and Grainne McNicholl closed out the game and Derry added the national title to the provincial Cup they collected earlier in the season – also at Antrim's expense.

Derry: Niamh McQuillan, Sarah McAllister, Eimear Mullan, Mairead Walsh, Aoife Ni Chaiside, Danielle McCrystal, Maria Mooney, Karen Kielt 0-7, 0-6 frees, Eilis Ni Chaiside, Rachel Kelly, Grainne McNicholl 1-1, Niamh Boylan, Mary Jo McCullagh 1-1, Mary Kelly 0-1, Grainne O'Kane.

Subs: Shauna Quinn 0-1 for MJ McCullagh, Shauneen Donaghy for S McAllister, Elizabeth Corbett for M Kelly.

Antrim: Cathy McCarry, Aine Connolly, Laura Connolly capt., Aife Laverty, Shauna Devlin, Una McNaughton, Michaela Beattie, Rebecca Walsh 0-1 free, Maeve Connolly, Samantha McKillen 0-3, Aimee McAtamney 0-2 frees, Hannah Devlin, Aisling McFadden, Chloe Drain 0-2, Ruby Marie Rice 0-1.

Subs: Niamh Donnelly for A McAtamney, Dervla O'Neill for M Beattie, Anna Kelly for RM Rice